

Ontario Line

# Queen Construction Liaison Committee

April 9, 2024

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# Agenda

## Welcome (10 minutes)

- Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Safety Moment

## Presentation (25 minutes)

- Advanced Works update
- York Street track construction update
- OTG construction update

## Discussion (25 minutes)







# Safety Moment

## Commute Safely on Transit

Whether you're taking the subway or the GO Train, safety is paramount.

Here are quick tips for a safer rail commute:

- 1. Mind the gap:** Watch your step and be mindful of the gap between the platform and the train.
- 2. Hold on:** Always grip handrails or grab bars while the train is moving to prevent falls.
- 3. Stay alert:** Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity or items to transit staff.
- 4. Respect personal space:** Avoid crowding fellow passengers and keep bags clear of walkways to prevent accidents.
- 5. Watch your step:** Be cautious when boarding or exiting, especially in adverse weather or low-light conditions.
- 6. Know your route:** Familiarize yourself with the rail system's map and schedule to navigate confidently and avoid delays.



# Previous CLC Actions Items

Action	Response	Status
<b>Metrolinx</b> to share traffic plans for East side construction on York Street, once they have been finalized.	York Street track construction update is provided in this presentation.	Completed
<b>Metrolinx</b> to confirm if noise monitoring monthly reports can be shared with CLC members.	Metrolinx is planning to share noise and vibration information at the monthly CLCs across the alignment.	Work in progress
<b>Metrolinx</b> to follow-up on Toronto Hydro accessing poles on site.	Access to the poles for Toronto Hydro was provided and their work is complete.	Completed
<b>Metrolinx</b> to reach out to DYBIA about ideas around bettering the streetscape after construction.	Metrolinx and OTG to meet with DYBIA this spring to discuss this agenda item and hoarding artwork.	Work in progress



# Advanced Works





# Advanced Works Update

## Recently Completed Works

- All Advanced Works on Queen Street West are now complete
- Enbridge Gas Main Relocation at Queen and James is complete
- Queen Street West handover to OTG complete as of **April 1, 2024**

## On-going Works

- Remaining hydro and telecom works
- Enbridge gas main relocation on Yonge Street

## Upcoming Works

- Remaining hydro and telecom works
- Advanced Works contract demobilization
- Queen Street East handover to OTG planned for **May 1, 2024**



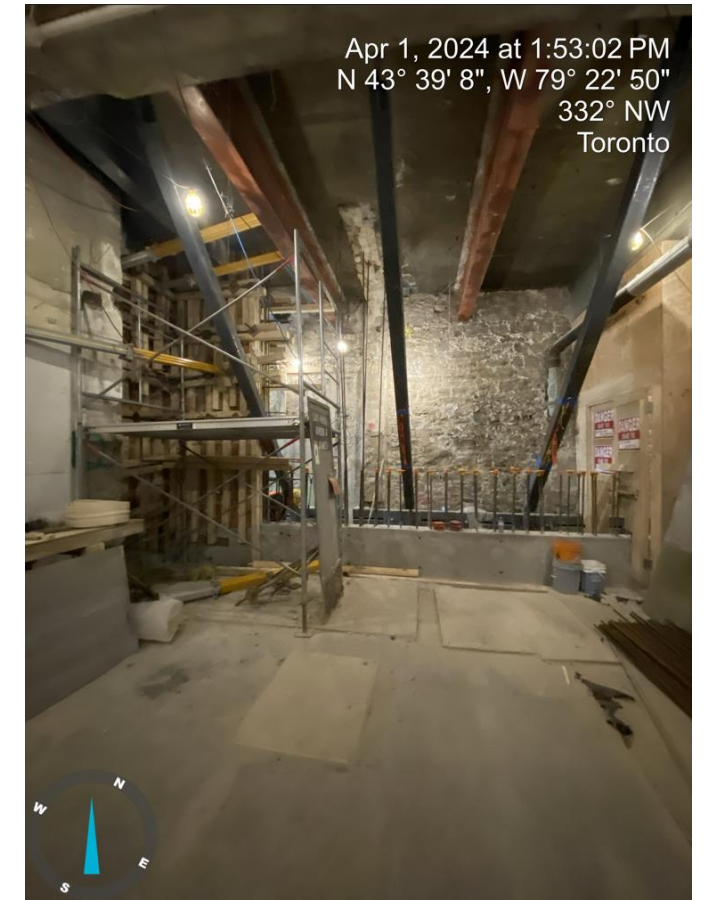
Pedestrian bridge at the CF Toronto Eaton Centre

# HBC Basement and Hydro Vault Modifications

- Crews continue to make **good progress** on relocating existing underground hydro vaults including access modifications at street level, as well as basement modifications within the HBC building.
- Work is taking place above and below ground and is **expected to be completed in October 2024**.
- Street-level vault relocation work has begun requiring a portion of the Queen Street sidewalk in front of Hudson's Bay to be closed. **This work is expected to be completed in May 2024**.



