

# Finch West LRT Project Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)

Tuesday, November 2, 2021



# AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Safety Moment**
- **Land Acknowledgement**
- **Review of Minutes and Action Items**
- **Major Milestones**
- **Work Update**
  - Finch West Station
  - Utilities and Roadwork
  - Maintenance and Storage Facility
  - Hwy 400 Bridge
  - Humber College Stop
- **Communications and Community Engagement**
- **Roundtable discussion**



**Safety Moment**

# **Land Acknowledgement**



# METROLINX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Let us take a moment to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers and immigrants...in this generation or generations past.

Metrolinx declares its commitment to building meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

We acknowledge the historic and continued impacts of colonialization and the need to work towards meaningful reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on lands covered by 20 Treaties, and that we have a responsibility to recognize and value the rights of Indigenous Nations and Peoples and conduct business in a manner that is built on the foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

# **Review of Previous October 5, 2021 CLC Minutes and Action Items**

# REVIEW OF PREVIOUS CLC MEETING

- Provide information on the lane reduction at Finch Avenue West and Arrow Road -*Completed*
- Investigate whether extra directional signs for the northbound on-ramp for Hwy 400 from Arrow Road-*Completed*
- Investigate the stockpile of concrete pipes directly in front of the plaza at Rumike and Finch Avenue West-*Completed*
- Organize walk between Weston Road to Islington Avenue.-*Ongoing*
- Investigate if the northbound ramp of Hwy 400 is closed-*Complete*



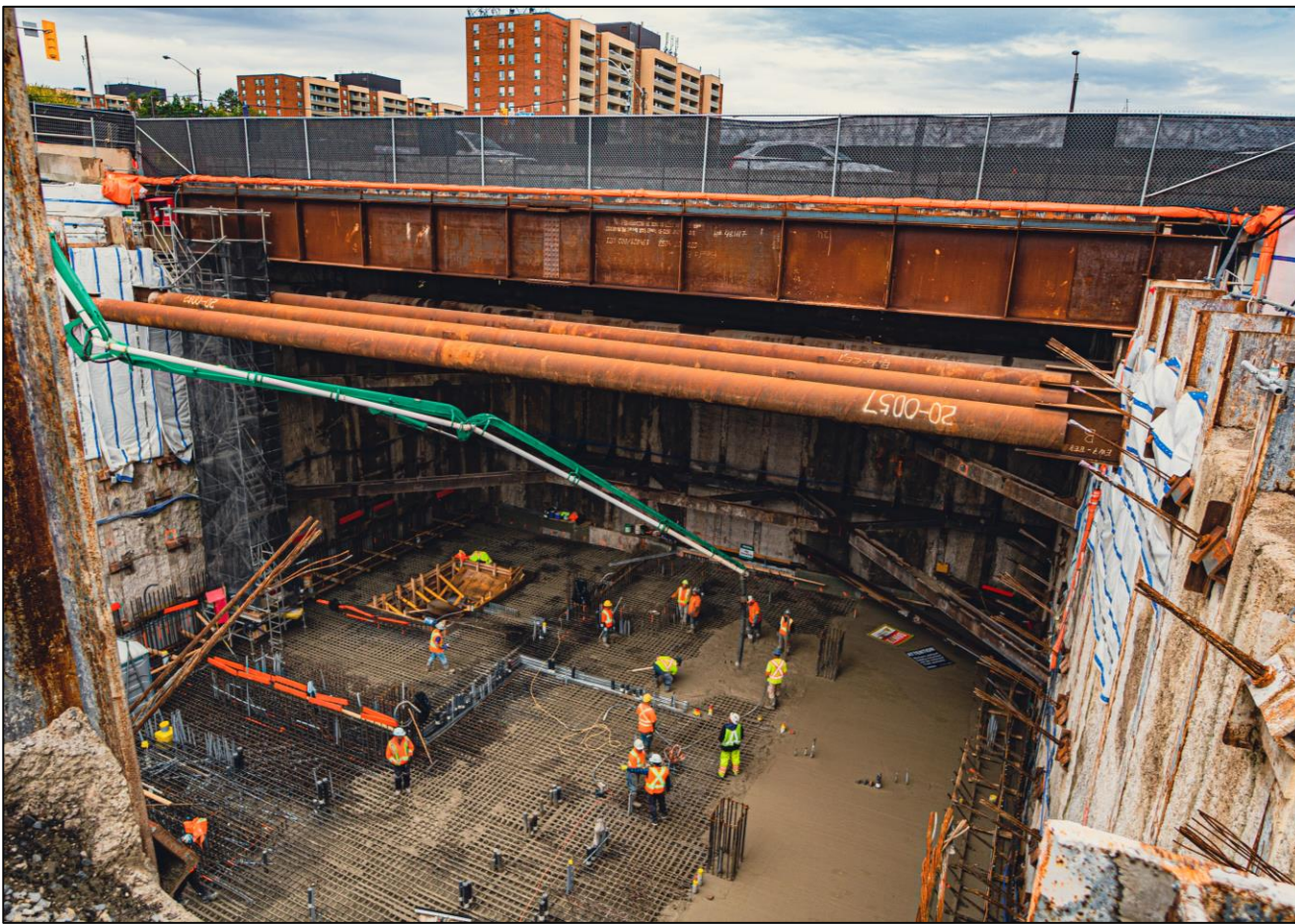
**An Important Milestone:  
Major Concrete Pour  
Finch Avenue West and Keele Street**

# MAJOR CONCRETE POUR



*Photo: Workers at Finch and Keele station .*





*Photo: Aerial photo of the construction pit at Finch Ave. W and Keele street.*



*Construction workers getting ready for the pour*

# **Finch West Station Update**

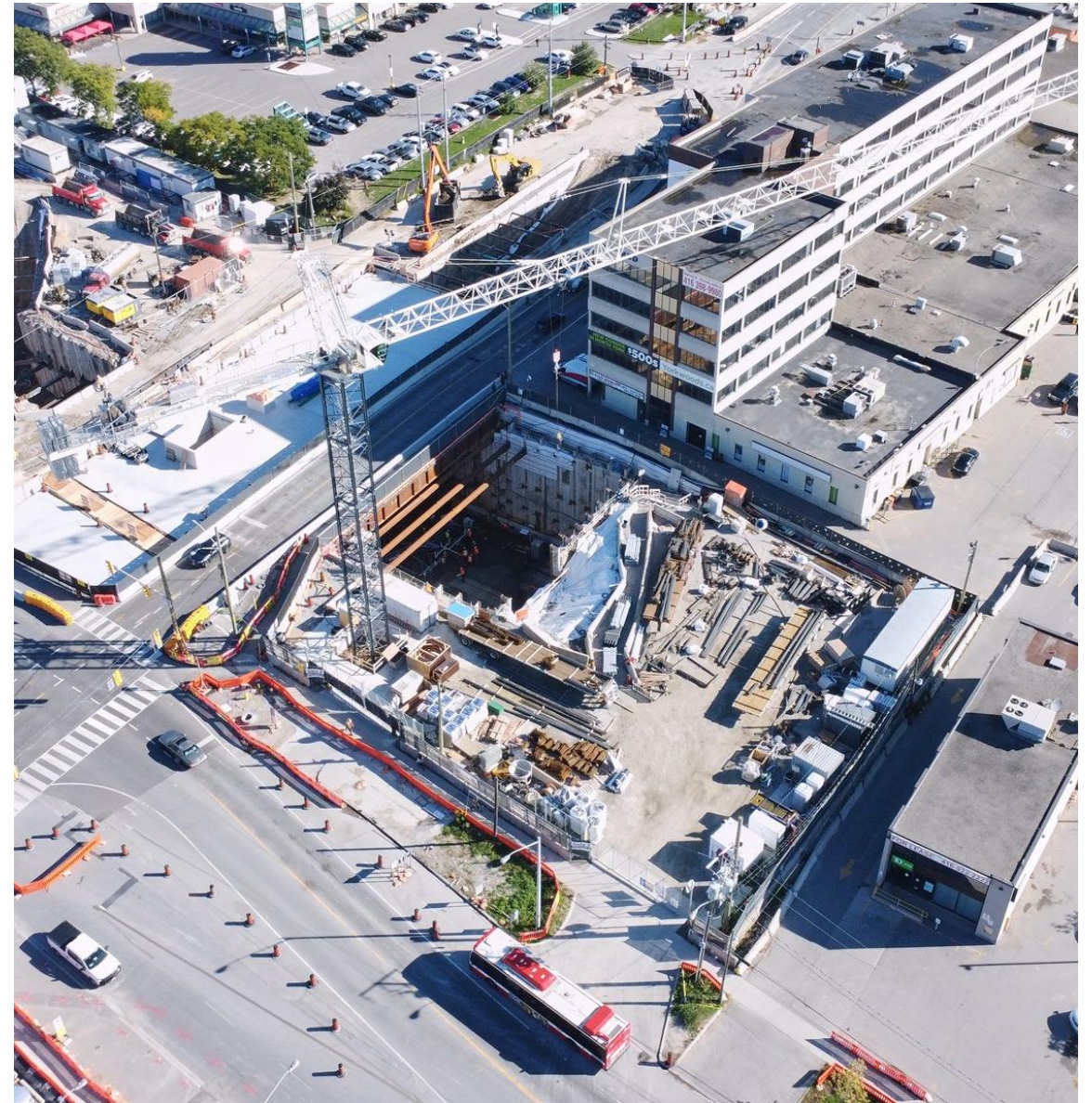


# CURRENT WORKS

## Finch West Station, Finch Avenue West at Keele Street

- Traffic deck completed and new traffic staging will be implemented in November 2021
- Excavation for the main entrance building is finished and rebar placing for the main entrance is ongoing
- Main Entrance Concourse slab is in place and walls are being erected

