

# Finch West LRT Project Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)

Tuesday, September 14, 2021



# AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Safety Moment**
- **Land Acknowledgement**
- **Review of Minutes and Action Items**
- **Major Milestone: Farr Avenue Pedestrian Bridge**
- **Work Update**
  - Finch West Station
  - Keele Street to Weston Road corridor
  - Utilities and Roadwork
  - Maintenance and Storage Facility
  - Hwy 400 Bridge Rehabilitation
  - Weston Road to Hwy 27
  - Humber College Stop
- **Communication 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 August 3, 2021 CLC Minutes and Action Item Review**

# REVIEW OF PREVIOUS CLC MEETING

- Mosaic to share traffic stage 8 at Finch Avenue West and Keele Street at the September CLC.
  - Traffic stage 8 is still being developed.  
The implementation date is later in 2021.
- In Stage 8, there will be more lanes when compared with Stage 7.2 as the deck construction will be completed. More lanes will be opened on Keele Street.



**Major Milestone:**  
**Farr Avenue Pedestrian Bridge**



# FARR AVENUE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



*Crews put the final touches on the Farr Avenue pedestrian bridge.*

# **Finch West Station Update**



# CURRENT WORKS

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

- Piling, excavation and traffic deck is almost finished on the east side of the Finch-Keele intersection.
- Traffic is shifted, and work takes place on the west side of the intersection.
- Piling, excavation and traffic deck is scheduled for one month, in the west side.
- Excavation for the main entrance building is ongoing.

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



# TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STAGING IN THE FINCH/KEELE AREA





# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTO



*Photo: View east, Finch and Keele station portal and stop excavation and construction work.*

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

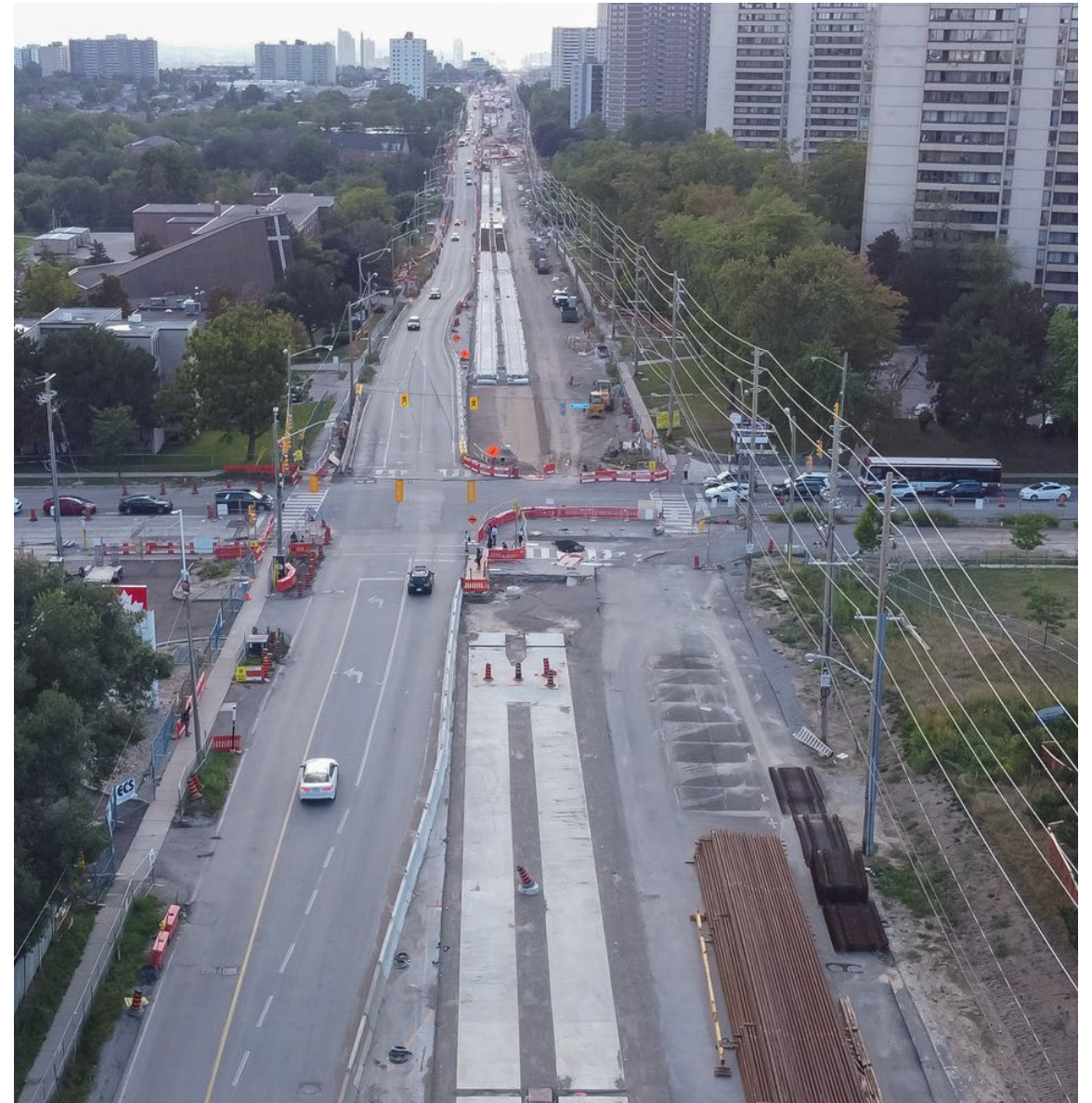


# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## 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 ongoing.
- Installation of bases for Overhead Catenary System (OCS) poles continues.
- Guideway work at Tobermory Drive and Finch Avenue West intersection is ongoing.

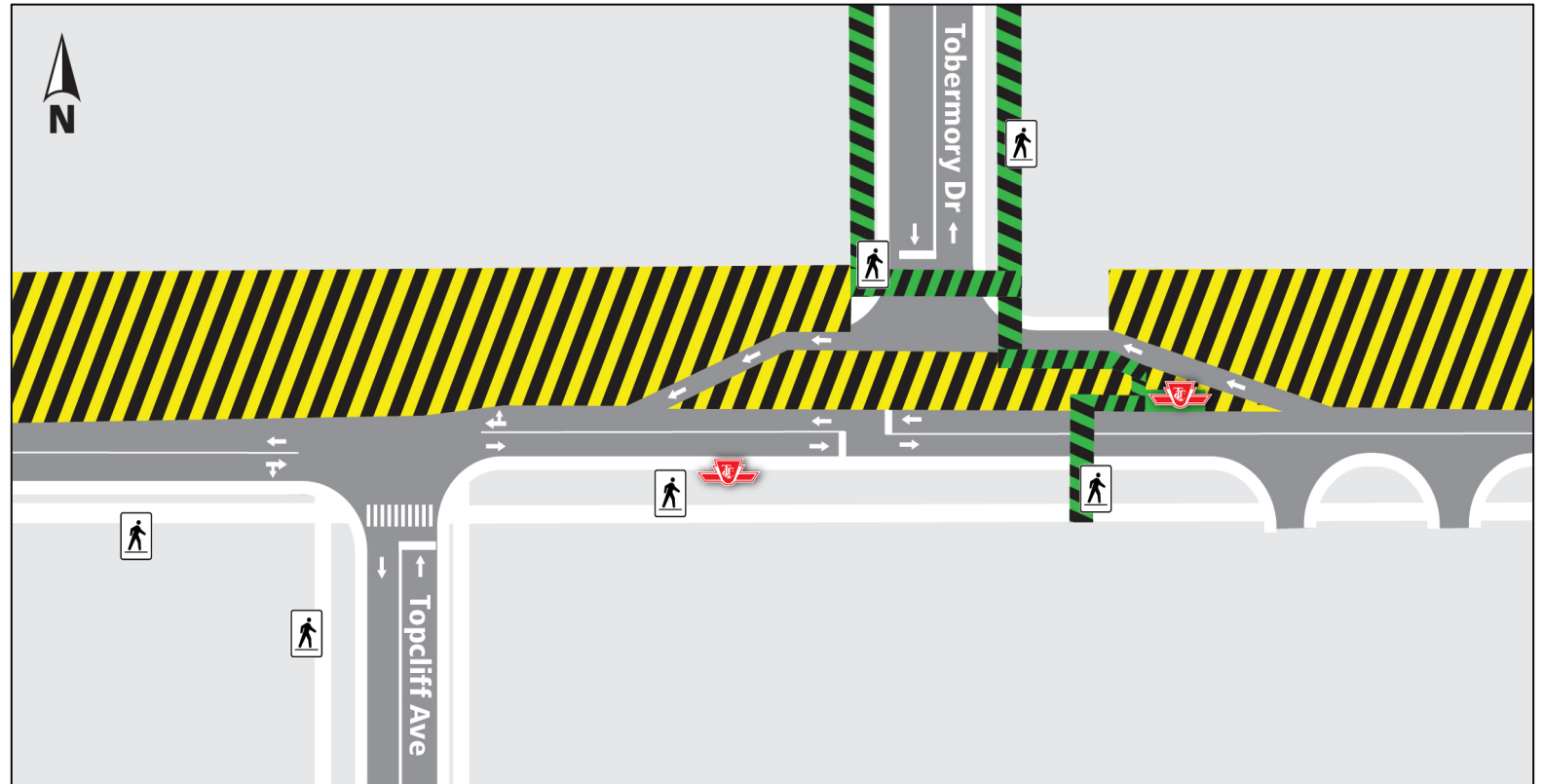
*Photo: View west along Finch Avenue West from Sentinel Road.*



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## From Keele Street to Jane Street (continued)

- Access at Tobermory Dr. and Finch Avenue West is limited to right-in and right-out traffic movements only.
- Duct Bank works completed in Tobermory Drive intersection.
- Track Slab between Tobermory Drive and Topcliff Avenue is anticipated to complete this fall.



