



December 21, 2012

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #30: Queens Quay Revitalization

Stage One: Week of December 24, 2012 to January 11, 2013

SPECIAL HOLIDAY NOTE:

There will be no construction activities from December 24 to January 2, 2013. Crews will resume work on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The next construction notice will be distributed on Friday, January 11, 2013.

REMINDER: TRAFFIC CHANGES

The major demolition and repaving of the TTC corridor has been completed. Westbound traffic has been diverted to the north, centre or south travel lanes depending on the location of construction activities.

- **Bay Street to 55 Harbour Square** – Traffic will remain on the south side of the street to accommodate Toronto Hydro who continues to work in the north lanes. An additional north lane will be available to westbound traffic when crews are not working.
- **55 Harbour Square to just east of Lower Simcoe Street** – Traffic has shifted temporarily to use the centre of Queens Quay (the demolished/repaved TTC corridor). Please note that the existing TTC bus stop located west of York Street has been shifted to the centre travel lane where a special loading/unloading zone has been created using concrete jersey barriers. A designated walkway to the signalized intersection has been installed to provide passengers a safe way to access this bus stop.
- **Lower Simcoe Street to Robertson Crescent** – Traffic will run along the northside of Queens Quay until just past the Lower Simcoe TTC stop (which remains on the northside sidewalk). At this point, traffic will travel along the centre lanes until just past Robertson Crescent when traffic moves back to the north side of the street. The TTC bus stop just past Rees Street will remain on the northside curb and sidewalk.

Concrete jersey barriers will be installed to demarcate these travel zones. Traffic signage will help vehicles navigate this stretch of Queens Quay. Access will be maintained to all driveways, and to the north-south streets.

Special Note for Tour Bus Operators: Coaches may continue to operate short-term drop-off and pick-up from the curb, just east of Lower Simcoe Street. Coaches may also use the southbound lanes of the north-south streets for short-term drop-off and pick-ups.

WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

TTC Corridor Demolition

Crews have completed the demolition, backfilling and repaving of many intersections along the former TTC streetcar corridor. The demolition of the east side of the intersections at Lower Simcoe and Rees Streets were started, and work will resume with the backfilling and paving in the first week of January. The demolition of the west side of these intersections is scheduled for the week of January 7th.

What to Expect

At the east side of Lower Simcoe Street and Rees Street, crews will break-up concrete with a hoe-ram and remove the concrete base and old TTC rails. The debris will be removed by dump trucks and sent for recycling. Backfilling these areas with crushed and recycled concrete which is compacted prior to repaving. Construction noise and vibration should be expected with this work (within the City's Construction Noise Bylaw). When working, crews will mobilize each day beginning at 7am, but noisy work will not begin until 8am, as agreed with local stakeholders.

Queens Quay Terminal Taxi Stand

The new five-vehicle taxi stand along the northeast corner of the Queens Quay Terminal laneway is complete and open for use. The old taxi stand has been decommissioned. Landscaping around the new taxi stand will occur in the spring.

Storm and Sanitary Infrastructure

Crews (Varcon Construction & Atlas Dewatering) have started their preparations for site services work – the construction of new storm and sanitary infrastructure – planned for Queens Quay. Test pits have been dug along Queens Quay and will be ongoing. The installation of the first dewatering wellheads will begin during the first two weeks of January and will be located in the north lanes in front of Shoppers Drug Mart and 390 Queens Quay building. This work will continue east to Bay Street in the early New Year.

What to Expect

There will be sawing of pavement and hydro-vac work for each test pit along Queens Quay for a short period of time. Whenever traffic lanes are impacted, appropriate traffic management measures will be taken and could include a paid duty officer.

Peter Slip Bridge

Crews have begun to mobilize and prepare for the construction work associated with the Peter Slip Bridge. This includes building scaffolding along the south face of the bridge and spanning the open water way below.

What to Expect

Pedestrian access on the southside of the Peter Slip bridge may be diverted to use the north side sidewalk while this work is in progress.