*Photo: Keele and Finch station and portals, view west.*





# NEW TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION AT FINCH AVENUE W. AND KEELE STREET





# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTO



*Photo: Aerial view west, Finch and Keele station portal and stop excavation and construction work.*



# **Keele Street to Weston Road Corridor Work**

# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## From Keele Street to Jane Street

- Road widening and paving continues
- Relocation of telecommunication and hydro (duct banks, cables, and new chambers) along Finch Avenue West is almost done
- Installation of bases and poles for Overhead Catenary System (OCS) continues
- Guideway work at Tobermory Dr. and Finch Avenue West intersection is completed

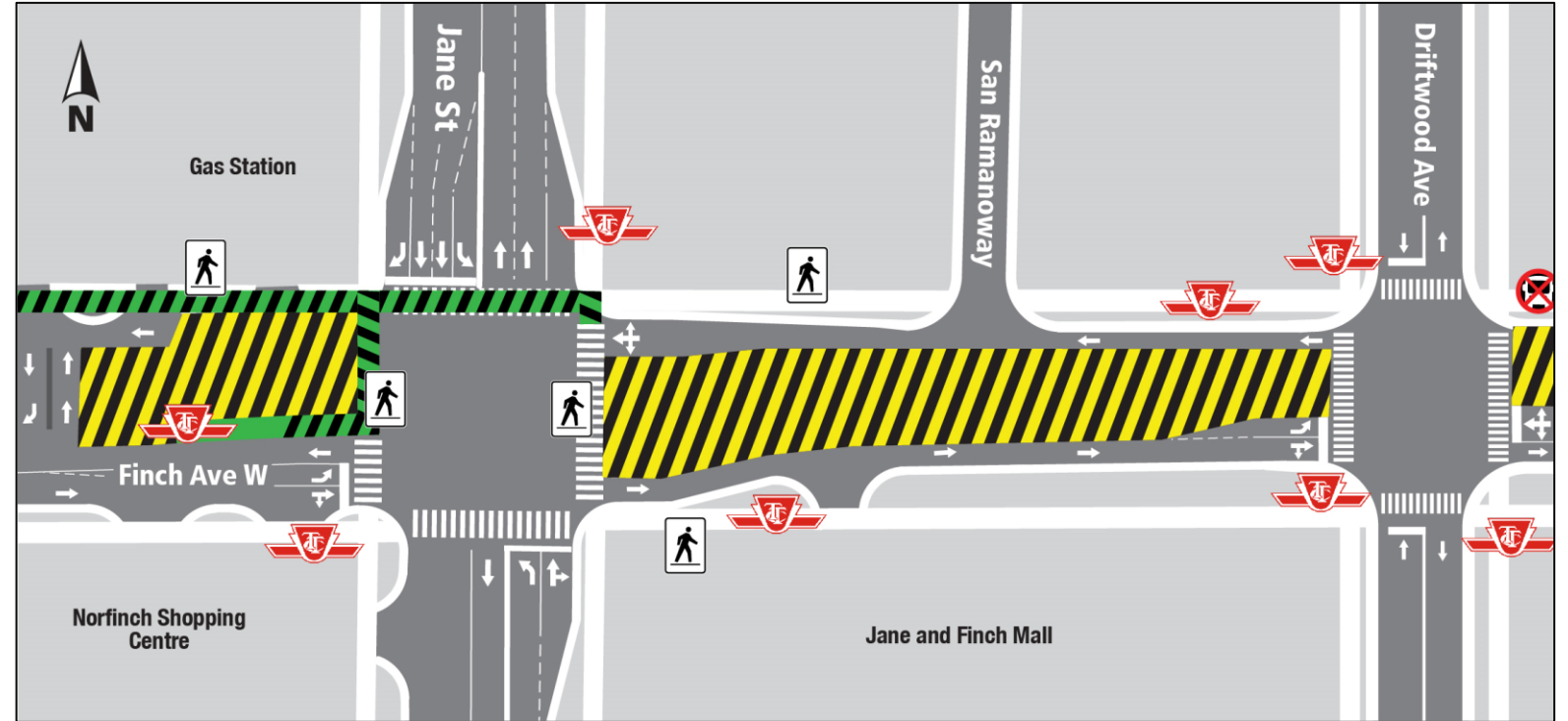
*Photo: View of the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Jane Street*



# TRAFFIC STAGING IN THE FINCH/JANE AREA

## From Driftwood Avenue to Jane Street

- Final median work starts this fall
- Westbound left-turn lane open at Jane intersection
- The lanes going east/west will be positioned adjacent to the guideway in the center



Map: Traffic configuration at Jane street and Finch Ave. intersection.



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## From Keele Street to Jane Street

- Access at Tobermory Dr. and Finch Avenue West was restored in early October 2021
- Track slab is done at the intersection and rail is installed
- Track Slab between Tobermory Drive and Topcliff Avenue is anticipated to complete this fall



*Photo: Tobermory Dr. and Finch Ave. looking west. Guideway work at the intersection.*