*Map: Traffic configuration at Tobermory Dr. and Finch Ave. for guideway work at the intersection.*

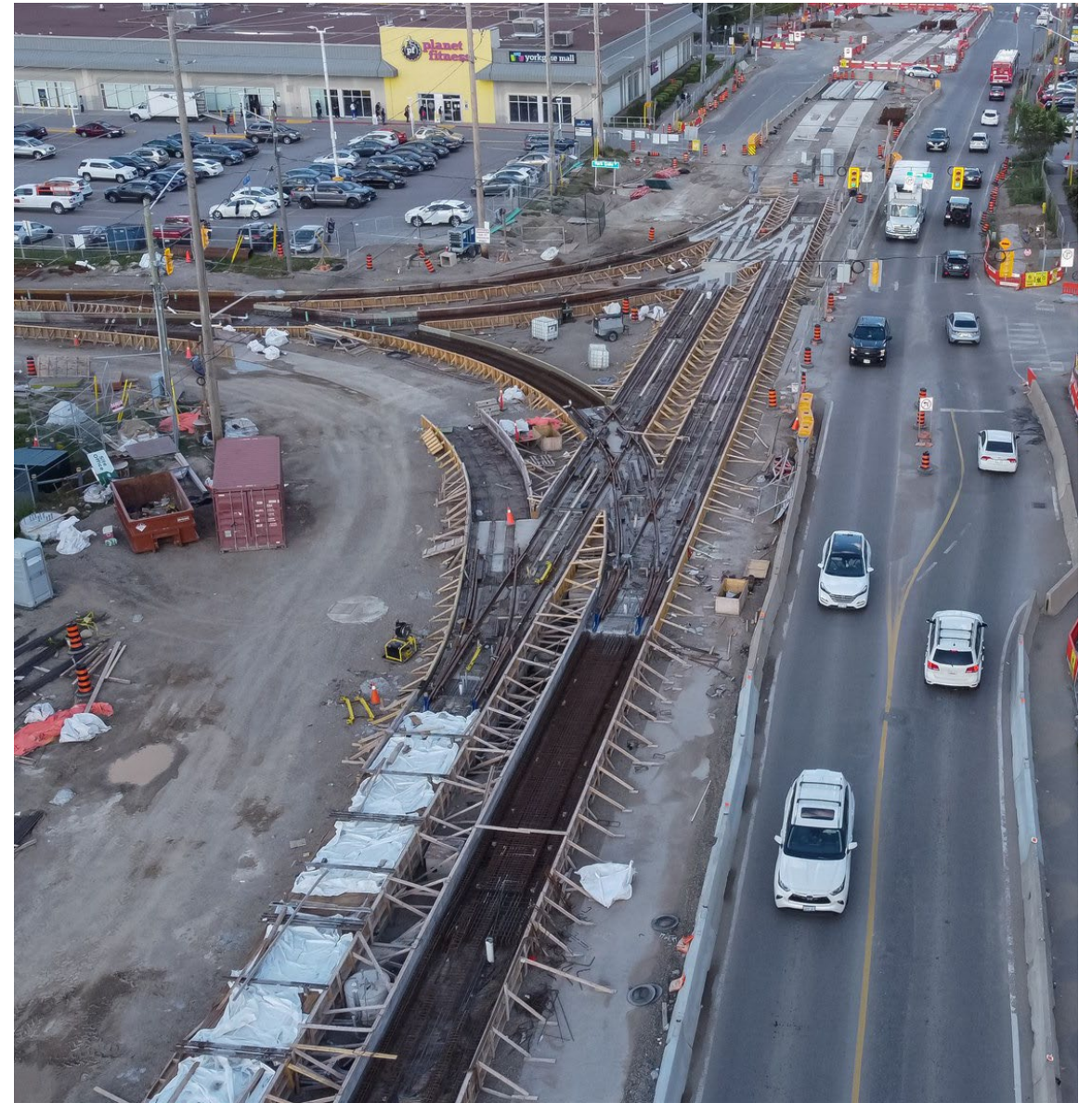


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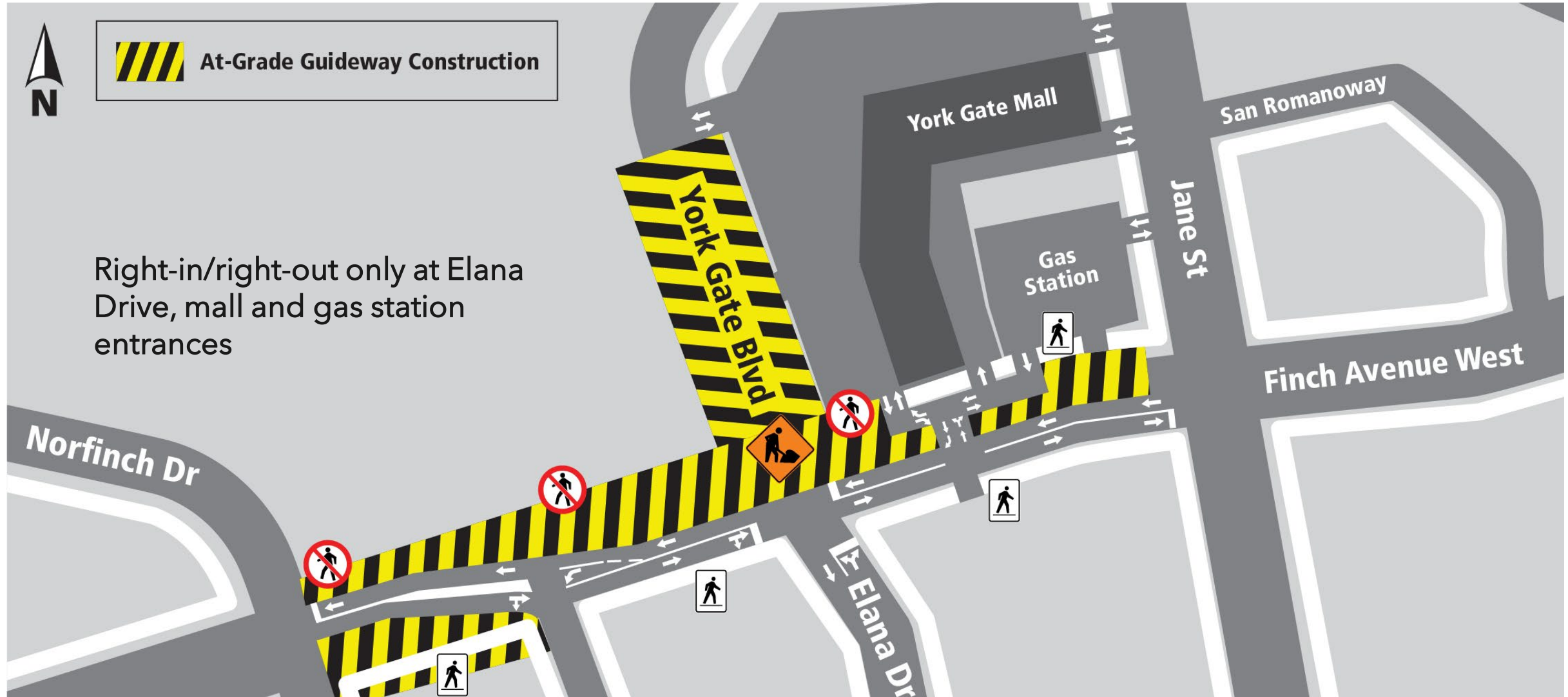
## From Jane Street to Norfinch Drive/Oakdale Road

- Rebar placing is ongoing.
- Concrete pour for track slab is ongoing.
- Track slab completion in York Gate Boulevard is scheduled for fall.
- York Gate Boulevard is closed, north of Finch Avenue West up to first driveway entrance to the Yorkgate Mall.
- York Gate Boulevard is anticipated to be re-opened in October 2021.
- The traffic configuration at Finch Avenue West between York Gate Boulevard and Jane Street remains in place till October.

