

Ontario Line

Queen Station

Construction Liaison Committee

August 13, 2024

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Agenda

Welcome (15 minutes)

- Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Safety Moment
- Actions Items

Presentation (30 minutes)

- York Street Track Construction Update
- Advanced Works
- OTG Construction Update

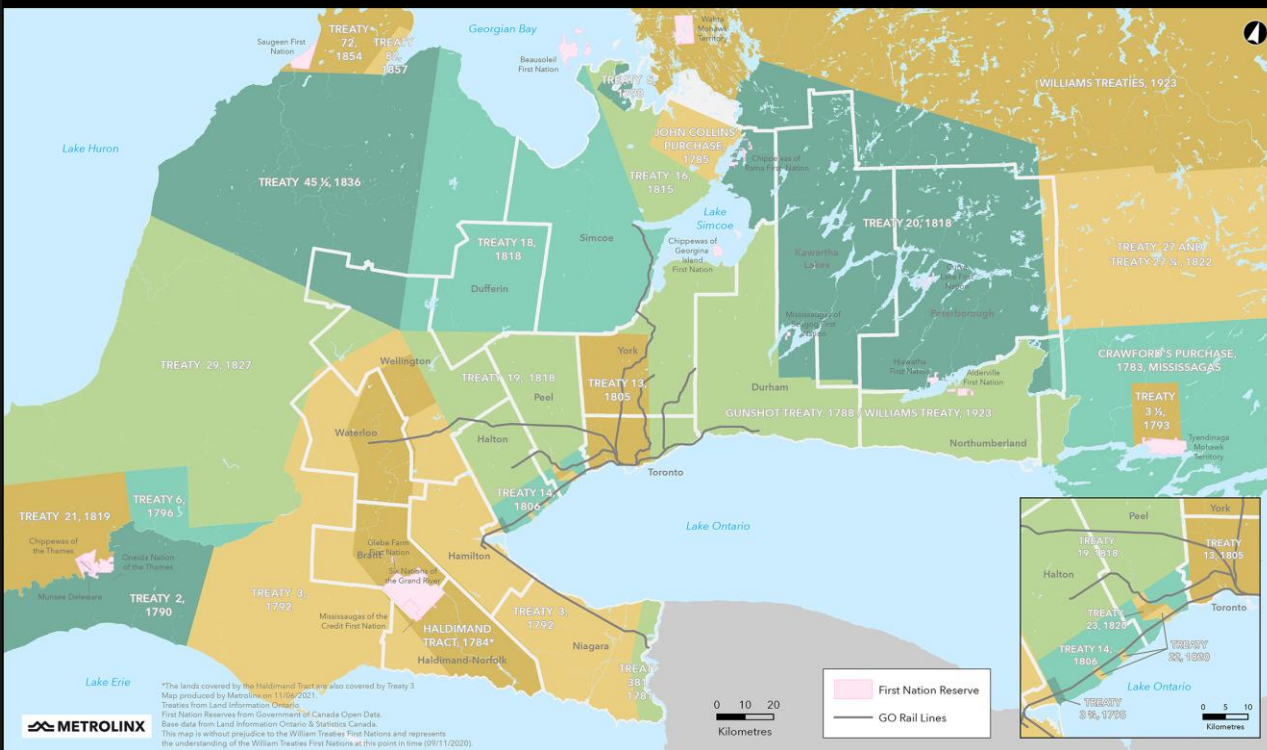
Discussion (15 minutes)

- Questions + Answers
- Contact Us



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Treaties and Reserves in the Greater Golden Horseshoe



Let us take a moment to acknowledge we are on lands that have been, and continue to be, home to many Indigenous Peoples including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, as immigrants or involuntarily as part of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, in this generation, or generations past.

We acknowledge the historic and continued impacts of colonization and the need to work towards meaningful reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on territories and lands covered by many treaties that affirm and value the rights of Indigenous communities, Nations and Peoples.

We understand the importance of working towards reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land. At Metrolinx, we will conduct business in a manner that is built on a foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

Safety Moment

Navigating Construction Zones Safely

As construction activity intensifies in Toronto this summer, it is vital for all residents and commuters to remain vigilant and prioritize safety.

Whether you are driving, walking, or cycling, understanding the risks and safety measures can prevent accidents and injuries.

Here are some important safety tips:

Awareness and Vigilance: Pay close attention to all signage and signals in and around construction zones. These are placed to guide and protect you. Watch out for moving machinery, trucks, and other equipment.

