Construction site preparation at Queen Street West and James Street

Expected start date: Week of April 1, 2024 **Expected duration:** Three to four months

Hours of work: Multiple shifts, weekdays and weekends (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and overnight 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.)

Map of work area:



What is happening?

To get ready for construction activities at the future Ontario Line station at Queen, crews will undertake various works to prepare the work zone for station construction. This work will be done in two phases, with the first phase starting the week of April 1, 2024, between Bay Street and Yonge Street along Queen Street West and James Street. A second phase of work will follow in Summer 2024 between Yonge Street and Victoria Street along Queen Street East.

Expected activities include:

Fencing Installation

- New fencing will be installed to replace the existing fencing.
- Project signage on the existing fencing will be removed and reinstalled on the new fencing.
- Work will be done in daytime and overnight shifts, weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Access to surrounding buildings will remain open.
- No major changes to the current pedestrian travel route are expected.

Removal of light posts and overhead cables

- Crews will be removing several light posts within the work zone from James Street and along Queen Street West (refer to map).
- Overhead cables will also be removed at the intersection of Queen Street West and Yonge Street. An approximately 15-minute, temporary road closure will be required to complete this work safely. A flag-person will direct pedestrians and traffic during this work, and the area will be marked with traffic cones.
- This work will be completed during the day, between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on a to be confirmed date. More information will be shared prior to the work commencing.

Installation of temporary lighting

- Crews will be installing temporary lighting to replace removed street lighting.
- This work will be completed during weekday shifts from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Additional works: Utilities + Monitoring

- Several additional activities are required to prepare the area inside and around the future station site for construction work.
- This work will involve decommissioning utilities from within the construction area and implementing erosion, and sediment control devices to minimize soil and debris dispersal, as well as the installation of ground and utilities monitoring devices.
- A working platform will be installed to provide crews with site access to future activities.
- These works will take place during weekdays shifts and include both daytime (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and overnight (7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.) shifts.

What to expect

- The work is scheduled to begin the week of April 1, 2024.
- Crews will be working during both daytime and overnight shifts. Occasional weekend work shifts may be required.
- Community members should expect to see workers and construction vehicles going in and out of the site, as well as construction fences being reconfigured.
- Some noise is to be expected from the excavation activities which include noise from hydrovac trucks.
- Equipment required for this work will be stored within the work zone.
- Work crews will safely direct pedestrians around the work zone, if required.
- Project constructor is coordinating work with other Metrolinx contractors in the area.
- More information on progress, including impacts and mitigations, will be shared in the weeks ahead.
- All necessary construction permits have been obtained.
- Work may be delayed, rescheduled, or extended due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.
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