*Photo: View east, Finch Avenue West and York Gate Boulevard.*



# TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION AT FINCH AND YORK GATE BOULEVARD



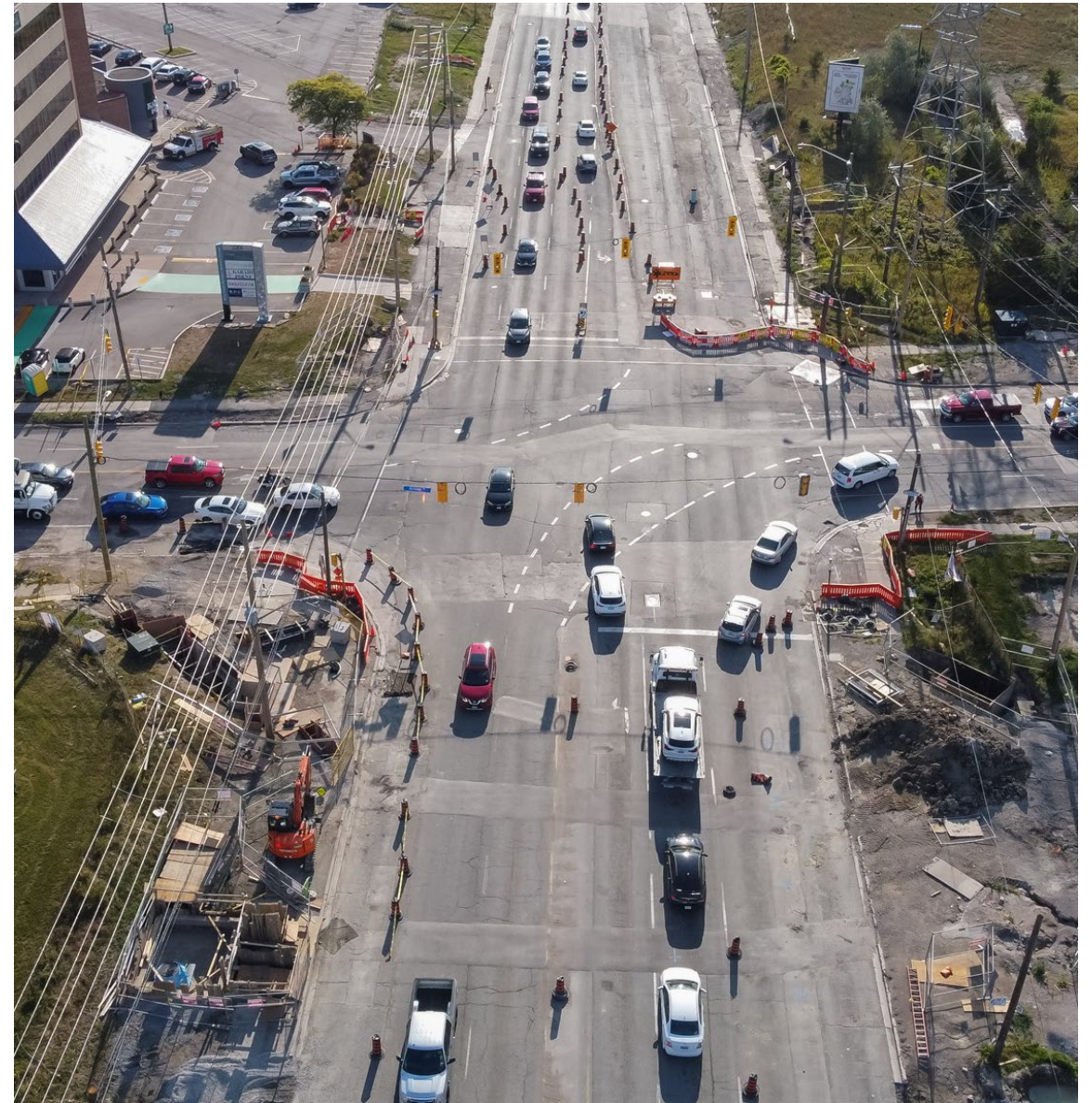


# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS ACROSS FINCH AVENUE WEST

## 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 (7 AM to 11 PM, approximately).
- In case of overtime work or weekend work, related info will be shared.
- Hydro and telecommunications relocations continue both sides of Finch Avenue West.
- Underground electrical work underway from the CP Bridge to Signet Drive.

*Photo: View west, Finch Avenue West and Signet Drive/Arrow Road.*

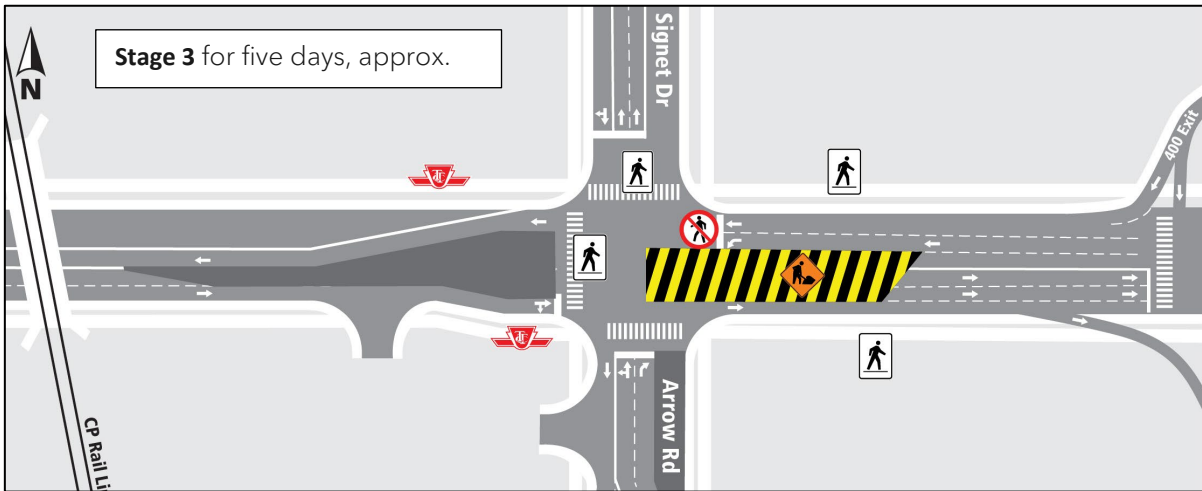
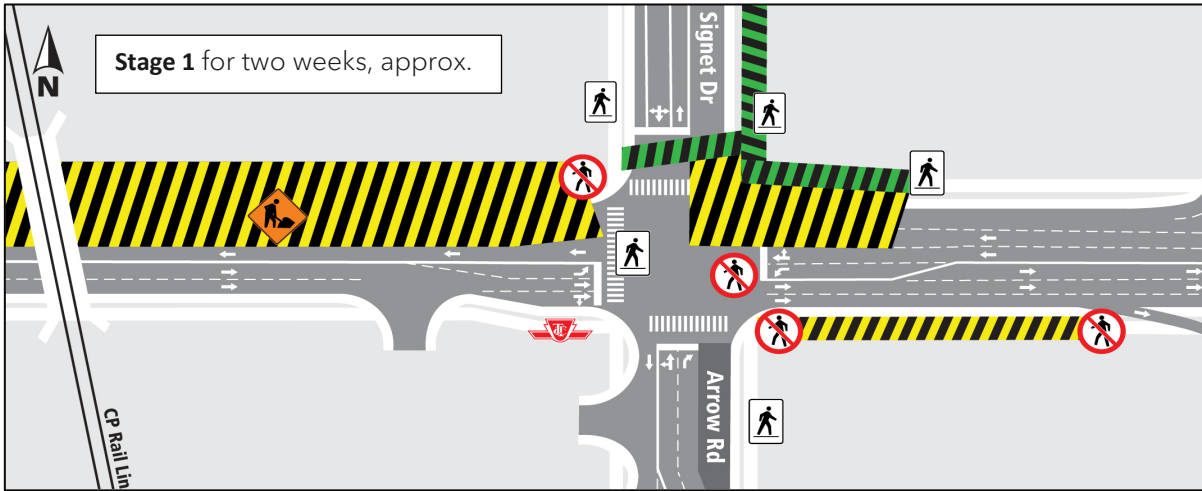


# TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION AT FINCH AND NORFINCH DRIVE/OAKDALE ROAD



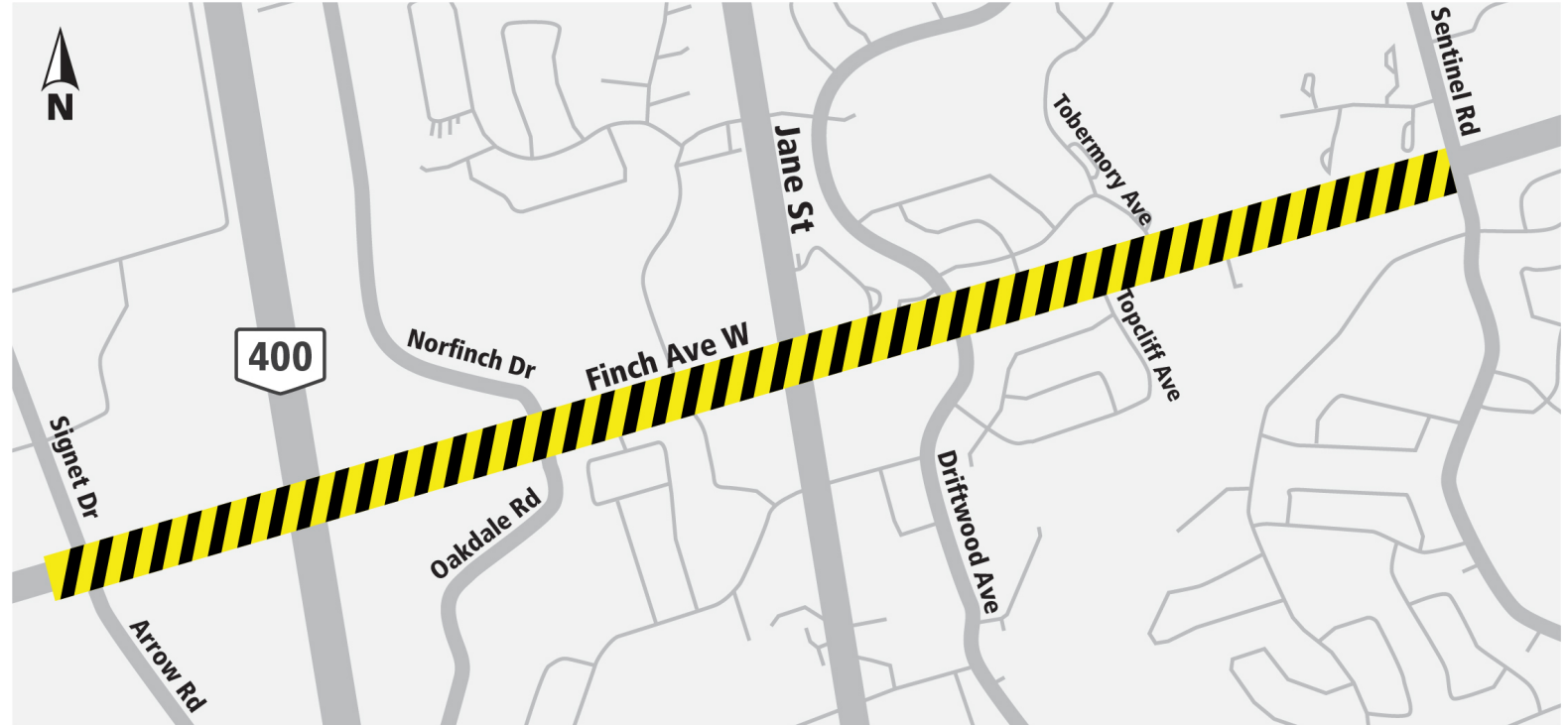


# FOUR STAGES OF TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION, SIGNET DRIVE/ARROW ROAD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2021



# 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.
- Night work takes place **from 6 pm to 7 am**.
- Higher noise or vibration activities are scheduled before 11 pm and levels are monitored, as needed.



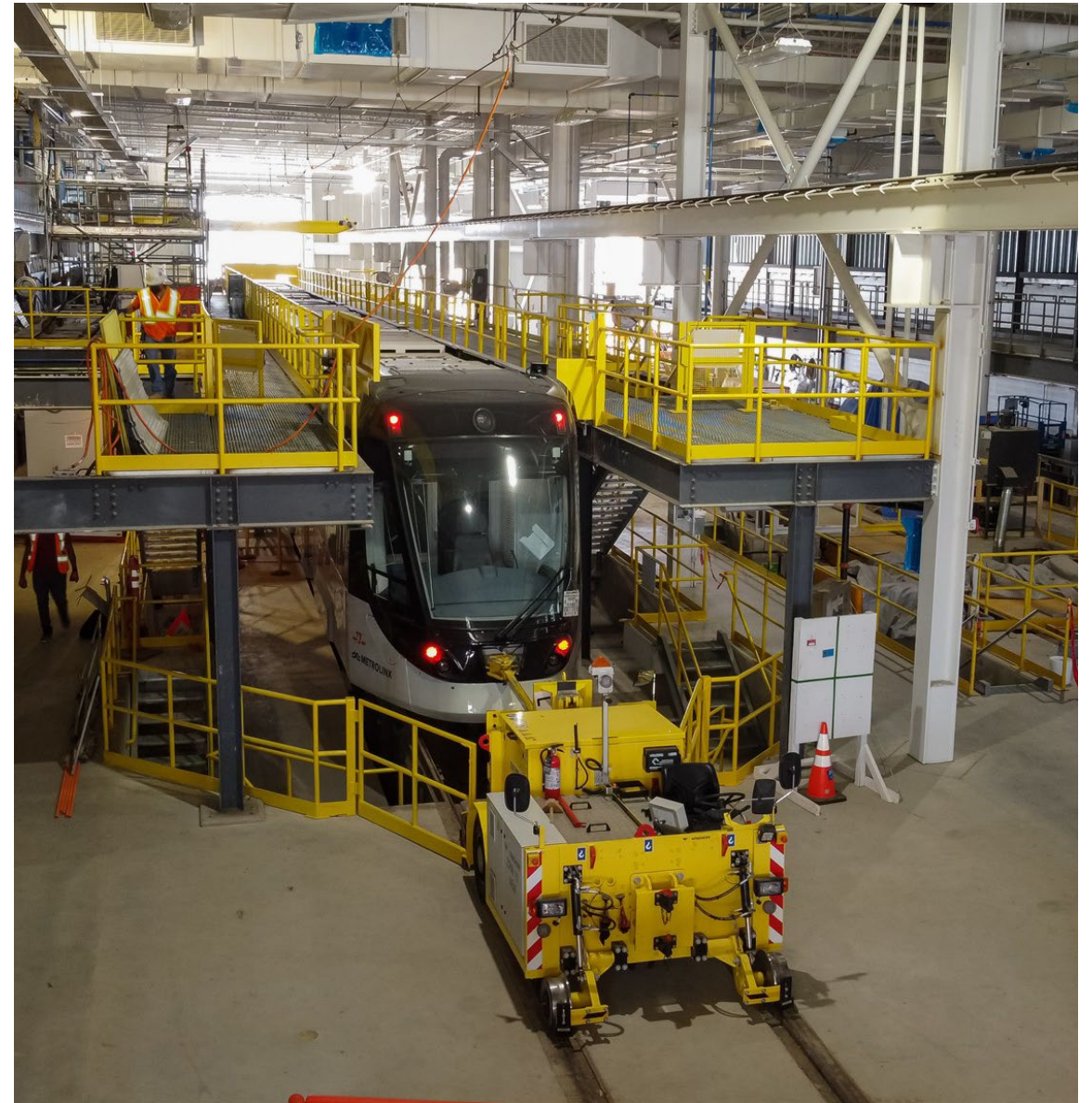
*Map: Area of overnight construction work.*

# **Maintenance and Storage Facility**

# CURRENT WORKS

- Ballast placement and skeleton track installation is complete.
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installations, and equipment installation is nearly complete.
- Drywall partitions is almost finished.
- Painting is in progress. Nearly complete.
- Floor finishes (washroom tiles, office carpet) is progressing and is near completion.
- LRT equipment installation is in progress.
- Parking lot final grading and curbs is almost done.
- Green roof work under progress.
- Landscaping is ongoing.
- The delivery of the second LRV expected in early October.