Traffic Management: -Follow the designated pathways and avoid restricted areas. If you are driving through a construction zone, reduce speed and follow the directions of traffic control personnel. Be prepared for sudden stops or changes in traffic patterns. Pedestrians and cyclists should use the designated detours and avoid walking or biking through construction zones.

Public Safety: Ensure that barriers and signage are in place and clearly visible to protect pedestrians and cyclists. Educate children about the dangers of construction sites and ensure they stay clear of these areas.

Reporting Hazards: If you notice any unsafe conditions or hazards in a construction zone, report them immediately to the relevant authorities. Your vigilance can help prevent accidents.



PREVIOUS JULY CLC ACTIONS ITEMS

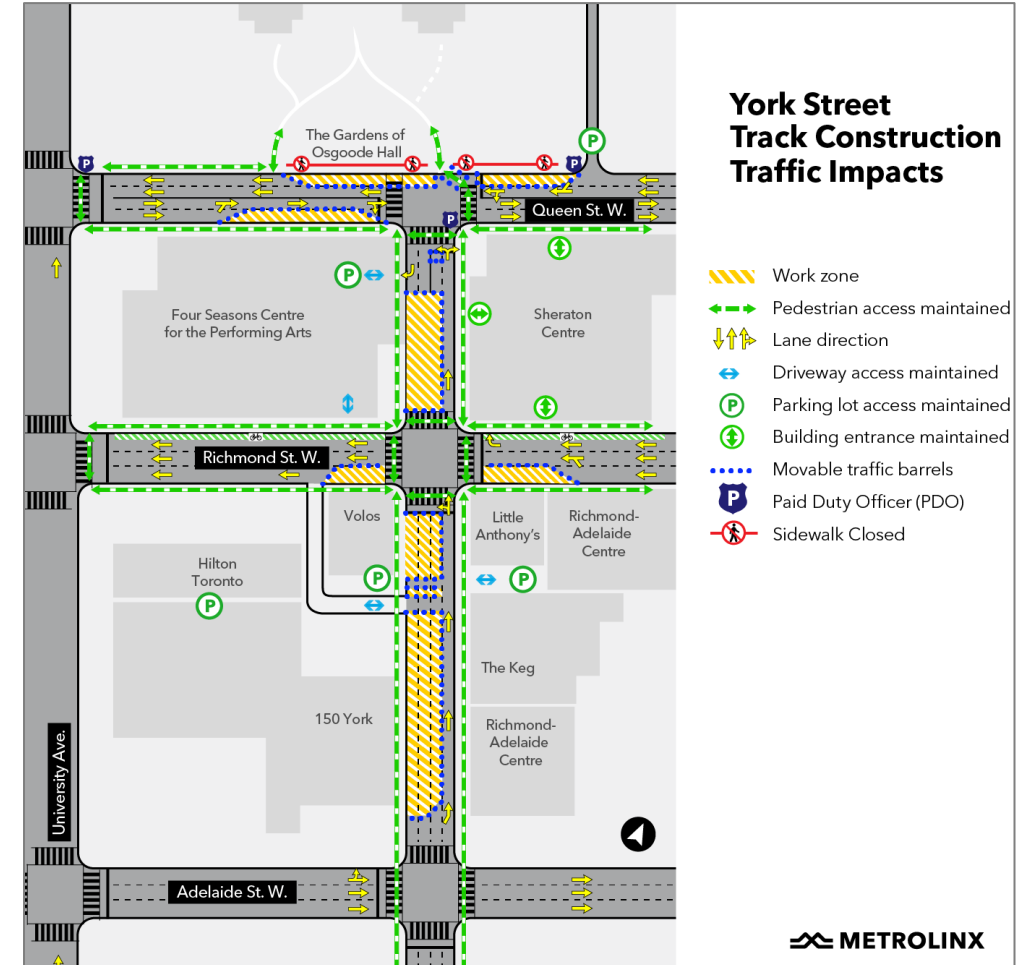
ACTION ITEM	STATUS UPDATE
• No action items identified in pervious meeting.	N/A

York Street Trackwork



York Street Trackwork - Construction Update

- Streetcar track installation is now complete at the intersection of Queen Street West and York Street.
- Crews have shifted to the next phase of work which includes the **installation of overhead poles, surface asphalt installation, and remaining site clean-up.**
- Queen Street West will be restricted to 2 lanes, with one lane eastbound and the other lane westbound. One lane northbound on York Street will remain open to vehicular traffic.
- This phase of work is expected to last four weeks.
- PDO's are on site to help safely direct traffic and pedestrians.
- Once this phase of work is complete, the site will be handed over to TTC to complete the remaining portion of the project. More information will be shared as work progresses.