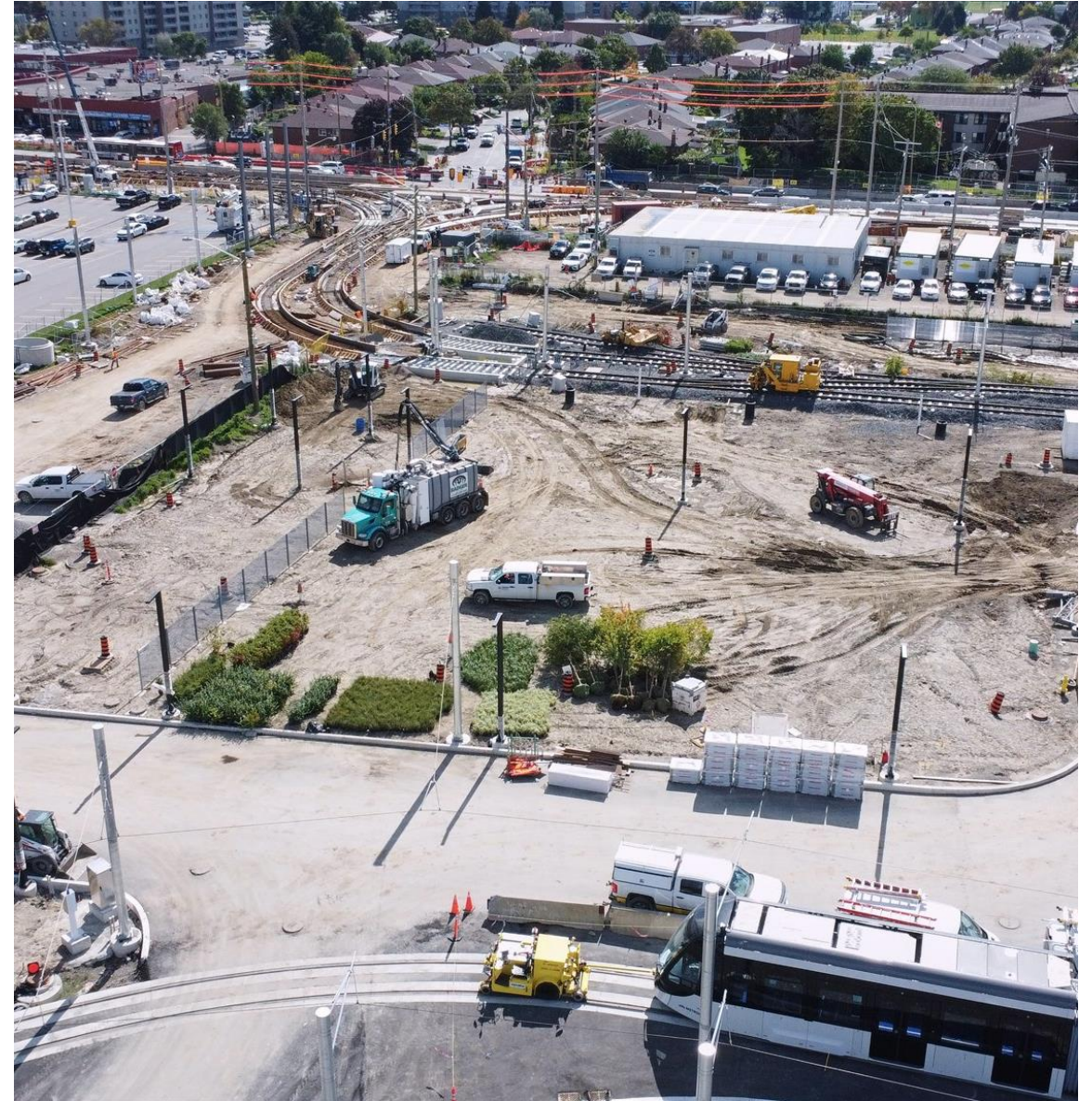


# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## From Jane Street to Norfinch Drive/Oakdale Road

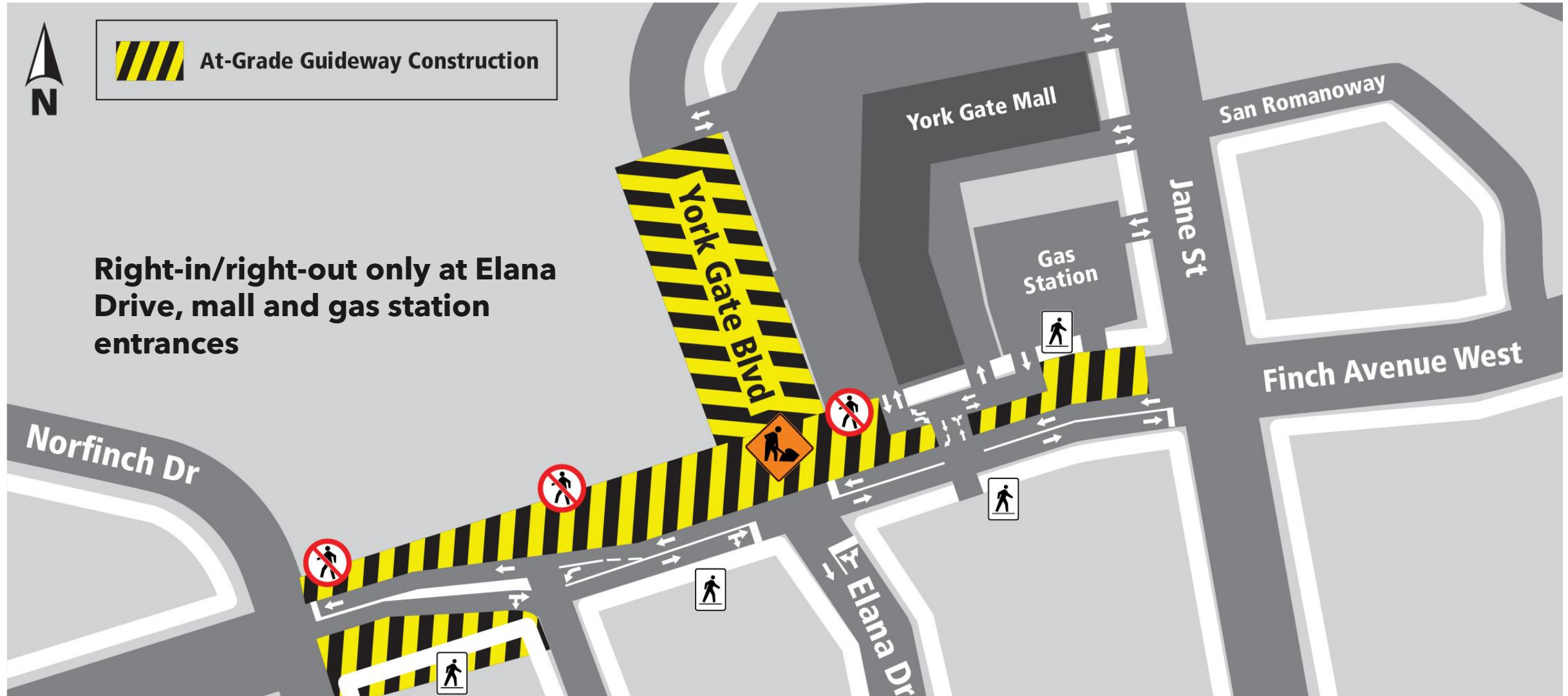
- Concrete pour for track slab is almost done
- Track slab installation at York Gate Boulevard was completed in October, 2021
- York Gate Boulevard remains closed, north of Finch Avenue West up to first driveway entrance to the Yorkgate Mall
- York Gate Boulevard is anticipated to be re-opened later in November 2021

*Photo: North view of Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard.*





# TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION AT FINCH AND YORK GATE BOULEVARD

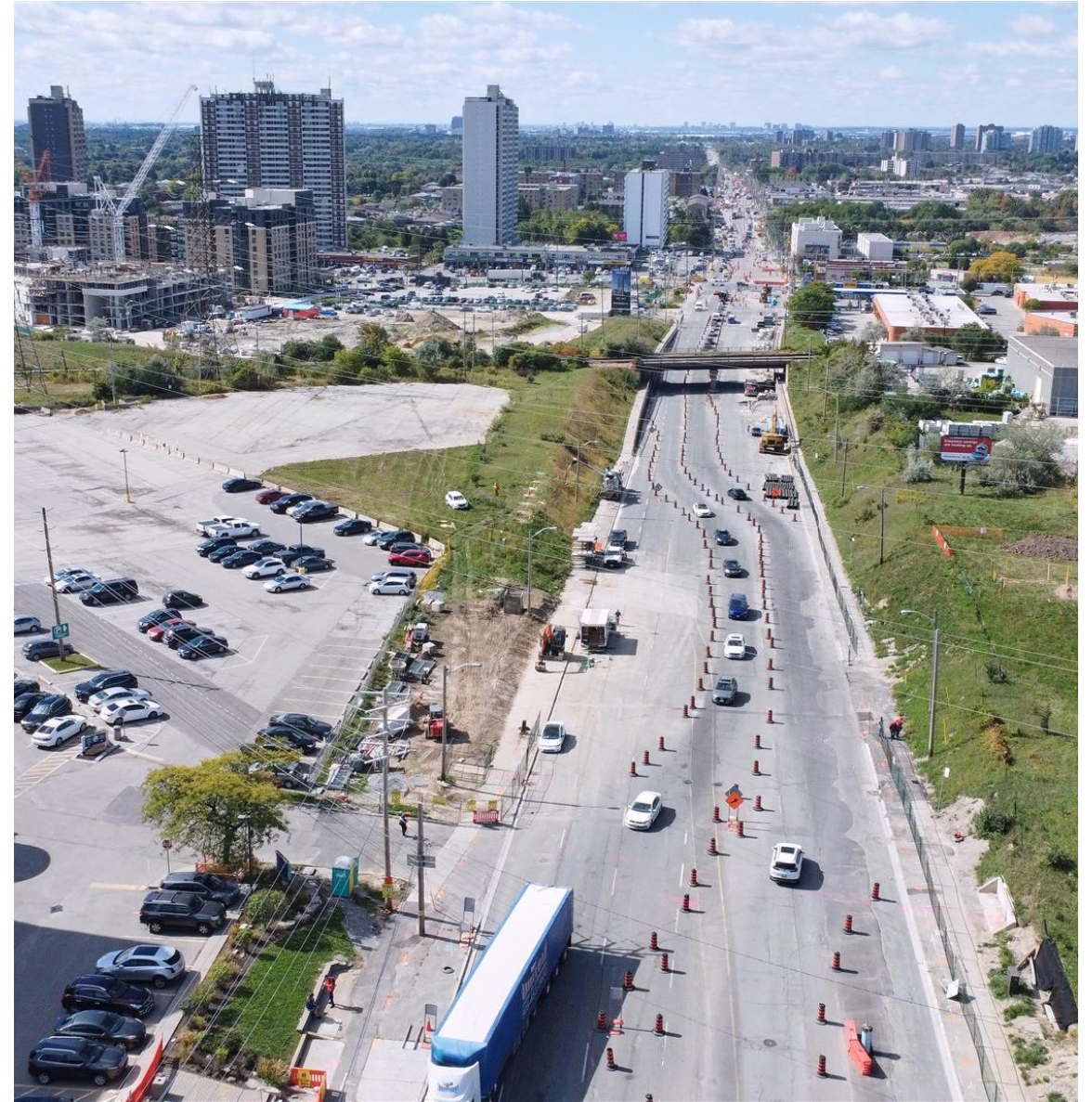


# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## From Norfinch Drive/Oakdale Road to Signet Drive/Arrow Road

- Watermain installation at Norfinch Drive and Finch Avenue West is nearly completed. Work takes place in normal hours (7AM to 11 PM, approximately)
- Watermain installation at Signet Drive is ongoing. Work takes place in normal hours (7AM to 11 PM, approximately)
- In cases where overtime or weekend work is needed, information will be shared
- Hydro and telecommunications relocations continue on both sides of Finch Avenue West
- Underground electrical work underway from the CP Bridge to Signet Drive.