*Photo: Interior of the Maintenance and Storage Facility vehicle bay.*





# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTO



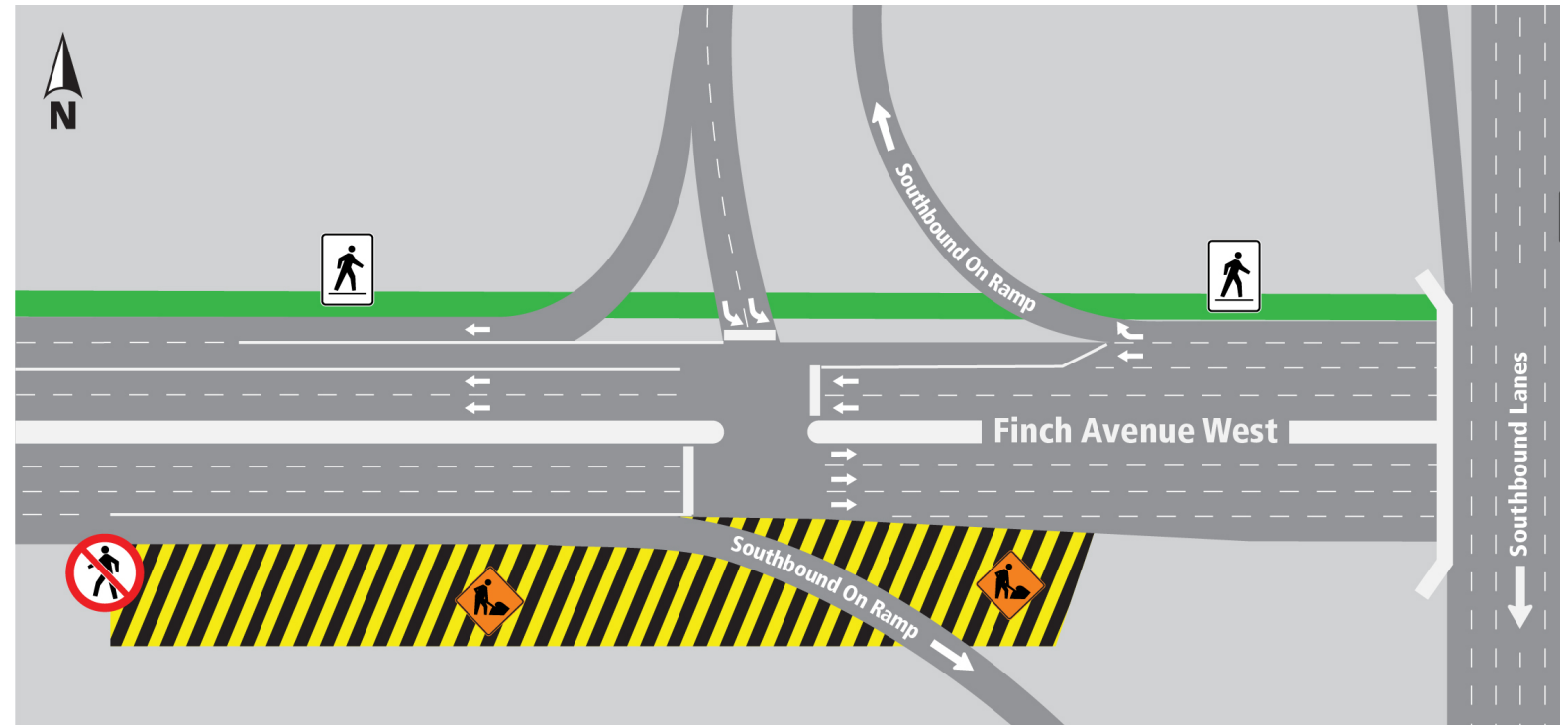
*Photo: Aerial view looking north east, Maintenance and Storage Facility.*



# **Highway 400 Bridge Rehabilitation Update**

# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

- Road work and wet utilities installation is ongoing.
- Highway 400 Southbound Off-ramp installation of the MUP (box culvert structure). September 23 - 27, 2021.



*Map: 400 ramp work.*

# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTO, HIGHWAY 400



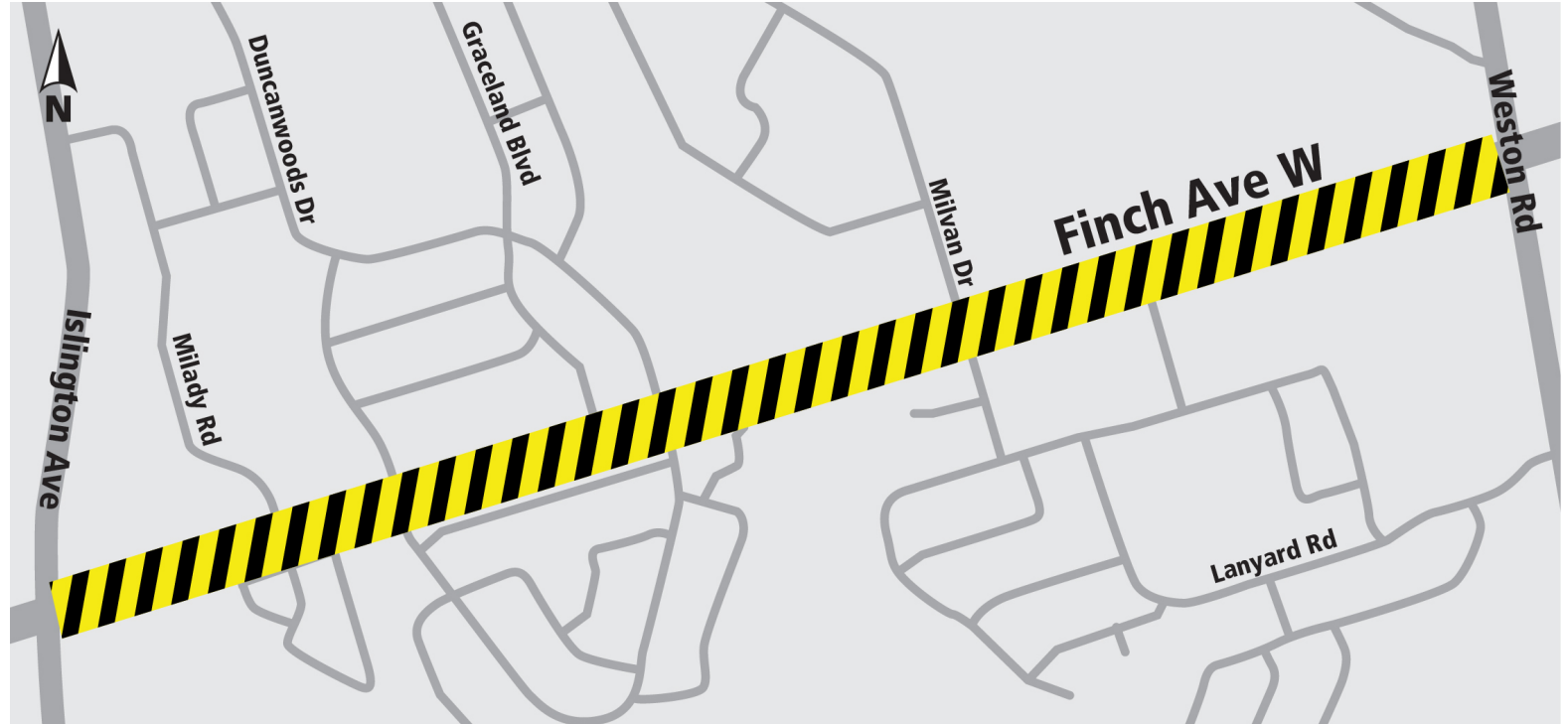
*Photo: Aerial view looking west, Highway 400 and Finch Avenue West.*



# **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 crew to safely complete work.
- Motorists and pedestrians should be aware of and adhere to 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.