Bracing to support existing basement wall during construction



Construction of new cast-in-place concrete wall



# York Street Track Construction Update

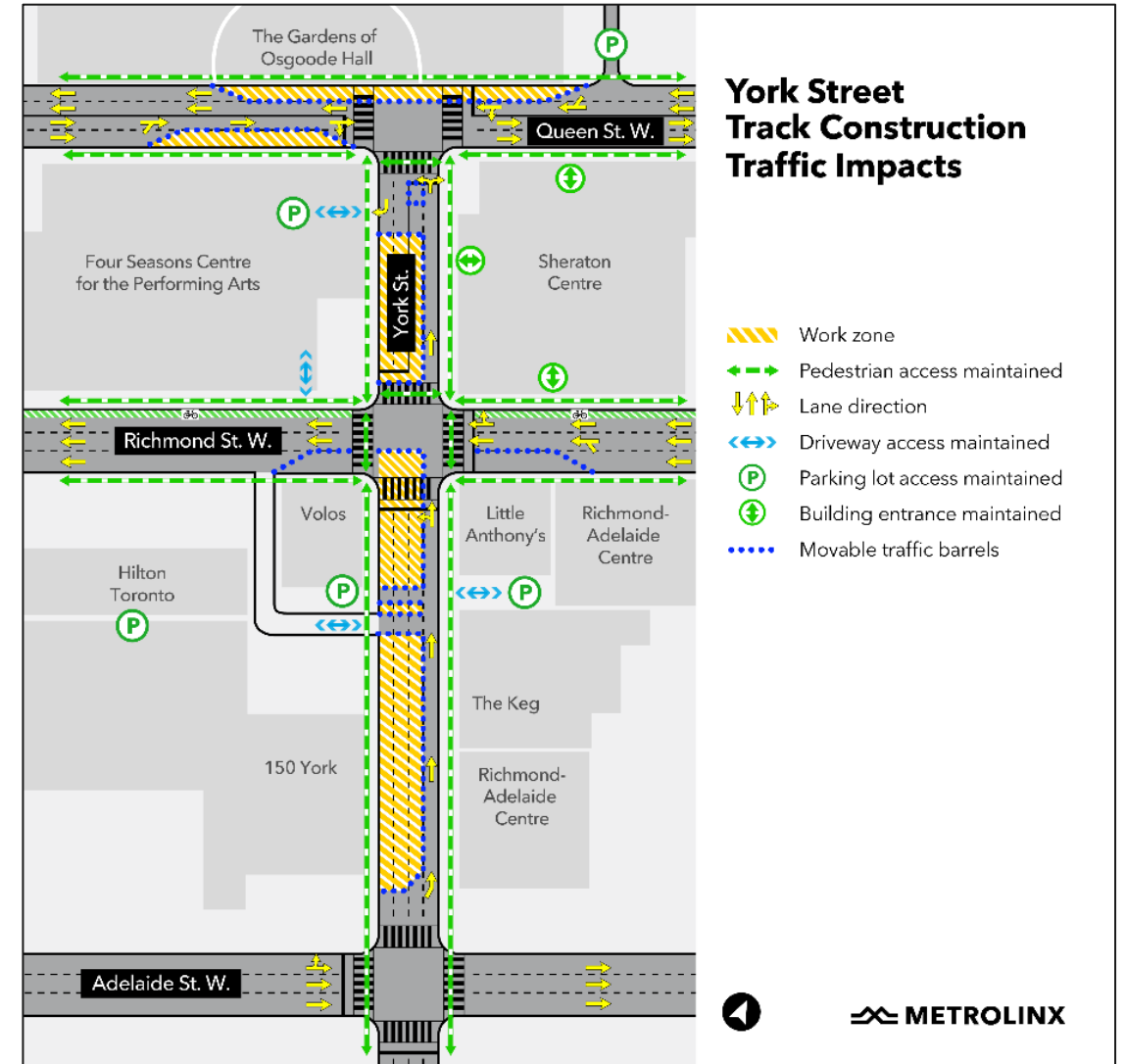






# York Street | Update

- Crews have mobilized to the intersection of the York Street and Richmond Street intersection for **track installation** work. Read the notice [here](#).
- One lane northbound on York Street will be maintained at all times. Two lanes westbound on Richmond Street will be maintained.
- The **eastbound and westbound curb lanes** on Queen Street will be closed and used as a laydown area. One eastbound and westbound lane on Queen Street will be maintained.
- Pedestrian access and bike lanes will be maintained.
- A paid duty officer will be **on-site 24/7** to safely direct traffic.
- Metrolinx will continue to coordinate with property owners to provide advance notice of impacts to driveways or parking lots.
- This sequence of work is expected to be completed by May 10, 2024.
- More information on the next sequence of work will be shared as the project advances