*Photo: View of the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Norfinch Drive.*

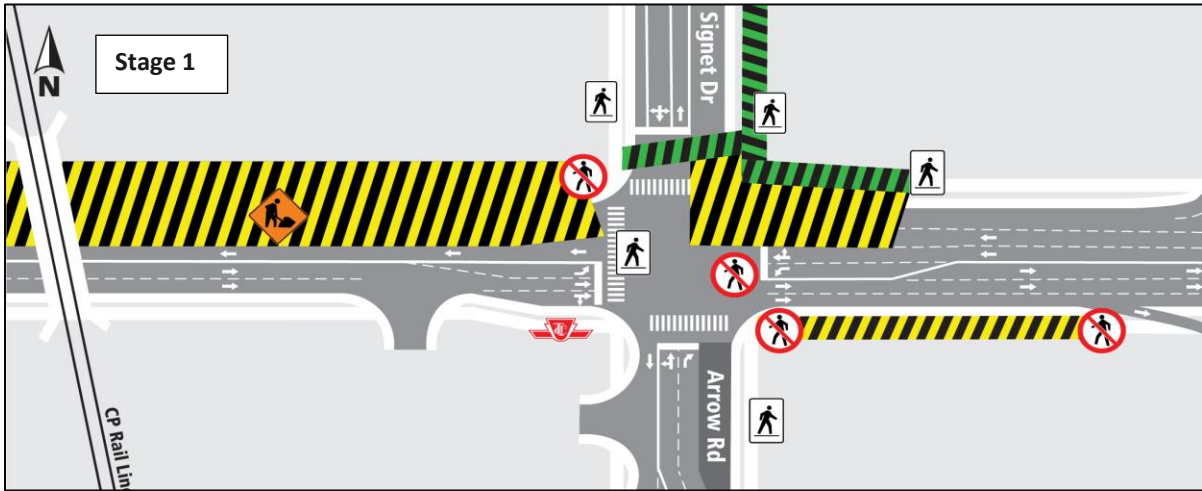




# TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION AT FINCH AND NORFINCH DRIVE/OAKDALE ROAD

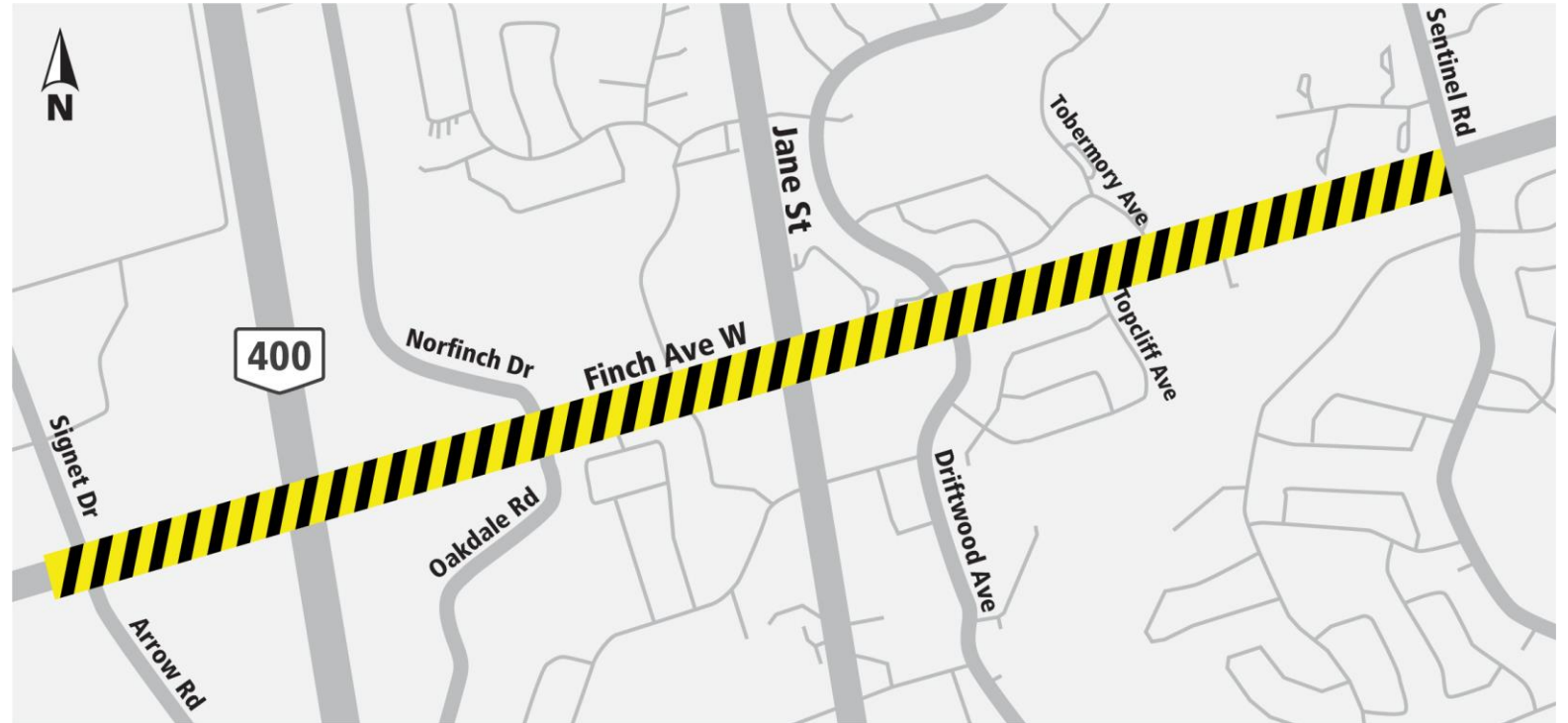


# FOUR STAGES OF TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION, SIGNET DRIVE/ARROW ROAD



# OVERNIGHT CONSTRUCTION WORK CONTINUES

- Overnight work continues as crews install watermain, storm sewers, hydro and telecommunications infrastructures across Finch Avenue West
- Guideway work to take place overnight
- Occasional night work takes place **from 6 pm to 7 am**. Additional notices will be provided
- Higher noise or vibration activities are scheduled before 11 pm and levels are monitored, as needed



Map: Area of overnight construction work.



# **Maintenance and Storage Facility**

# CURRENT WORKS

- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installations
- Drywall partitions almost finished
- Fire Protection almost completed
- Building Envelope - almost completed
- Floor finishes -completed
- Paint finishes - nearly completed
- Parking lot curbs - nearly completed
- Parking lot asphalt base coat - 90% completed
- LRT equipment installation is in progress
- Parking lot final grading is completed
- Rail installation in facility is completed
- Landscaping is ongoing
- The second LRV will be delivered later in the fall of 2021

*Photo: Inside of the Maintenance and Storage Facility..*





# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTO



*Photo: Aerial view looking north east, Maintenance and Storage Facility.*



# **Highway 400 Bridge Rehabilitation Update**



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

- Road and guideway work is underway
- Wet utilities installation is ongoing
- Multi Use Purposes (MUP) tunnel work continues
- Expect **periodic** ramp closures
- Occasional night work occurs **from 6 pm to 7 am**. Additional notices will be provided



Map: 400 ramp work.



# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTO, HIGHWAY 400



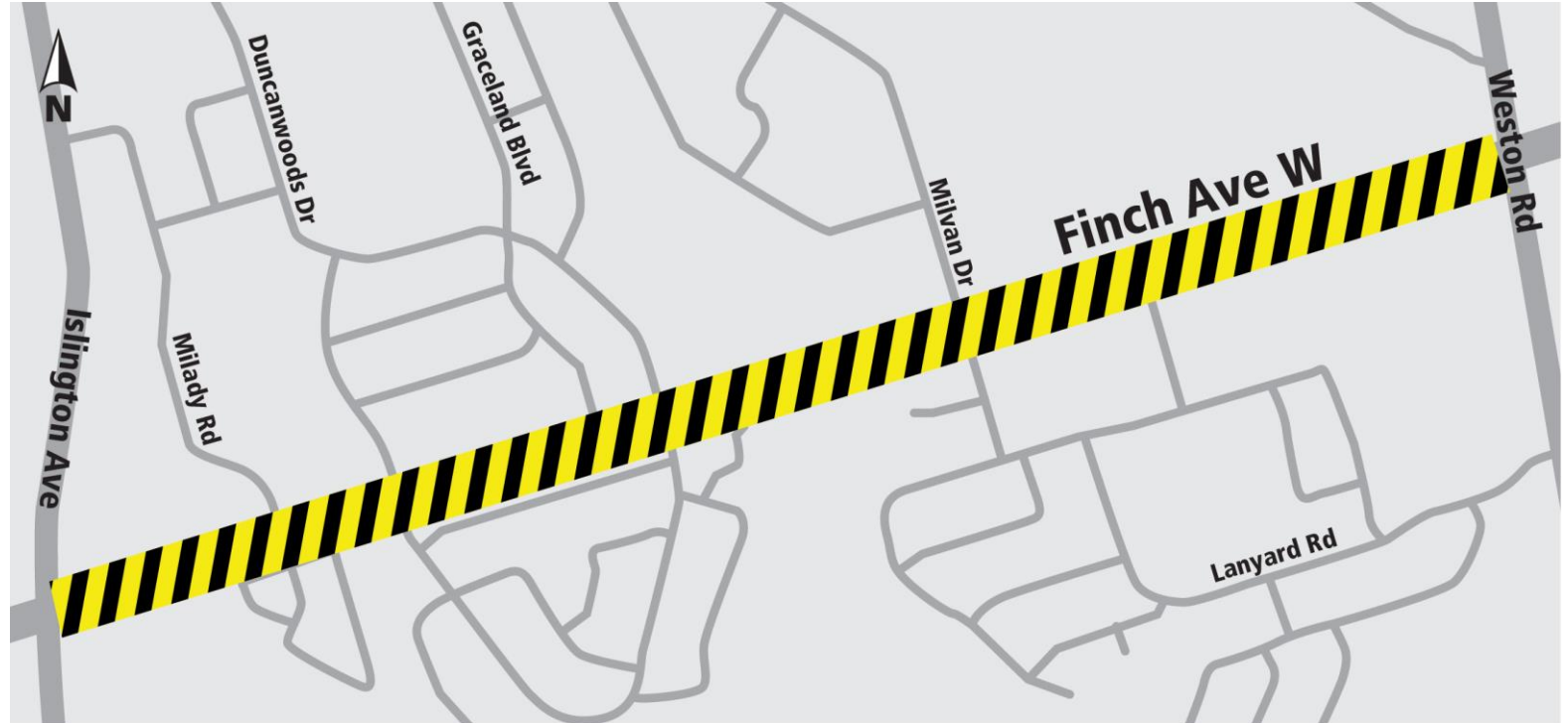
*Photo: Aerial view looking east, Highway 400 and Finch Avenue West.*



# **Weston Road to Highway 27**

# PREPARATORY WORK AND UTILITY RELOCATION - WESTON ROAD TO ISLINGTON AVENUE

- Crews and equipment will be working in multiple locations, Monday to Friday with some overnight and weekend work
- Traffic patterns will change to lanes, crossings, sidewalks, and boulevards to allow crews to safely complete work
- Motorists and pedestrians should be aware of and follow traffic/pedestrian signage and flag persons
- Utility work is taking place in stages and will continue until mid-2022
- Community members will be notified of water shut-off and power outages, if any, separately



Map: Area of construction work.

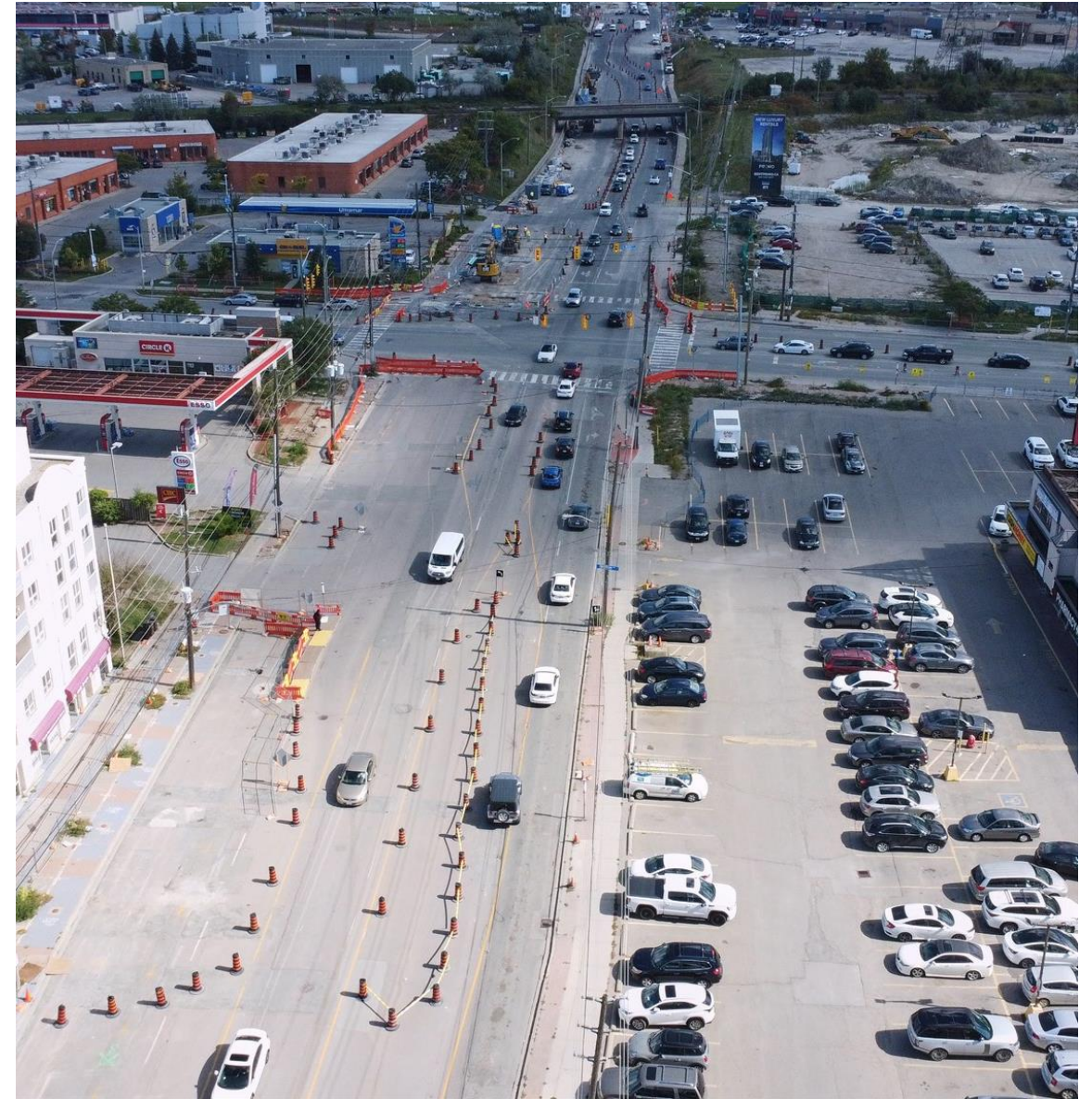


# WESTON ROAD AND FINCH AVENUE WEST INTERSECTION

## Ongoing and Upcoming Works

- Watermain installation on the north side of the intersection is ongoing
- Work on the watermain west of Weston on the north side is ongoing and expected to be completed in December 2021
- Storm and sanitary sewer work on the south side will take place after watermain work. It will take several months to complete

*Photo: View west at Finch Avenue West and Weston Road.*





# RETAINING WALL INSTALLATION NEAR FINCHDALE PLAZA

- Retaining wall installation near Finchdale plaza continues and is expected to be finished in May 2022
- Motorists and pedestrians should be aware of and follow traffic/pedestrian signage and flag persons
- Community members will be notified of water shut-off and power outages, if any, separately