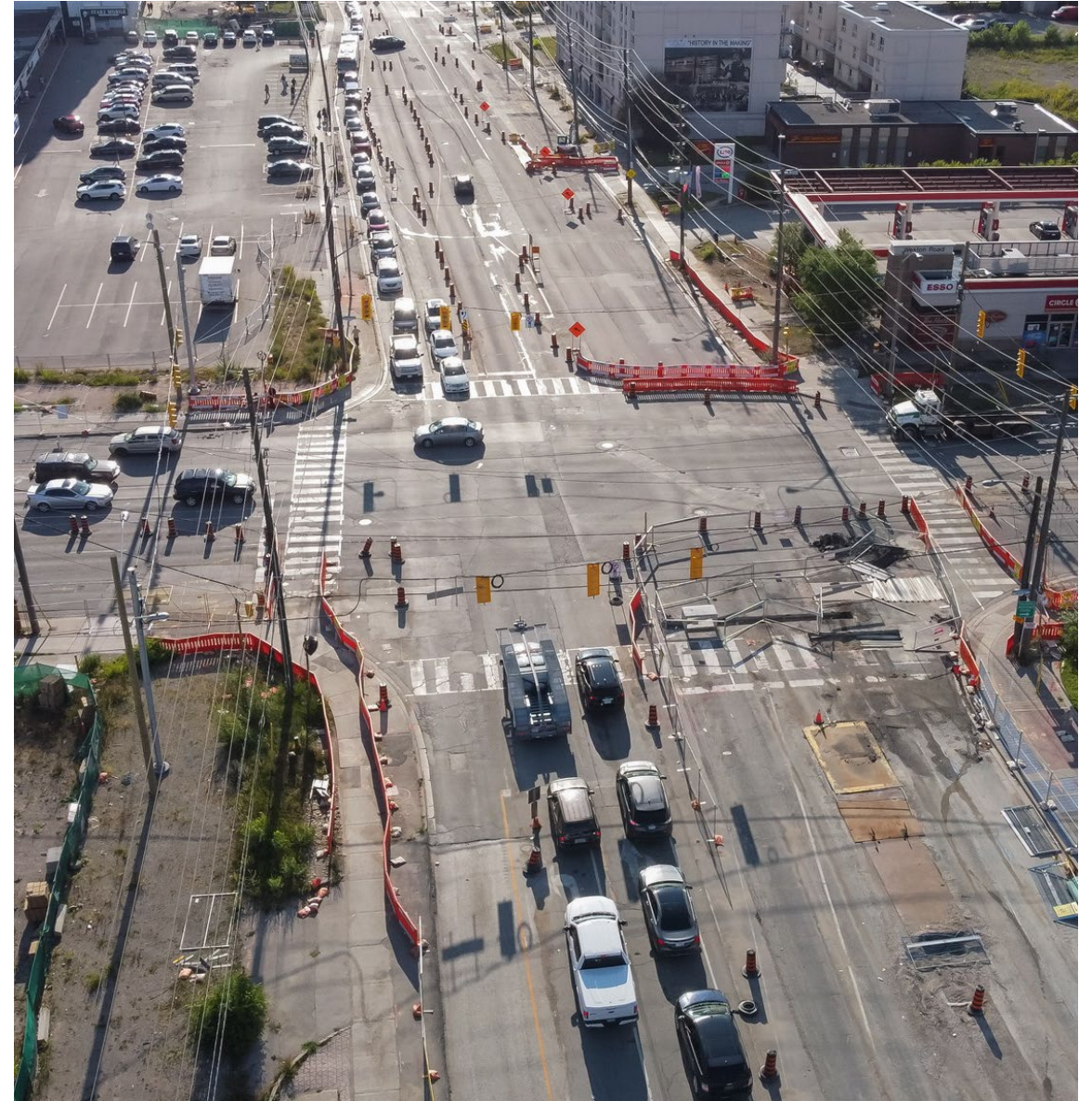
*Map: Area of construction work.*

# WESTON ROAD AND FINCH AVENUE WEST INTERSECTION

## Ongoing and Upcoming Works

- Watermain installation on the north side of the intersection is ongoing.
- After, a storm and sanitary sewer will be installed on the south side later in the fall of 2021.

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





# CLOSURE OF ARDWICK BOULEVARD (PEARLDALE ROAD EXTENSION) AT FINCH AVENUE WEST

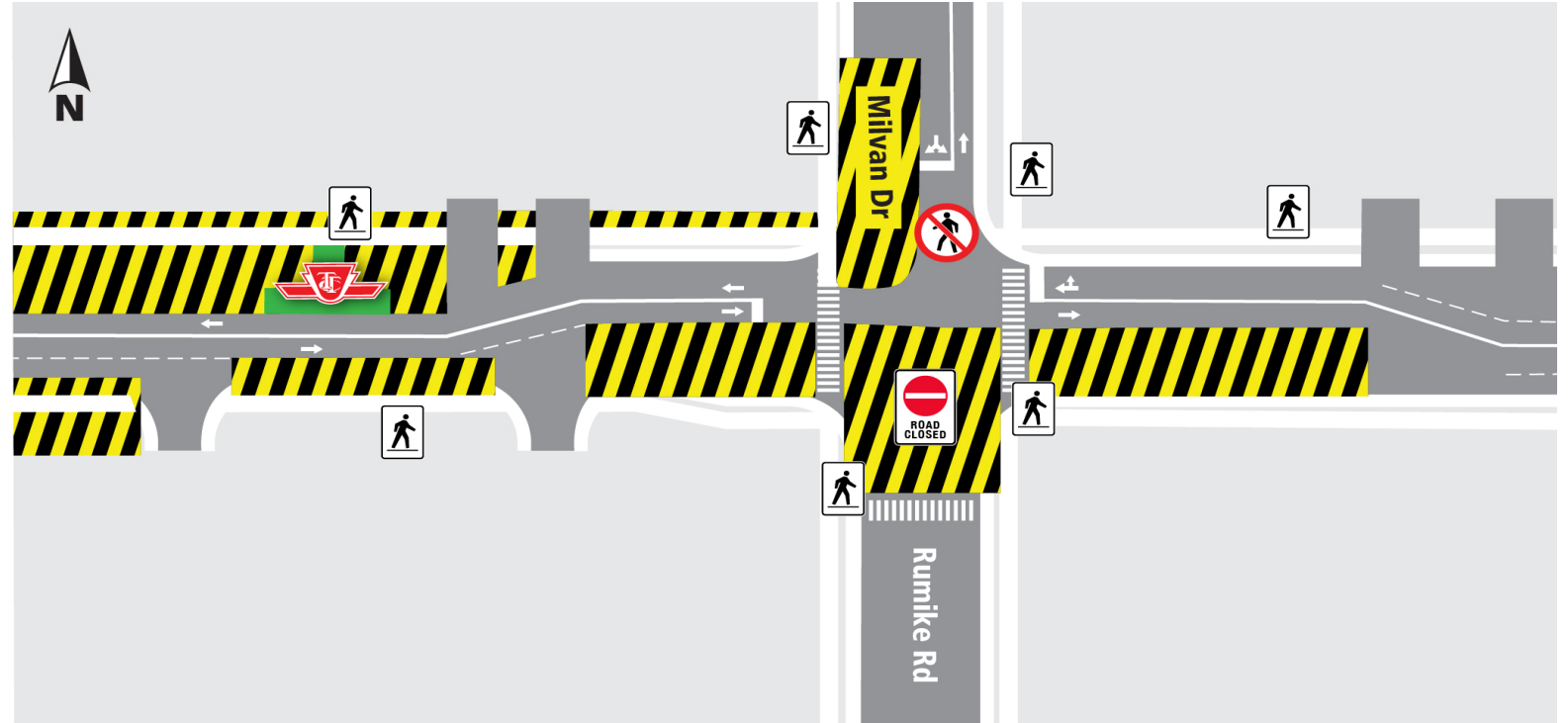
- Retaining wall installation near Finchdale plaza, started this week.
- Ardwick Road - Pearldale Road extension will be closed at Finch Avenue West as part of the utility relocation in the area.
- Closure is anticipated to take place in September 2021.



*Map: Area of construction work.*

# CLOSURE OF RUMIKE ROAD AT FINCH AVENUE WEST

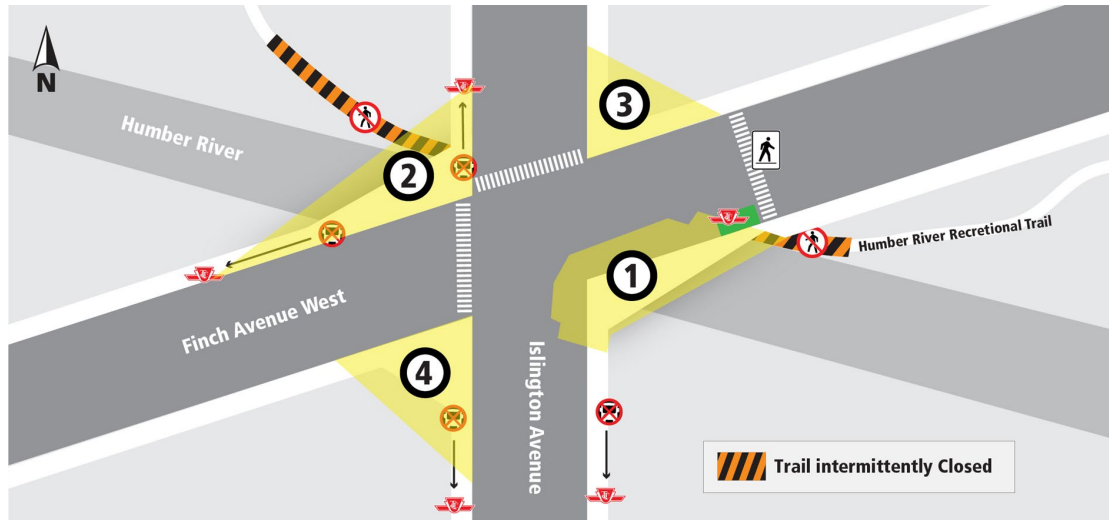
- As part of the utility relocation in the area Rumike Rd. will be closed at Finch Avenue West for one week, approx.
- The closure is anticipated to start in September 2021.
- Asphalt removal starts in coming weeks.



*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 quadrant (1).