Electrical Work

Crews from Stacey Electric have completed the installation of overhead electrical wires and new traffic signal heads at 55 Harbour Square, York Street, Lower Simcoe and the Rees Street intersections. These new traffic lights are now operational and accommodate for the new traffic flows along Queens Quay. The signal lights at the Bay Street and Queens Quay intersection is underway and will be completed in the first week of January. Additional minor traffic signals that are required for other access points along Queens Quay will be addressed in the New Year.

TORONTO HYDRO

Toronto Hydro crews will continue working in a number of locations along the Queens Quay corridor.

Westin Hotel: Crews will continue with the construction of a new cable chamber at the west side of the Westin. Work continues on two chambers on the east side of the hotel. Half of the laneway, which services the Westin and the Ferry Docks, will remain open during this construction activity.

Between Bay St. and York St.: Construction will continue on the two chambers in the north travel lanes of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square.

Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge: The installation of dewatering wells has begun in the southbound lanes of Queens Quay which are currently within the construction zone. This work will commence in the west and move east along Queens Quay.

East of Yonge Slip: Dewatering equipment has been placed at the foot of Yonge Street and the south side walk area. The rebuild of a secondary cable chamber in the parking lot area west of Yonge has begun.

What to Expect

Westin Hotel Area - Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel. Dewatering pumps and settling tanks are located at the south side curb lane (which is closed to traffic in this area). Some noise can be expected during the dewatering and excavation for these new chambers.

Between Bay and York Street - Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Vehicular and cyclist traffic will be rerouted daily to the southside travel lanes for a short stretch between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square. Local traffic to 10/20 Bay St. and the Ellis Don construction site (85 Harbour) will be permitted as directed by paid duty police officers.

Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge: The installation of dewatering wells has started east of the Peter Street Slip heading east along Queens Quay. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will not be impacted by this work as it is located within the southside traffic lanes which are currently within the ECCL construction zone.

BELL

Bell Canada will continue with splicing activities along Queens Quay.

Splicing: Expertech will continue splicing - or connecting - newly installed copper & fibre cables in two manholes located in the intersection of York Street and Queens Quay. A single Expertech van and crew will park near each of these manhole locations with traffic barrels and signs marking their work area.

An additional crew will continue splicing activities at 260 Queens Quay (near Rabba Foods). A single Expertech van and crew will park on the north sidewalk area adjacent to the curb lane. Orange cones and signs will mark their work area. There will be no impact to westbound traffic, and pedestrian access will be maintained

TTC

TTC track crews continue with work efforts on the installation of new rails, overhead wiring and water leak remediation within the tunnel. It is anticipated that both will be completed by the end of this year. The supply of new rail for this work is already staged and ready in the tunnel. Old rail will be removed and transported out via the portal in the January. Little or no disruption to vehicular access along Queens Quay is expected.

What to Expect

Some noise should be expected from the “back-up” truck alarms as these vehicles are positioned at the top of the portal ramp, prepared to remove the old track from site. Reminder! The TTC operates on a three-shift crew rotation, and are City noise by-law exempt.

LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK

- Eastern/Waterfront Toronto: Traffic will be diverted to the centre lanes once all intersection and paving work has been completed. TTC stops at Simcoe and Rees will be relocated at that time.
- Road Work (Eastern): Construction of the York Street layby is expected to begin once City permits are received. Final construction activities for the Queens Quay Terminal taxi stand will continue early January.
- Hydro: Chamber construction will continue in front of the Westin hotel, west of Bay Street, and east to Yonge St. Installation of dewatering wells will continue from the east side of the Westin to east of Yonge St. Dewatering installations between York St. and Rees St. will continue.
- Bell: Splicing activities will continue at the current locations.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work within the Bay Street tunnel.

Questions:

Eastern Construction will have staff on-site over the holiday period. All inquiries and information about this work, or urgent construction issues may be directed to Robert Pasut, Eastern Construction - (416) 505-3073.

On behalf of the entire Eastern Construction team and its sub-contractors, we want to wish you and your families every happiness this Holiday Season and prosperity in the New Year!