*Map: Area of construction work.*



# HUMBER RIVER BRIDGE REHABILITATION - FINCH AND ISLINGTON AVENUE INTERSECTION

- Ongoing since early April 2021 for 18 months, approximately
- Work continues in the south - east and south-west quadrants (1&2)

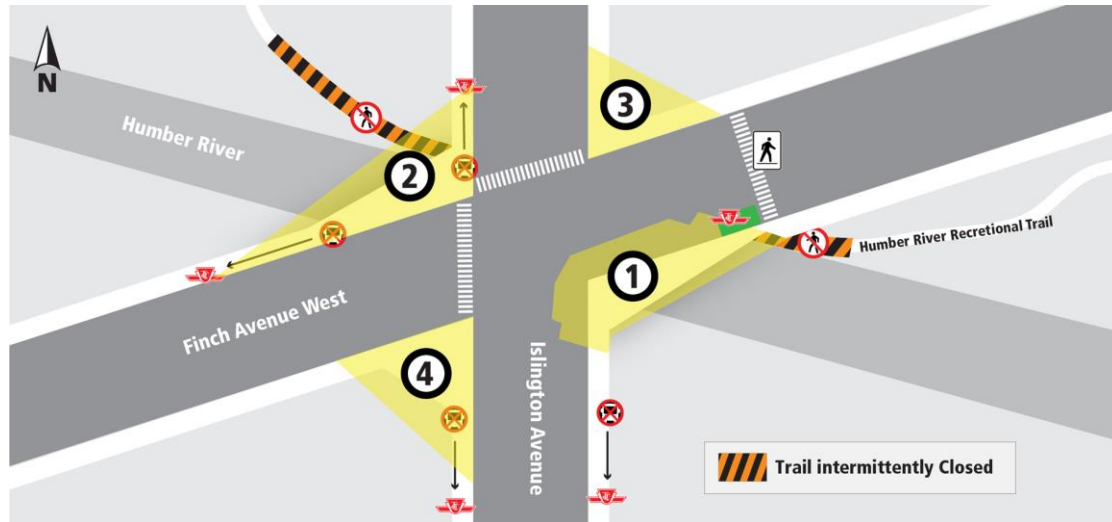
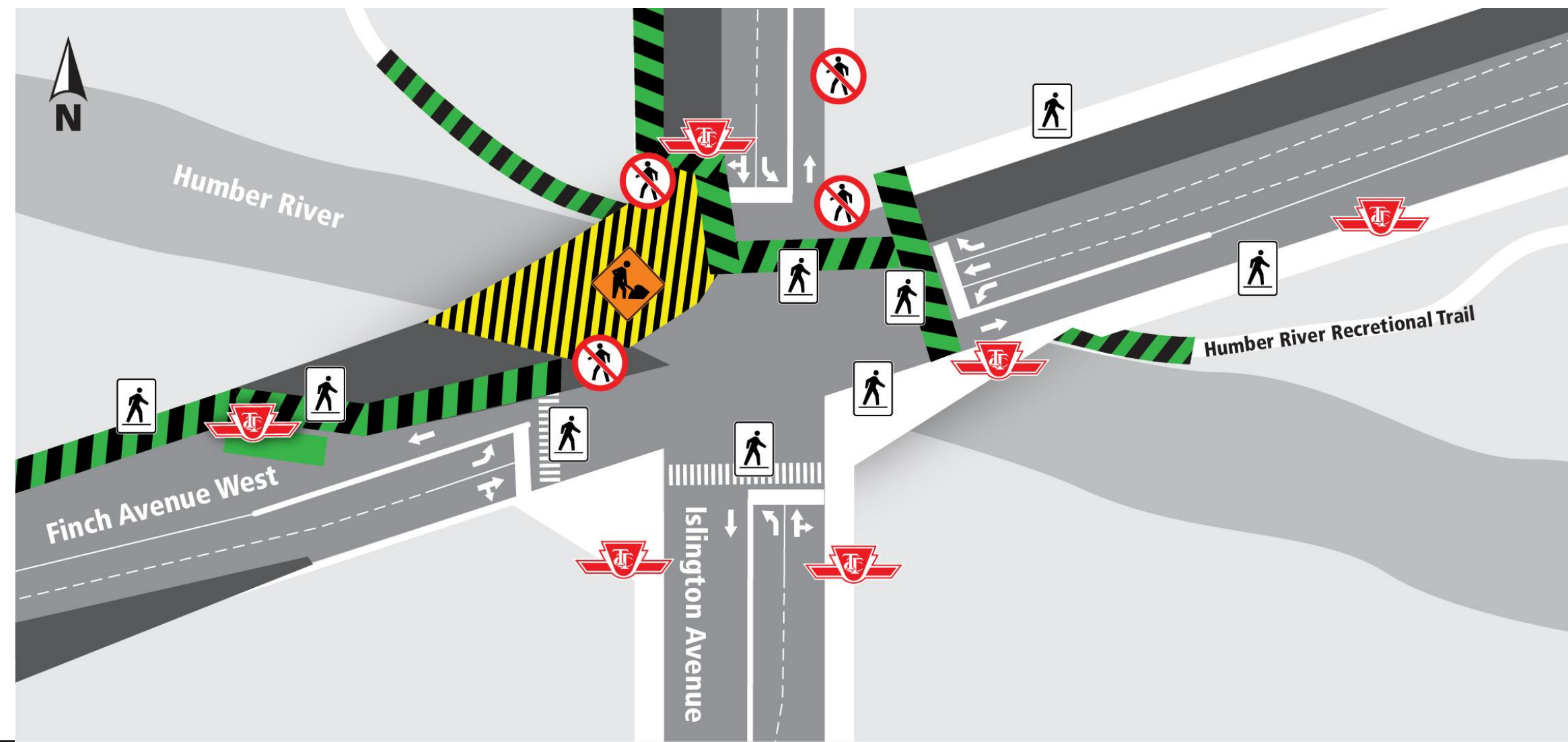


Photo: Aerial view Finch Avenue West and Islington Avenue.



# TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION AT FINCH AVENUE W. AND ISLINGTON AVENUE





# WET AND DRY UTILITIES WORK FROM ISLINGTON AVENUE TO MILADY ROAD

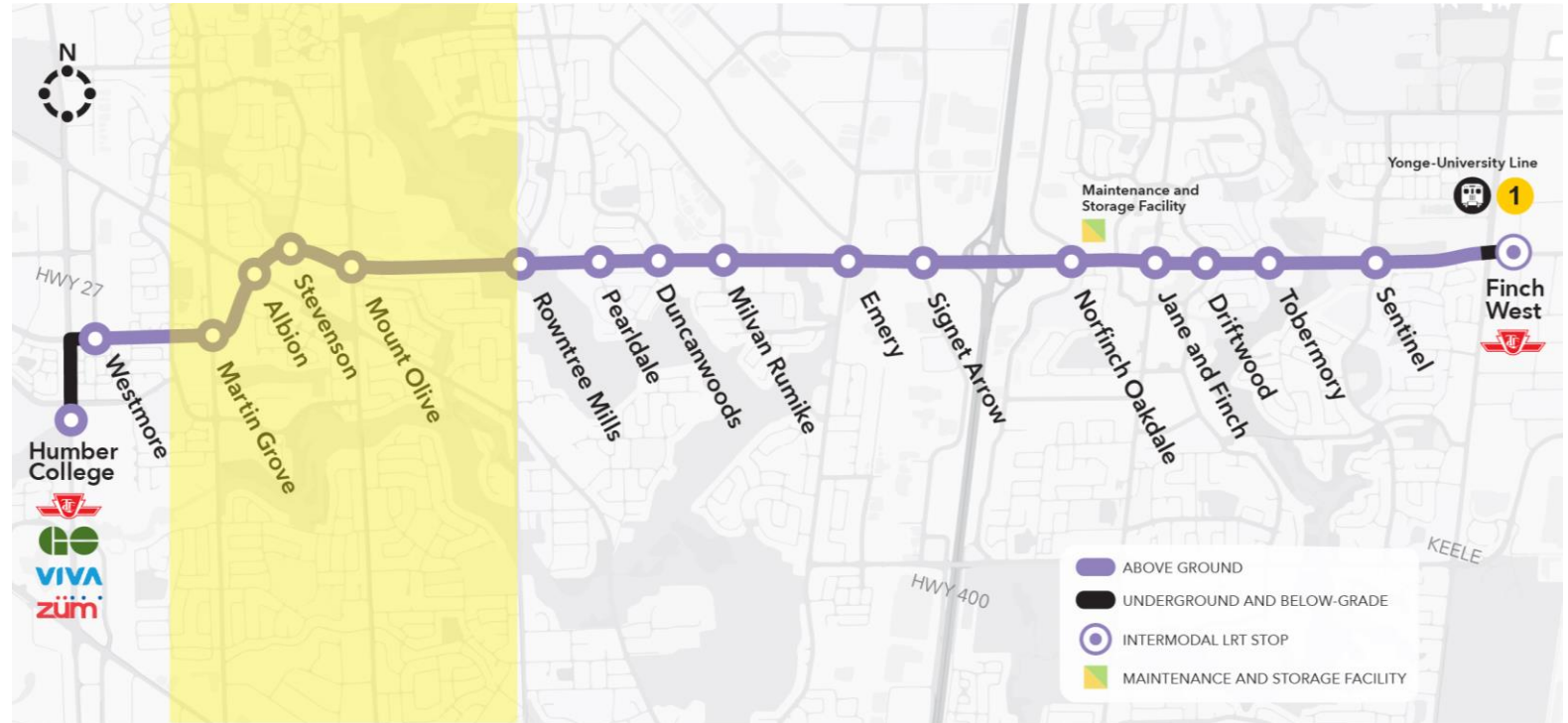
- Wet and dry utilities work between Islington Ave. and Milady Road started in October 2021 and will continue until December 2021
- Bus stops will be relocated, if necessary
- North and south sidewalks will remain open.