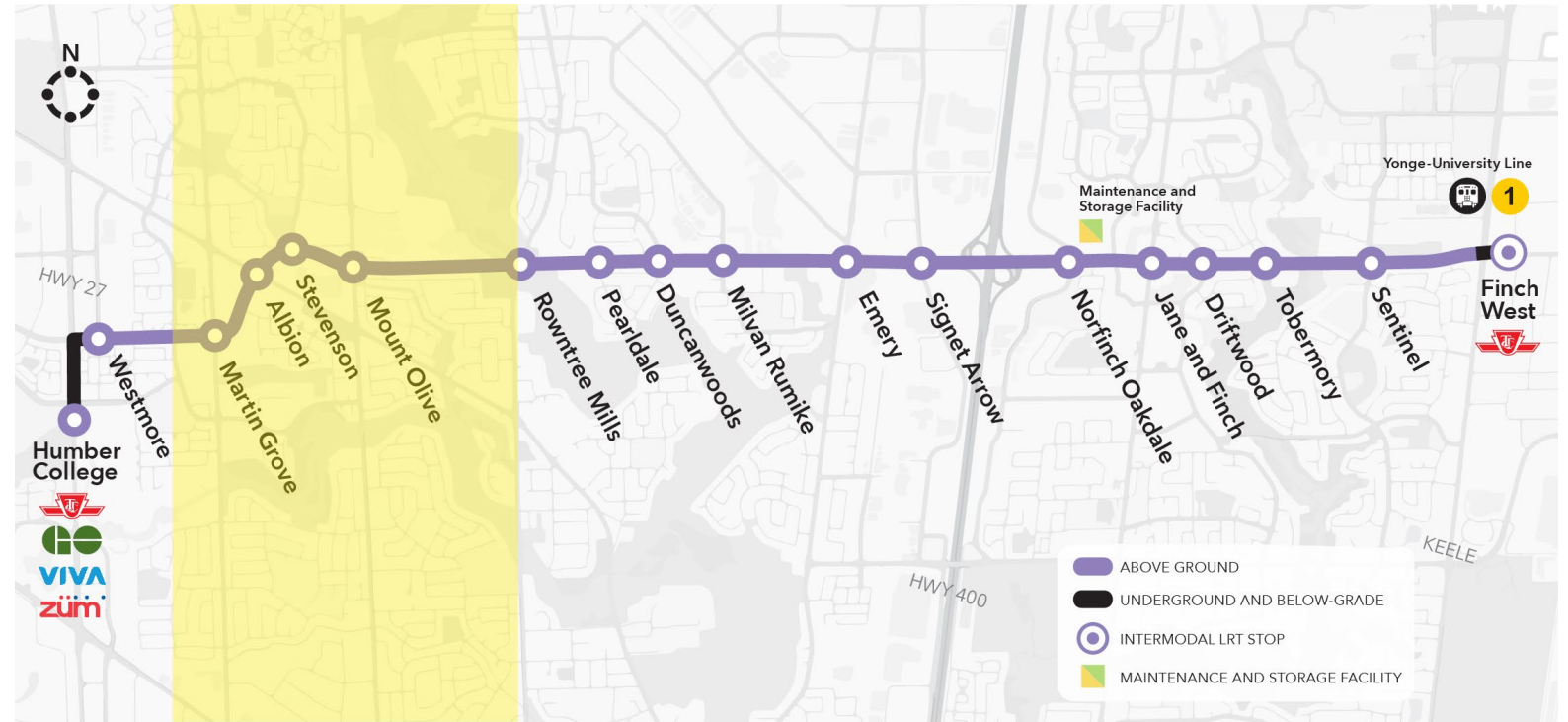
*Photo: Aerial view Finch Avenue West and Islington Avenue.*





# UTILITY RELOCATION - ISLINGTON AVENUE TO SILVERSTONE DRIVE

- Crews and equipment area 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 crew to safely complete work.
- Motorists and pedestrians should be aware of and adhere to 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 and road widening continues in the fall of 2021, approximately.
- Retaining wall installation near Albion Mall will start in October 2021 for two months, approximately.

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



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

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

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



*Map: Area of construction work.*



# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

## John Garland Boulevard and Martin Grove Road - Wet Utilities and Relocation Work

- John Garland Boulevard partial road closure till September 2021.
- Martin Grove Road will be closed later in the fall.
- Hydro Pole Removal from Kiskadee Drive to Martin Grove Road.

*Photo: View west along Finch Avenue West, Martin Grove Road to John Garland Boulevard.*

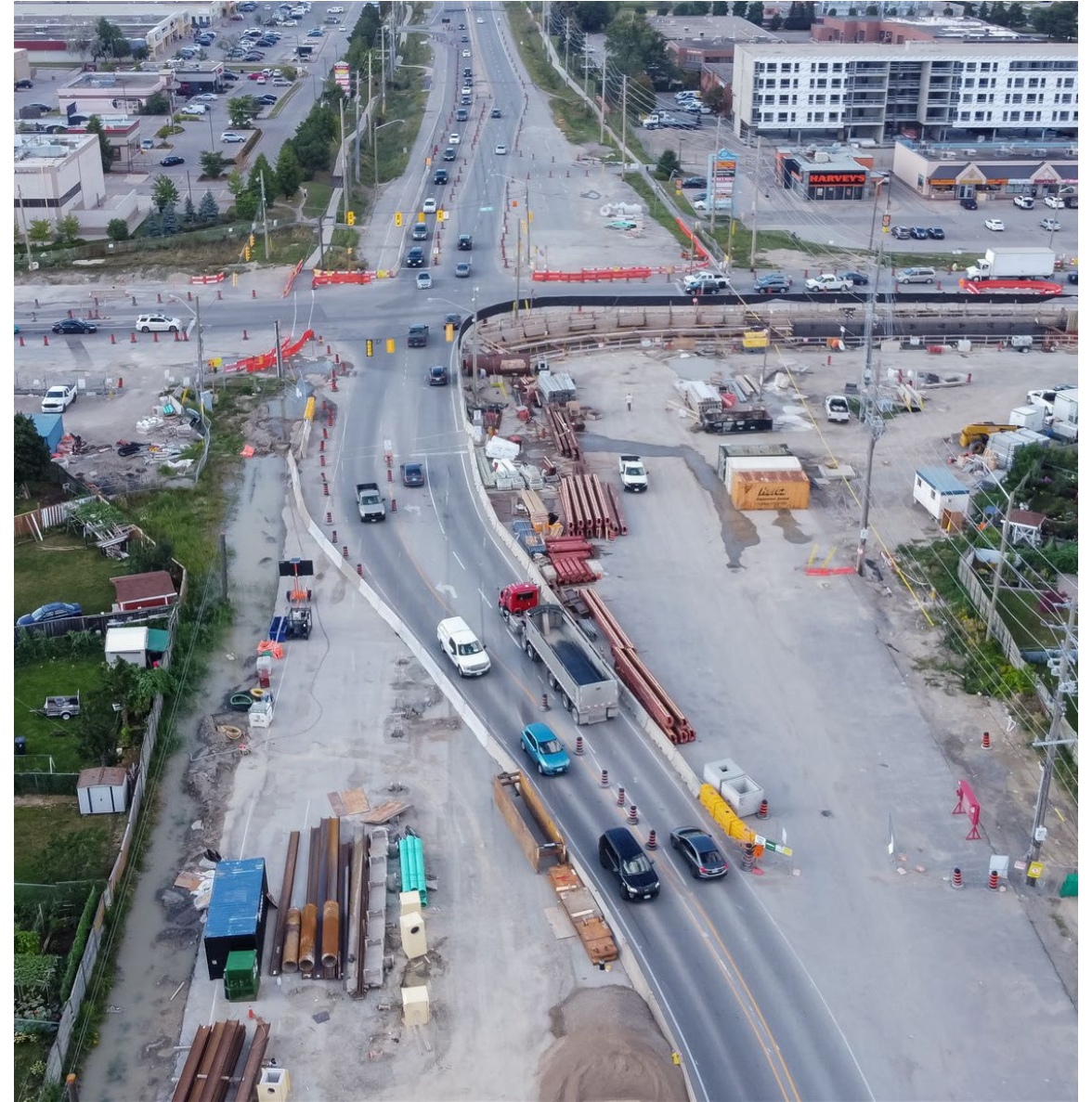




# CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORKS

- Wet utilities are substantially completed.
- Roadworks will resume in October 2021.