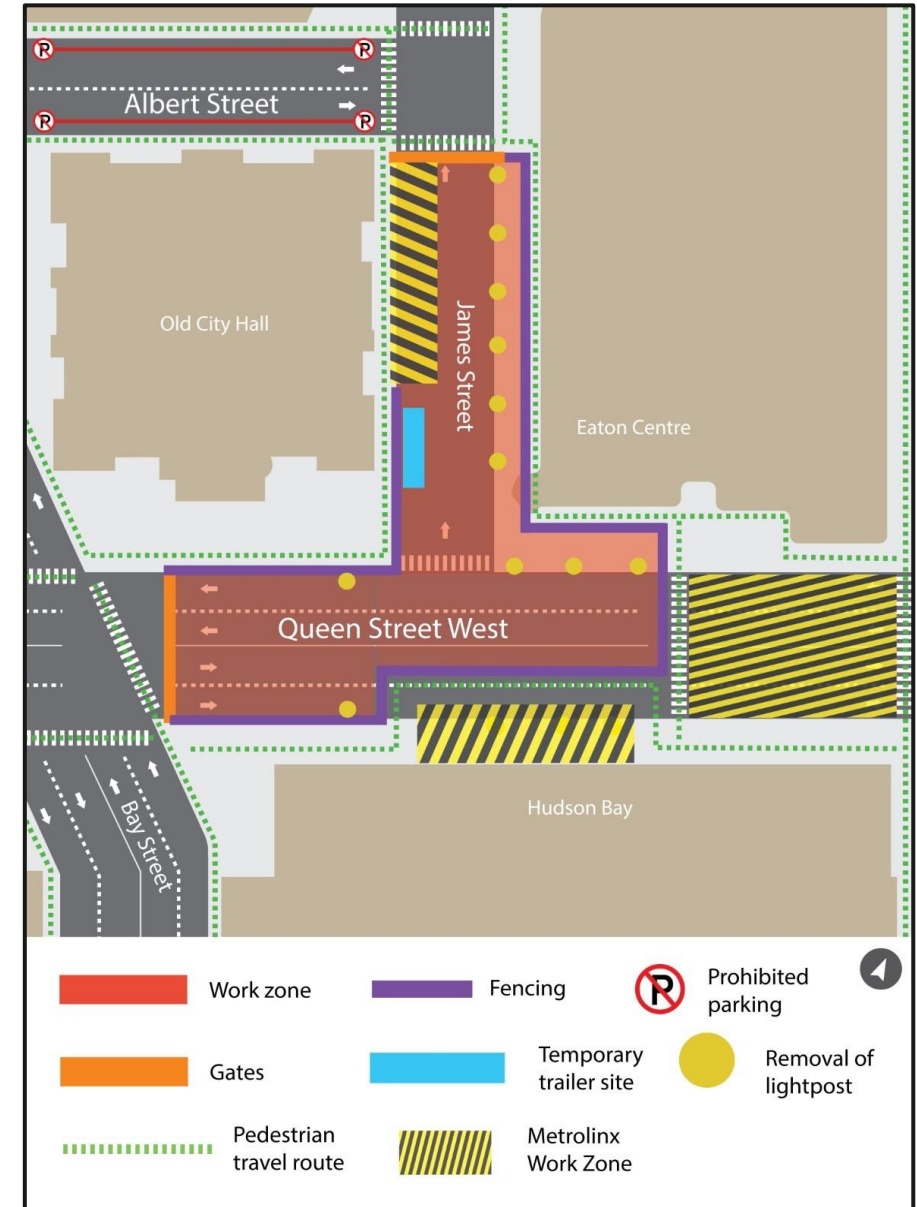
# **OTG Construction Update**



# Site Handover + Preparation

## Handover of West site + Site Preparation

- Queen site to be handed over to OTG in two phases (West and East)
  - West site (near Queen Street West and James Street) has been handed over to OTG as of April 1
- Site preparation activities are underway in the West site, including:
  - Fencing Installation: new fencing will be installed to replace existing fencing; signage to be re-installed upon completion
  - Removal of light posts and overhead cables
  - Utilities decommissioning and installation of monitoring devices
  - Installation of erosion and sediment control devices
- Work is expected to take three to four months to complete