*Intersection of Finch Avenue West and Milady Road looking west.*

# UTILITY RELOCATION - SILVERSTONE DRIVE TO ISLINGTON AVENUE

- Crews and equipment are working in multiple locations, Monday to Friday with some overnight and weekend work
- The relocation of telecommunications lines and hydro work is ongoing until late 2021, approximately
- Traffic patterns will change to lanes, crossings, sidewalks, and boulevards to allow crews to safely complete work
- Motorists and pedestrians should be aware of and follow traffic/pedestrian signage and flag persons
- Power outages may be necessary to switch from the old to the new electrical system. If that is the case, we will provide advance notice of planned outages



Map: Area of construction work.



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

## Albion Road and Finch Avenue West

- Dry utility relocation is ongoing at the intersection
- Wet utility installation continues until the end of 2021, approximately
- Road widening continues until 2022, approximately
- Retaining wall installation near Albion Mall will start late in 2021 and last for two months, approximately

*Photo: Intersection of Finch Avenue West and Weston Road.*



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

## Traffic Changes from Albion Road to Martin Grove Road for Utility and Road Widening Work

- Traffic remains on the south side of Finch Avenue West
- The north side of the road is closed until the end of 2021
- At least one lane in each direction is maintained



*Map: Area of construction work.*

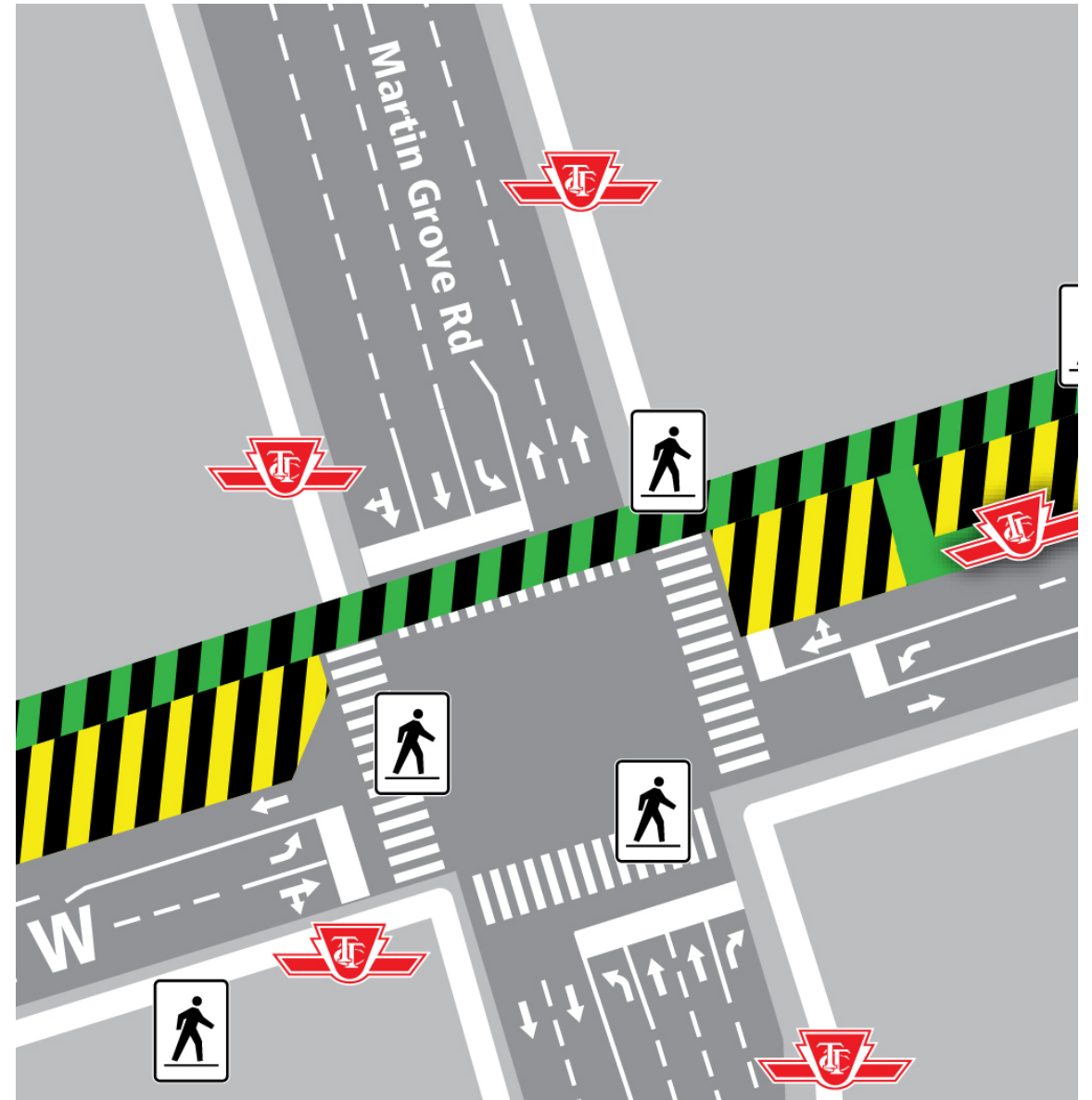


# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

## Damascus Drive to Martin Grove Road - North widening and Guideway work

- The work started in October 2021 and will be completed in 8 months, approximately
- North and South sidewalk will be maintained
- North-South and East-West crossings will be maintained

*Map: Traffic configuration on Martin Grove and Finch Avenue West intersection.*



# CURRENT WORKS

## Temporary Road Closure. John Garland Boulevard and Finch Ave. W

- The work started on October 25, 2021 and will be finished mid-November, approximately
- Signs are posted to keep residents and businesses informed in advanced
- A Paid Duty Officer manages traffic at John Garland Boulevard. and Finch Ave. W, as needed
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*Map: Traffic configuration on Martin Grove and Finch Avenue West intersection.*





# **Humber College Stop and Highway 27**

# CURRENT WORKS

## Future Humber College Stop and Portal

- Pile drilling at Humber College Blvd is scheduled to be finished early November 2021. The area is handed to the track team
- Humber College Blvd has reduced lanes until the end of 2022
- Traffic is currently on the north side of the road