*Photo: View north Highway 27 and Finch Avenue West portal.*



# **Humber College Stop and Highway 27**

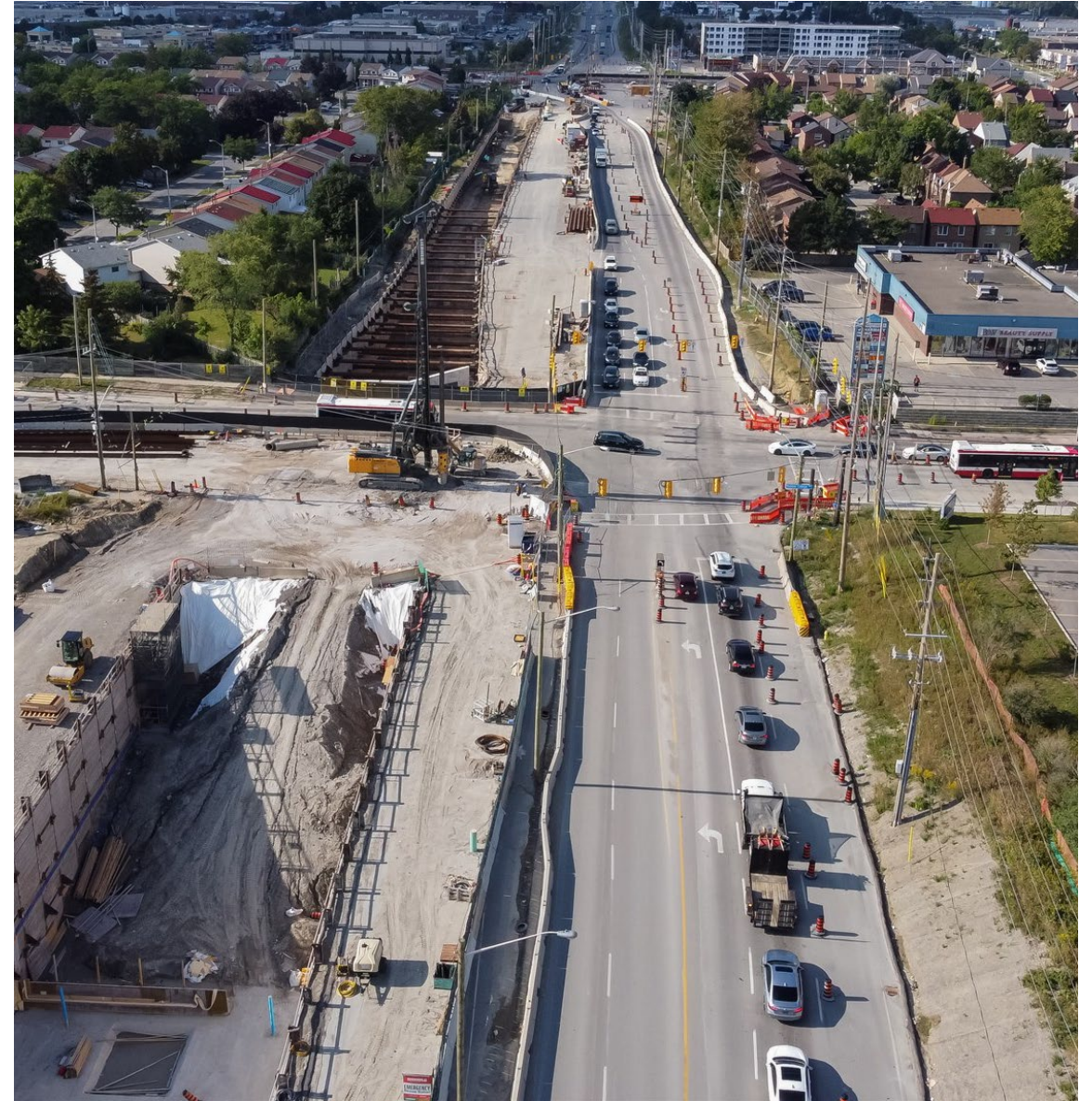


# CURRENT WORKS

## Future Humber College Stop and Portal

- Pile drilling at Humber College Blvd has been resumed.
- Humber College Blvd has reduced lanes until the end of the year.
- Traffic is currently on the north side of the road.
- Relocation of hydro poles and underground cables continues at Humber College Boulevard from Highway 27 to Arboretum Boulevard in the fall of 2021.
- The high voltage switch was moved from the old overhead wires to the new underground duct bank.

*Photo: View north along Highway 27 toward Finch Avenue West.*



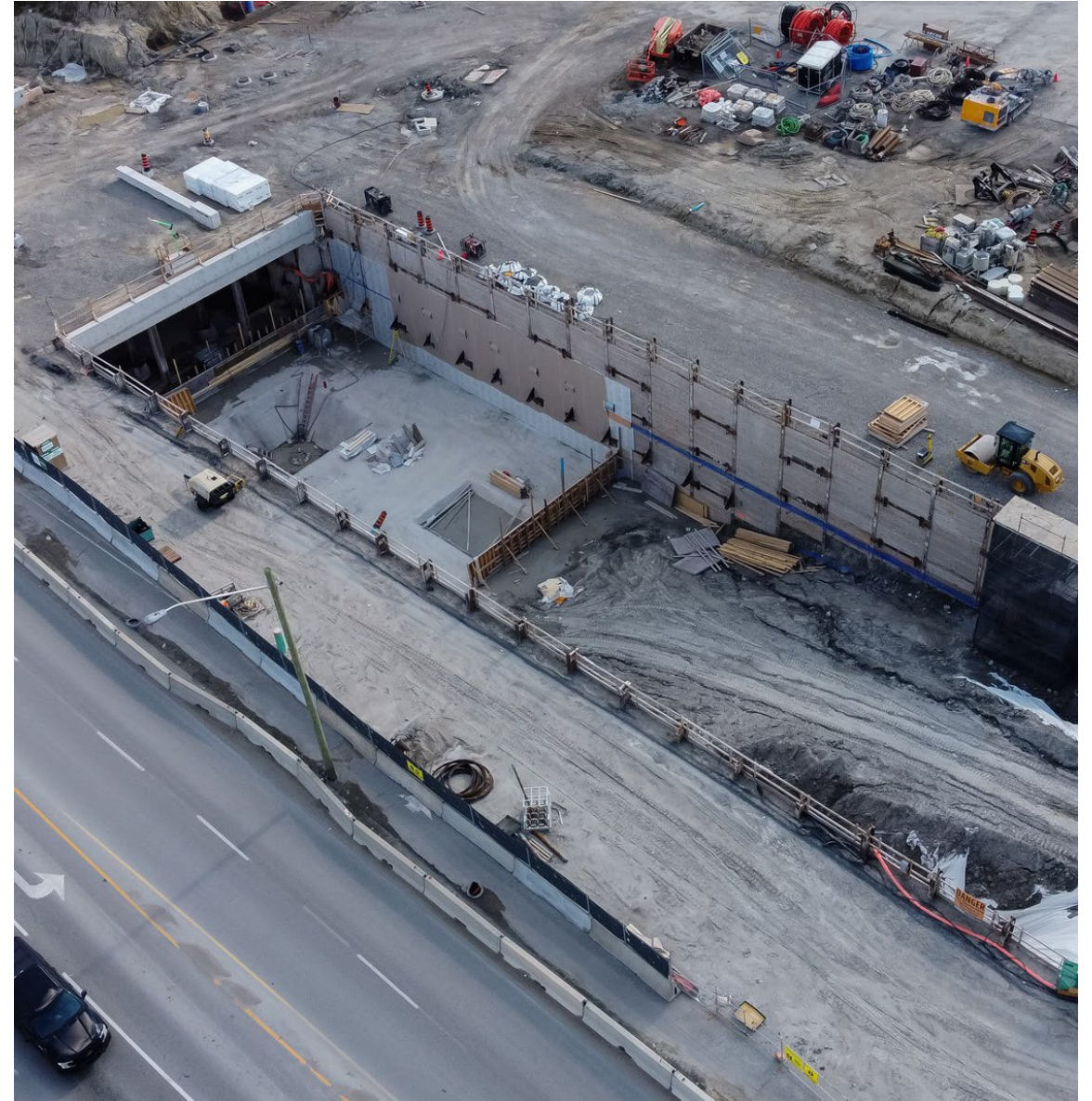


# COMPLETED AND UPCOMING WORKS

## Finch Avenue West and Highway 27

- The first base slab pour in the Station was done on August 20, 2021
- Mining under the roof slab is ongoing.
- The construction of the track drainage has started.

*Photo: Aerial view Humber College Station stop.*



# **Communication and Community Engagement**



# COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

## In progress

- School safety campaign
  - Meetings with school principals
  - Safety signage
  - Letters to parents & teachers
  - Print & digital campaign and ads
- First Light Rail Vehicle Delivery video (next slide)

## Upcoming

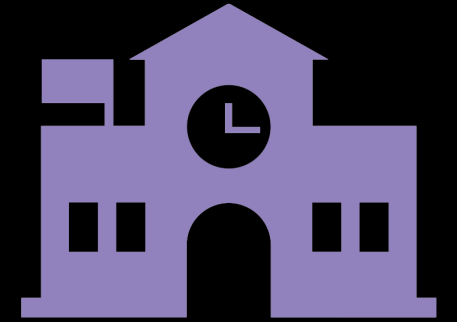
- School presentations
- Second vehicle delivery
- Updates on LRV testing progress and OCS energization

*Photos: School Safety Campaign and LRV arrival at MSF*



Finch West Light Rail Transit Project

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drive safely.**



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# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

## Communication Methods

- Weekly E-Newsletter
- Construction Notices
- Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)
- Project Updates & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on website
- Metrolinx News Blog
- Wayfinding and Signage

## 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)





# Roundtable Discussion

# NEXT CLC MEETING

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

September 14, 2021 minutes will be circulated for review and feedback in advance to the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on October 5, 2021, via Microsoft Teams.



**Thank you and Stay Safe**