# Additional Work

- **Trench Construction Work**

- Crews will be digging a trench within the existing work zone on Queen Street.
- This work will facilitate the future relocation of the TTC Feeder Cable on Queen Street West near Bay Street
- Work starts as early as April 9 and is expected to take approximately 1 month to complete.

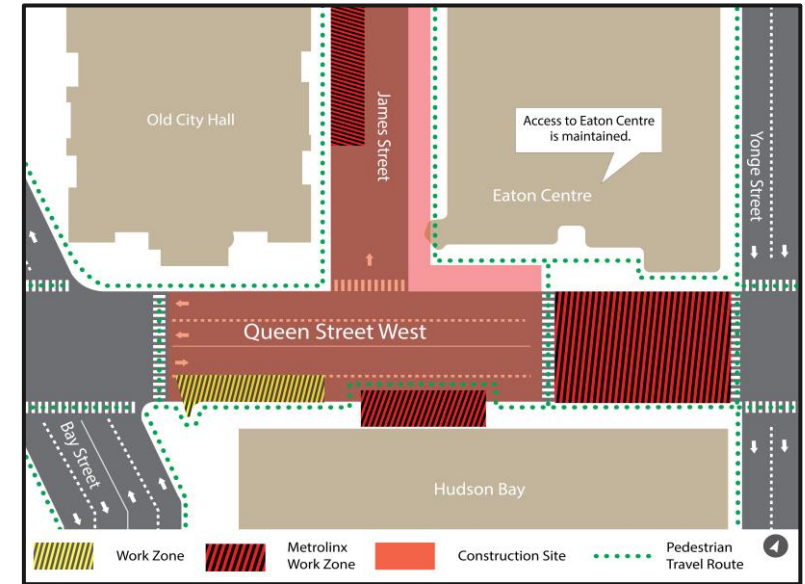
- **Tree Removals + Protection**

- Four trees have been removed on James Street.

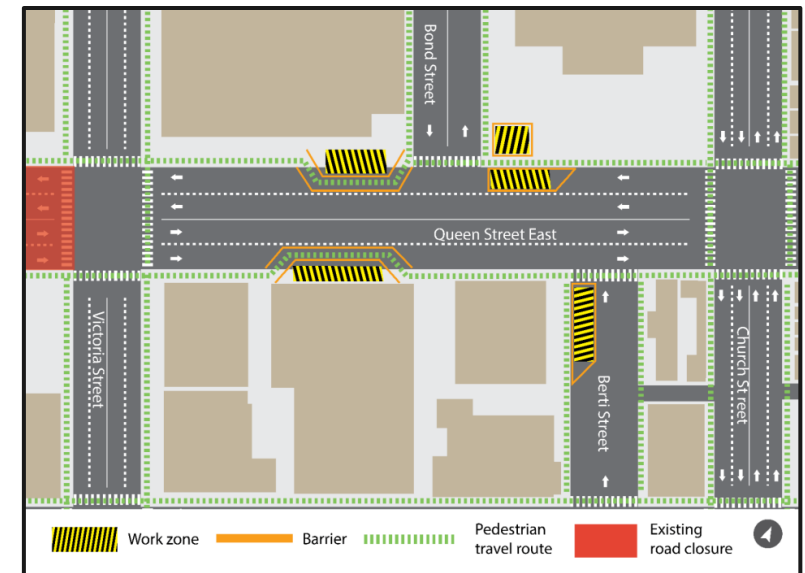
- **Utility and Sewer Investigations and Monitoring Points**

- Monitors have been installed on Victoria Street to facilitate investigative works.
- Additional monitoring device installations and monitoring is ongoing in the area to prepare for the next phase of construction.