*Photo: View west along Highway 27 and Humber College Blvd*



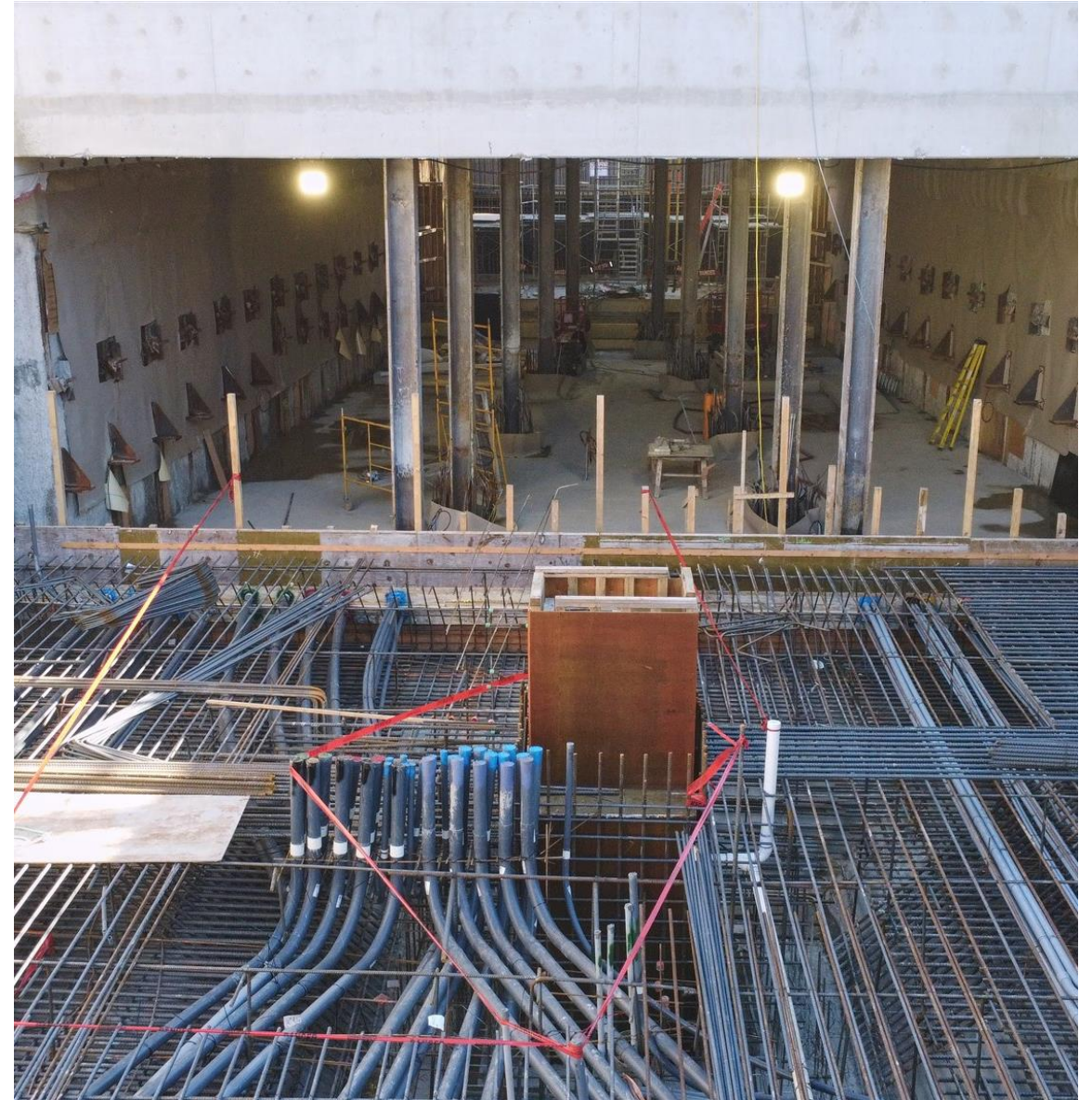


# COMPLETED AND UPCOMING WORKS

## Finch Avenue West and Highway 27

- Traffic flip on Finch Avenue West and Hwy 27 was done in October 2021.
- The first structural shotcrete wall pour in the tail tracks area was done in October 2021.
- Track slab construction is starting at the beginning of November 2021
- Mining under the roof slab is ongoing till January 2022
- The construction of the track drainage is ongoing.

*Photo: Inside Humber College Station portal.*



# **Communications and Community Engagement**



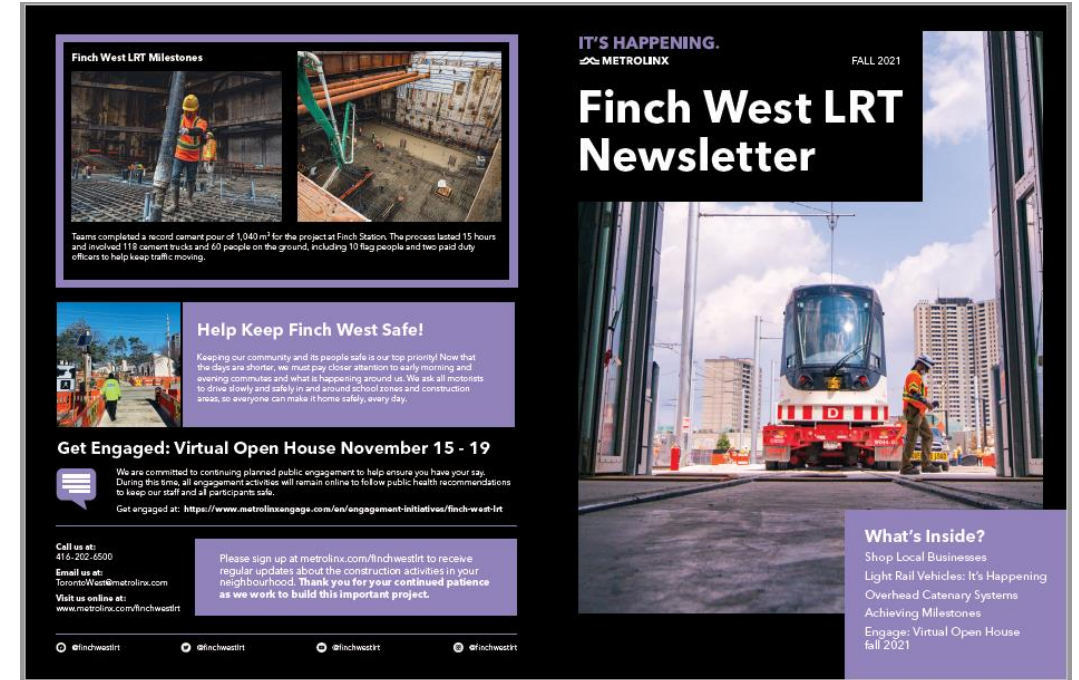
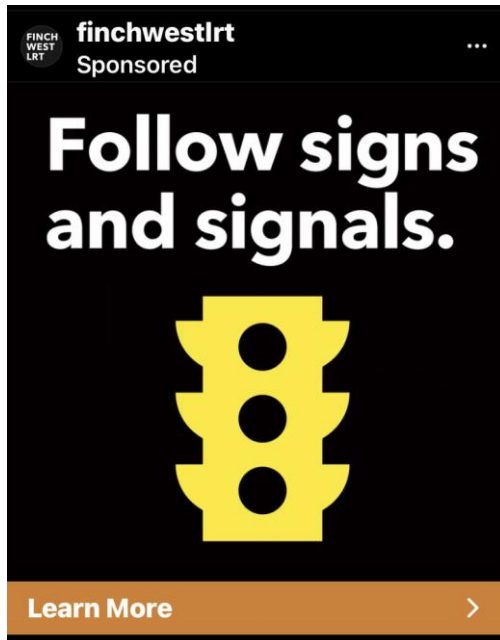
# COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

## In progress

- Second vehicle delivery
- Ongoing school safety

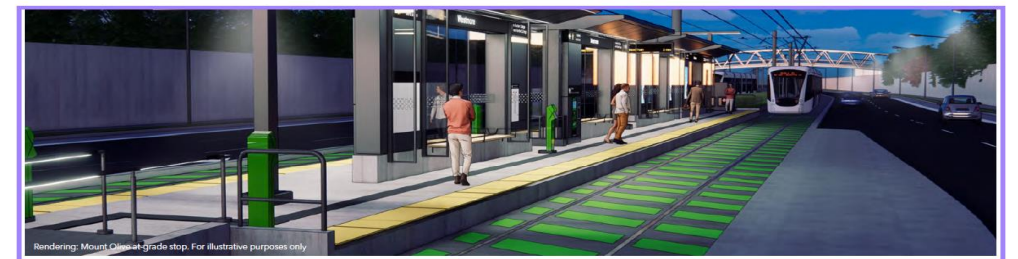
## Upcoming

- FWLRT Project Newsletter
- MX Engage: Virtual Open House - fall 2021
- Updates on LRV testing progress and OCS energization



Finch West Light Rail Transit

## Virtual Open House - Project Progress



November 15 - 19, 2021

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

## Communication Methods

- Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)
- Emails to Mailing List
- Weekly E-Newsletter
- Monthly internal newsletter
- Internet refresh
- Construction Notices
- Project Website Updates
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Sharing through elected officials (e-newsletter)
- Metrolinx News Blog
- Wayfinding and Signage
- Social media

## Engagement Tools

- Virtual Open House via Metrolinx Engage
- Working or Advisory Group Meetings
- Business Liaison
- Public Meetings (on hold)
- Technical Tours (on hold)
- Pop ups (on hold)
- Special events (on hold)



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# **Roundtable Discussion**

# NEXT CLC MEETING

CLC meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of every month

Next meeting will be on December 7, 2021,  
via Microsoft Teams





**Thank you and Stay Safe**