Advanced Works



Artist's rendering – subject to change

Advanced Utility Works & HBC Basement Modifications Update

Recently Completed Works

- Hudson's Bay street level works are complete

On-going Works

- Remaining Hydro and Zayo cable relocation works.

Upcoming Works

- On-going Hudson's Bay below ground works - expected completion is December 2024.



Hydro vault street-level work completed on July 26, 2024

OTG Construction Update





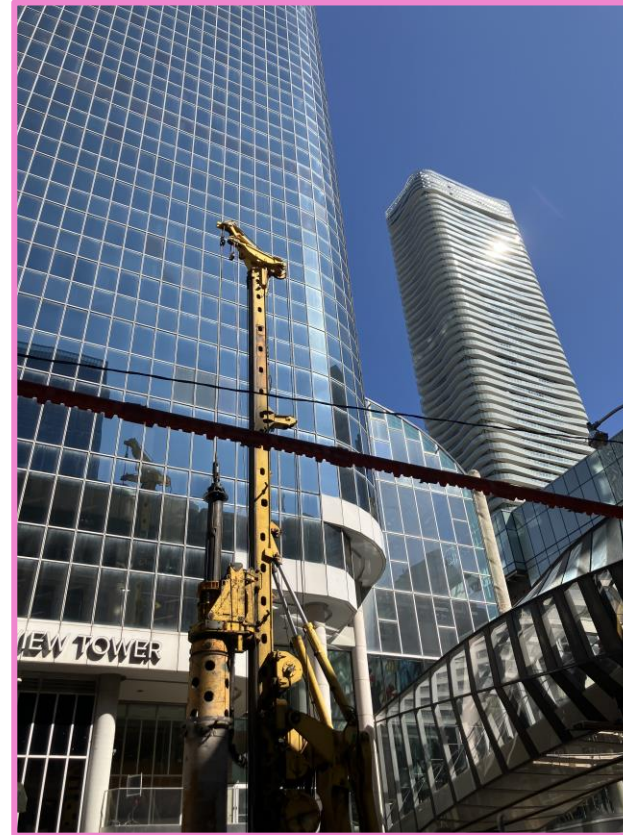
View of the Queen Station west site,
July 2024



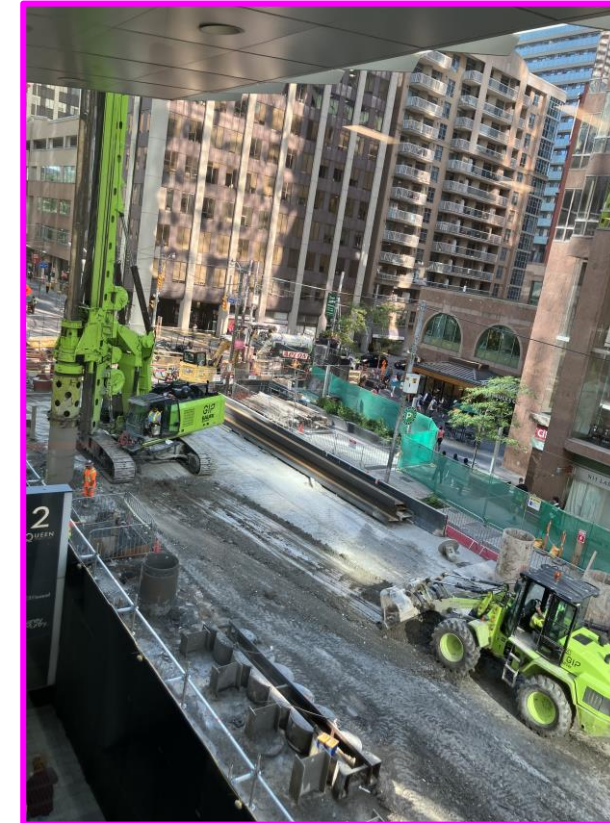
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Work in Progress - Piling

- Pile drilling is underway on both the West (Queen Street West and James Street) and East (Yonge Street to Victoria Street) sides of the future station site.
- Piles installed act as foundations for future excavation work.
- This work is ongoing, expected to be completed by the end of December 2024, and hours of work are weekdays, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

