

# University Avenue Lane Realignment

## North of Queen Street West

**Expected start date:** As early as April 22, 2024

**Expected duration :** Up to 30 days

**Hours of work:** Weekdays, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and overnight from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Depiction of University Avenue after lane realignment:



## What is happening?

- To prepare for construction activities at the future Ontario Line station at Osgoode, construction crews will be undertaking work to shift traffic on University Avenue.
- The northbound lanes on University Avenue will be realigned between Queen Street West and Armoury Street. Two northbound vehicular lanes will be maintained at all times.

- The bike lane and pedestrian access will be maintained.
- In order for this traffic shift to be completed, several works will take place in sequence, including:
  - **Excavation:** Inside the University Avenue median, the existing curb on the East side of the University Avenue median will be cut and removed using a concrete saw and an excavator. The soil will be excavated down to approximately 800mm to the subgrade to allow for backfill granular material to be placed. This work is expected to take place weekdays, between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting as early as April 22, 2024. It is estimated to take 30 days to complete.
  - **Lane closure:** Once excavation reaches the North end of the University Avenue median, the Northbound Lane located adjacent to the median lane will be temporarily closed to provide a safe work zone for the crew. This work will occur weekdays, overnight between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The lane is expected to be re-opened daily.
  - **Drainage:** New drainage is needed for the traffic shift. Crews will install new drainage pipe and new catch basins on the East side of the University Avenue median, as well as a drainage line crossing University Avenue. They will also connect these new lines to an existing drainage line on the right lane of University Avenue. This work is expected to take place as early as April 22, 2024, on weeknights, overnight between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and will be completed in two phases:
    - Phase 1: The Northbound Lane located next to the median (West) will be closed to allow the first half of the pipe to be installed and connected to an existing drainage pipe.
    - Phase 2: The Northbound curb lane (East) will be closed to install a drainage pipe and a new catch basin. During this closure, new drainage pipes will be connected to existing drainage pipe located on University Avenue.
  - **Ground Preparation:** Once the excavation and the drainage installation have been completed, crews will begin preparing the trenches made on University Avenue, including backfilling with granular material, compaction and testing. This work is expected to take place during the day, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and overnight from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - **Paving:** Upon completion of backfill activities, the temporary lanes will be repaved. This work is expected to occur on weekdays, overnight between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

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## What to expect

- This work is expected to begin as early as April 22, 2024, and will take up to 30 days to complete.
- Crews will be working during both daytime and overnight hours, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- Work will be completed behind construction fencing while using access via University Avenue. There will be occasional work impacting the traffic lanes, requiring occasional lane closures.
- Community members should expect to see workers, trucks, transport / haul trucks, excavators, rollers and asphalt pavers.
- Some noise is expected related to the site preparation works and hoarding installation.
- Work crews will safely direct pedestrians if required.
- 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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