

## Work in the Kipling and Islington area in July 2022

The Eglinton Crosstown West Extension (ECWE) is one of four new subway projects that will transform transit in our region; getting hundreds of thousands of people where they need to be better, faster and easier than today.

### WHAT WORK IS HAPPENING?

WestEnd Connectors Construction (WECC), the contractors for the ECWE project, will be conducting two different activities along Eglinton Avenue West starting in July:

#### Emergency Exit Building Construction

WECC will begin construction of the first emergency exit building (EEB) at the corner of Wincott Drive and Eglinton Avenue West. EEBs provide both emergency outlets from the tunnels for passengers and emergency access for firefighters and emergency response teams. WECC will be constructing two EEBs for this project and both need to be built before the tunnel boring machines (the machines building the tunnels) pass by.

EEB work at the Wincott Drive and Eglinton Avenue West intersection is anticipated to begin in late July and end by spring 2023. This work includes:

- Occasional closure of the most north lane on Eglinton Avenue West just east of Wincott Drive. These closures will be day-of occurrences and are only required for safety purposes, equipment movement, or other temporary works.
- Long-term lane closures will be required to complete this work in the fall. Another notice with more details will be shared once the date of the closures has been confirmed.

#### Conducting Geotechnical Tests

WECC will be conducting ground tests just east of the Islington Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West intersection. This work is anticipated to begin in mid-July and last for up to two weeks. This work includes:

- Closing the north westbound lane on Eglinton Avenue West, just east of the intersection. All other lanes will remain open to traffic during this work.

### HOURS OF WORK

- Construction crews will work Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Nearby residents can expect to hear noise from equipment, such as drilling, compaction equipment, hauling trucks, excavators, dozers and generators.

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## TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN IMPACTS

- WECC is working closely with Metrolinx and the City of Toronto to ensure the impact to traffic along Eglinton Avenue West is as minimal as possible during this short phase of work.

The information provided above is anticipated based on the current construction schedule and is subject to change.

## Upcoming Headwall Work

Starting in the fall of 2022, WECC will begin construction of the tunnel headwall at Islington Ave. Headwalls are underground support structures that create the frame for future subway stations and emergency exit buildings. The tunnel boring machines that are being used to build the tunnels will pass through these headwalls. **Another notice with more details will be shared closer to the beginning of this construction.**

## TREE REMOVALS

Specific trees are planned to be removed in July 2022, ahead of the headwall construction in the Islington area. Only trees or vegetations that directly impact construction will be removed. Noise from the tree removals can be expected during the weekdays but there are no anticipated impacts to traffic or pedestrians.



We strive to keep tree removals to a minimum and only remove trees that are absolutely necessary. Our goal is always to plant more than we remove and will work with the City of Toronto and property owners to provide compensation in line with the Metrolinx Vegetation Guideline. Metrolinx has an agreement with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to plant additional trees along the route as early as we can. Advance planting under this agreement began last fall, with 400 trees planted to date. More plantings are scheduled for later this year. By planting trees now, they will have ten years to grow before the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension opens, which will help preserve and strengthen tree cover in the community.

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