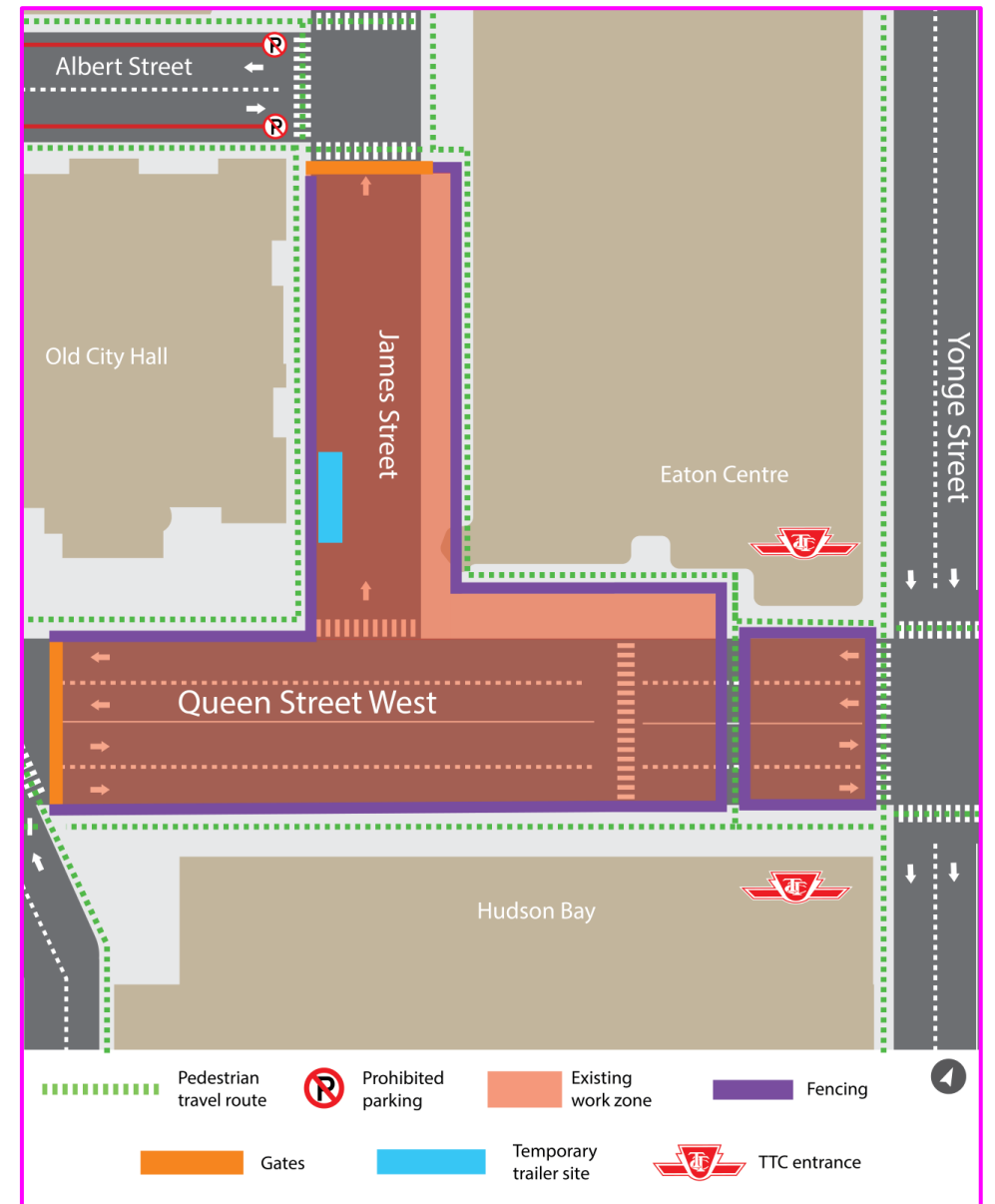


Piling machines on site at the West and East sites



Navigating Queen (West)

- The pedestrian pathway along the south side of Queen Street West, in front of Hudson's Bay Centre has reopened.
- The crosswalk between the north and south sides of Queen Street West (connecting Toronto Eaton Centre and Hudson's Bay Centre) has shifted approximately 20 meters east.
- Crews are committed to keeping the pedestrian walkway between the Toronto Eaton Centre and Hudson's Bay Centre accessible as much as possible; any further adjustments will be share in advanced.