**Trench Construction on Queen Street West**



**Utility and Sewer Investigations and Monitoring Points**

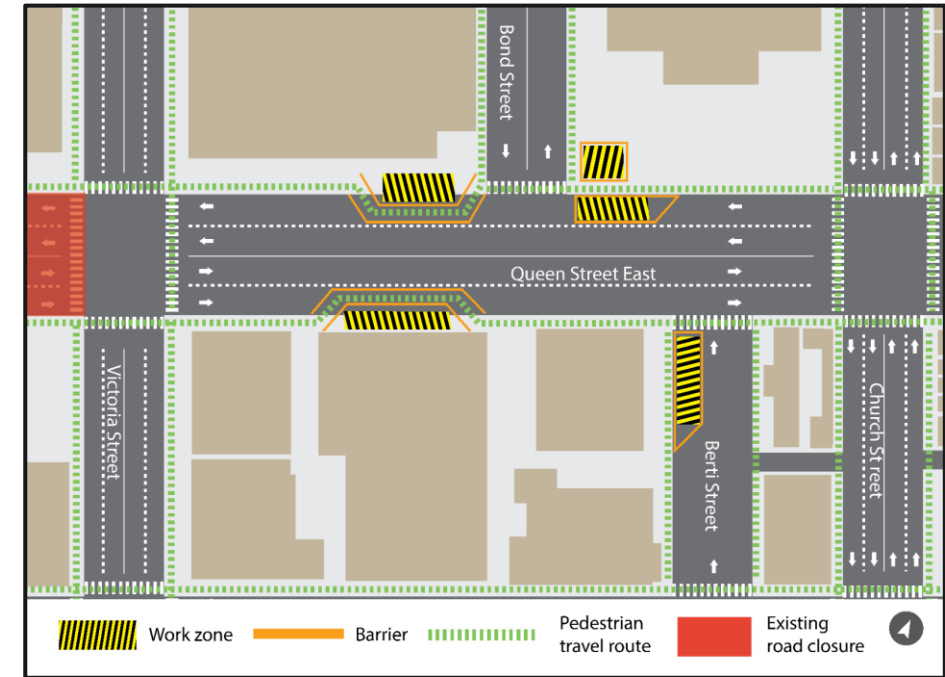




# Upcoming Work

- **Well Decommissioning**
  - Decommissioning of wells within the shaft areas to protect water table.
- **Utility and Sewer Investigations / Monitoring Points**
  - Additional monitoring device installations and monitoring is expected on Queen Street East and Berti Street, see adjacent map.
- **Piling - West Site**
  - Secant pile wall to be constructed; more information to be shared as timing is confirmed.
- **East site handover and preparation**
  - Site includes Queen Street West between Yonge Street and Victoria Street
  - More information to be shared as dates for work are confirmed
- **Traffic Signal Relocations**
  - Traffic signal changes at the intersection of Queen and Victoria
- **Canopies and Planters Removal at 1 Queen Street East**
  - Removal of building canopies and planters to enable future piling activity in this area.

*Utility and Sewer Investigations and Monitoring Points*



# Signage

- Metrolinx recently installed updated signage on the fencing printed on coroplast with an anti-graffiti coating.
- OTG assumed the west side of Queen on April 1 and plan to replace the existing fencing with their own fencing.
- Project signage on the fencing will be removed and reinstalled on the new fencing.
- This fencing will be in place for 3-4 months as site prep work continues
- There will be opportunity for input into the next phase of signage as the work progresses.



Queen Street at Bay - South Sidewalk



# Discussion

# Community Engagement

## Staying connected during construction

### Construction notices and updates

- Prepared and distributed prior to new / impactful construction works; contact us to be added to the distribution list.

### NEW: Monthly CLC meetings

- With the OTG handover, we can confirm CLCs will be taking place monthly moving forward to discuss active construction and share information.
- **Next CLC: Tuesday, May 14 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM (ET)**

### In-person and virtual consultation with residences and businesses

- Our door is open: share any feedback and concerns with us.

### News, progress and information shared in the Ontario Line newsletter

- Sign up for regular updates and information

# We Are Here for You

Metrolinx will keep the community, residents and businesses informed by providing project updates, seeking input and feedback, while addressing questions and concerns effectively and quickly.

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