

UPDATE: Heritage retention work and building demolition at Queen Street West and Simcoe Street

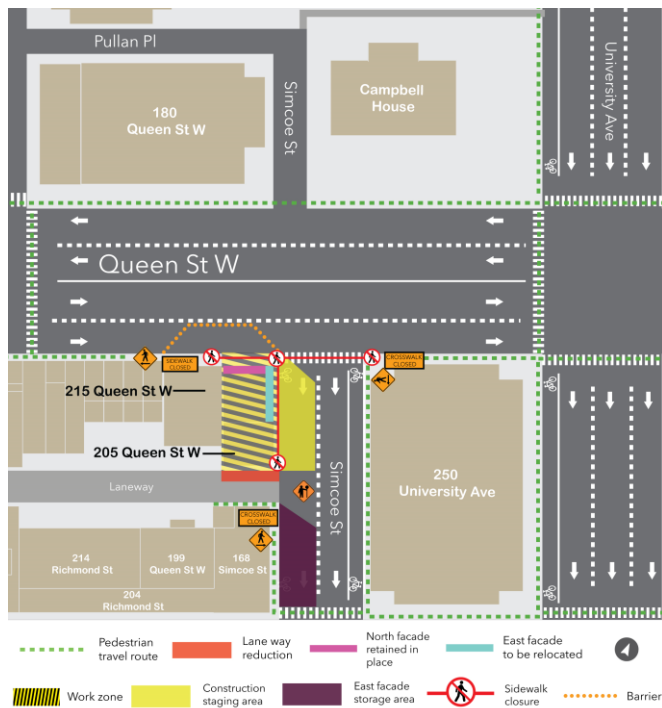
Expected start date: As early as January 25, 2024

Expected duration: End of April 2024

Hours of work: Generally weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What is happening?

To prepare for building the future Ontario Line south station site at Osgoode, construction crews will be performing work at 205 Queen Street West, including protecting and retaining parts of the heritage building so it can be integrated into the future station building.



What to expect

- The work is expected to begin as early as January 25, 2024, with crews preparing the site.
- Crews will be primarily working weekdays during the day, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Limited overnight work will take place 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., during the movement of the south façade with a rolling platform.
- Community members should expect to see workers and machines used for construction in the neighbourhood, such as trucks, small cranes, and excavators.
- Some noise is expected from this work. Crews will endeavor to minimize impacts where possible.
- The east façade will be stored in front of 168 Simcoe Street for the duration of construction of the future Osgoode station building at 205 Queen Street West. The façade will be reinstalled as part of the future station.
- Traffic and pedestrians will be re-routed during this work, as outlined on the map. Details available below.
- Signage will be in place to direct traffic and pedestrians, and a flag person in-place at the corner of Simcoe

Street and the laneway.

- All necessary construction permits have been obtained.
- Work may be delayed, rescheduled, or extended due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

Site preparation

- The pedestrian sidewalk on the south side of Queen Street West will be temporary closed at 205 Queen Street West. The closure is expected from January 29, 2024, until mid-February 2024. Pedestrians should use the sidewalk on the North side of Queen Street West during this time.
- The pedestrian sidewalk on the west side of Simcoe Street will remain closed for the duration of station construction. Pedestrians should use the sidewalk on the east side of Simcoe Street (as indicated on the map).

- The southbound curb lane, pedestrian sidewalk and bike lane on the west side of Simcoe Street will remain closed for the full duration of the construction of the Osgoode South Station site (refer to map on previous page). This area will be used to store and stage construction equipment and materials. Access to the laneway behind 205 Queen Street will be reduced during heritage and demolition works, with a full closure during removal of the East building façade.
- A concrete barrier and chain-link fence was installed on Lane South Queen West Simcoe, south of the 205 Queen Street West building, in preparation of work to remove the South wall of the building. During this work, laneway access from Simcoe Street will be reduced.

Heritage Façade Retention

- Specialized restoration crews will be working on the heritage façade of the 205 Queen Street West building, including the South, North, and East façades.
- **South Façade**
 - The stone blocks of the South wall of the building will be removed, preserved, and stored during construction, with intent to be reintegrated into the completed station building. This work will allow the exterior wall and roof to be demolished and create access for interior structural supports aiding in retention of the other building wall to be installed. This work has been completed.
- **North Façade**
 - The North façade of the building will be retained in place and integrated into the completed station building. Crews will excavate near the façade and structural supports will be installed on both sides ensuring safe preservation during construction activities.
 - The eastbound curb lane and sidewalk along Queen Street West will be temporarily closed using traffic barrels while crews are working, to protect workers using small excavators and cranes to complete the work.
 - The North façade work is expected to start as early as January 29, 2024 and will take approximately three weeks to complete. This work is expected to take place during daytime working hours.
- **UPDATE: East Façade**
 - The East façade of the building will be protected, removed in one piece, and stored in the area for future reinstallation in the completed building design.
 - Crews will install structural steel beams and timber on both sides of the façade, and then use equipment such as a small excavator and hydraulic jacks to lift the building away from the existing structure and remove it. To facilitate the move, the building façade will be placed on a rolling platform and moved slowly to a designated storage space in front of 168 Simcoe Street.
 - Once in place, the bottom supports will be encased in concrete to ensure the safe preservation of the façade. It will also be protected by hoarding installed around the storage site.
 - **This work will start on April 10 and continue until April 15 during the day between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Overnight work is not anticipated, however if required it may occur on April 13 and 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Final wall anchoring and cleanup is expected to take place on April 14 and 15.**
 - During the initial relocation of the façade, access to the laneway directly south of 205 Queen Street West will be temporarily fully closed from Simcoe Street. **This full closure is expected to take place over the weekend on April 13 and 14.** Laneway access will be maintained via Duncan Street.
 - Paid Duty Officer and signage will be in place to direct pedestrians and traffics as required during this work.

205 Queen Street West: Demolition

- The West façade of the 205 Queen Street West building will be demolished in preparation for the next phase of construction work. This work will take place during the day using an excavator, within the fencing.

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