Wayfinding at Queen

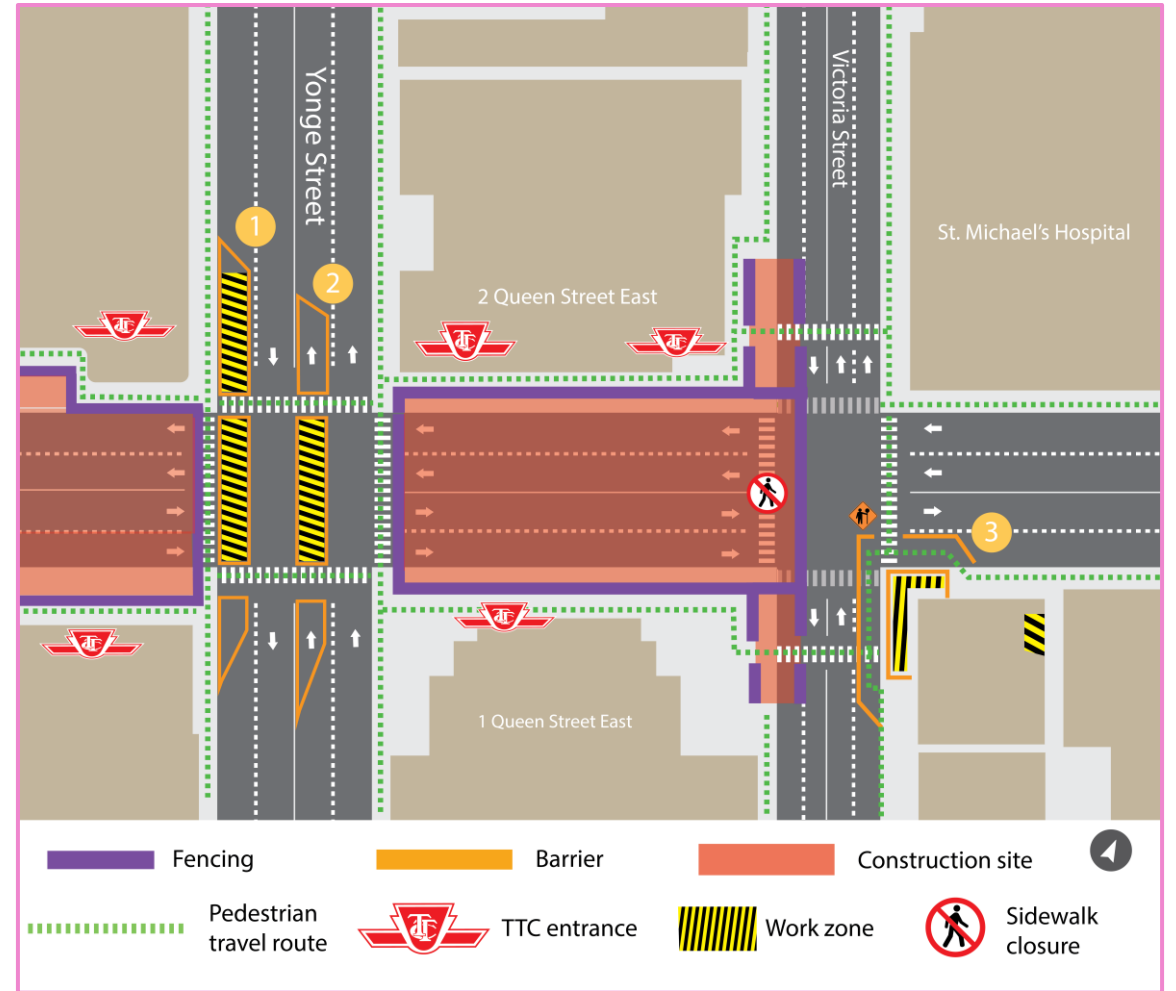
- Reflecting evolving pedestrian pathways, wayfinding signage has been strategically placed throughout the site.
- Wayfinding is designed to direct pedestrians to major intersections and key businesses such as the Hudson's Bay Centre and the Toronto Eaton Centre, which serve as landmarks for the area.
- Subway signage has also been added.
- The current signs are temporary and may be relocated as work requires.
- In the future, wayfinding will be integrated into permanent site signage. This will be planned by Metrolinx and installed once site hoarding is finalized.



Example of wayfinding signage in place at Queen

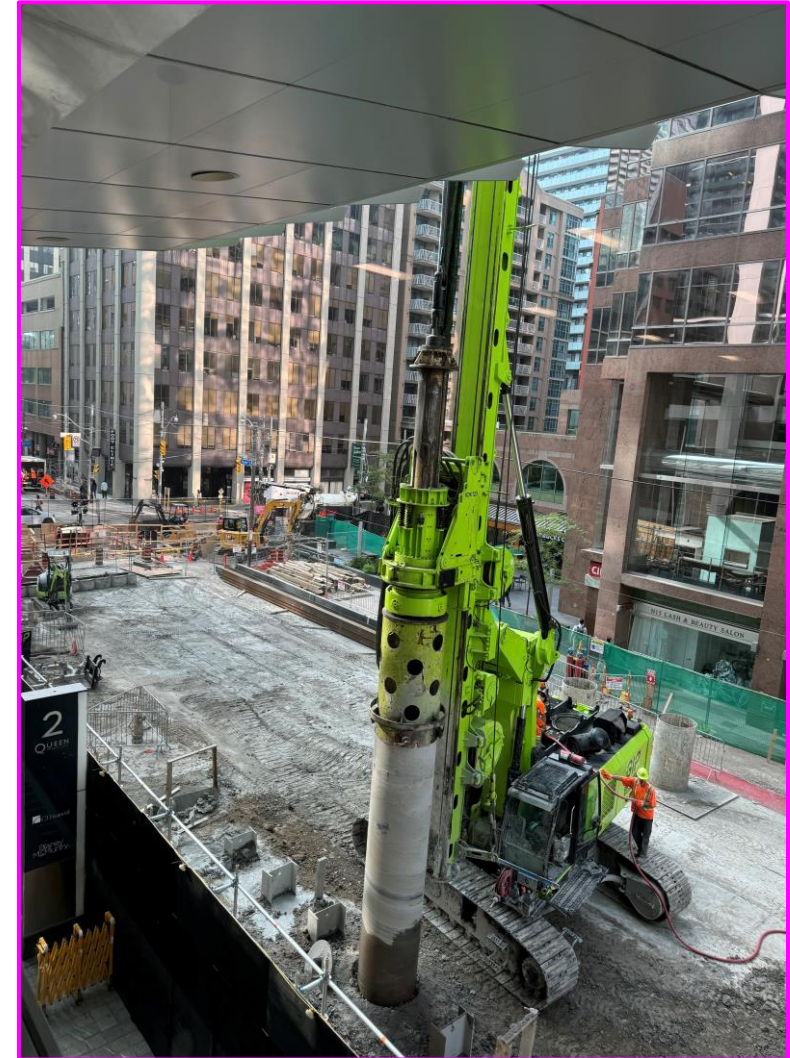
Upcoming Work: TTC Feeder Cable

- Underground TTC Feeder Cable removal is expected to start mid-August, along Yonge Street and Victoria Street.
- The work will move intermittently among the work zones, as it progresses.
- Working hours are expected to be both daytime (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and overnight (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.).
- This work is expected to start as early as August 16 and to be completed at the end of September 2024.



Work in Progress: East

- Pile drilling is in progress.
- Geotechnical Investigations and hydrovacating to locate utilities is underway in the East (Yonge Street to Victoria Street).
- Site preparations for future works, including delivery of materials and equipment.
- Traffic signal changes at the intersection of Queen Street East and Victoria Street are ongoing; signals will be slightly modified at the intersection to allow poles to be removed, and the pedestrian crosswalk shifted.
- The sidewalk in front of 1 Queen Street East remains open to pedestrians; further closures have been postponed and are expected to happen in September. More information will be shared via a Construction Notice.



Piling in progress at the East site August 2024

Major construction milestones to propel the Ontario Line subway forward.

Time	Activity	Details & Purpose
Summer 2024	Site Preparation	Preparation of sites for future construction, as lands are provided to OTG.
Summer 2024	Hoarding installation	Installation of Phase 1 permanent (plywood) site hoarding.
Summer - Winter 2025	Piling	Piling work around the perimeter of the future station ensures structural support.

All timelines estimated and subject to change

Discussion

Community Engagement

Community Artwork

We want to hear from you!

- In fair practice across the south civils alignment of the seven (7) stations of the Ontario Line, community consultation for the artwork panels is underway.
- The community's voice will influence the selected artwork for identified site panels.
- Artwork will appear alongside Ontario Line signage for the project.
- Feedback will be collected through engagement with the community via an online survey.
- **To access the survey, scan the QR code or access via metrolinx.com/ontariolinecommunityart**



Reply by August 23

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.

Monthly CLC meetings

- Regular committee meetings to discuss upcoming works and share information.
- Next CLC meeting expected to take place **September 10** (virtual).

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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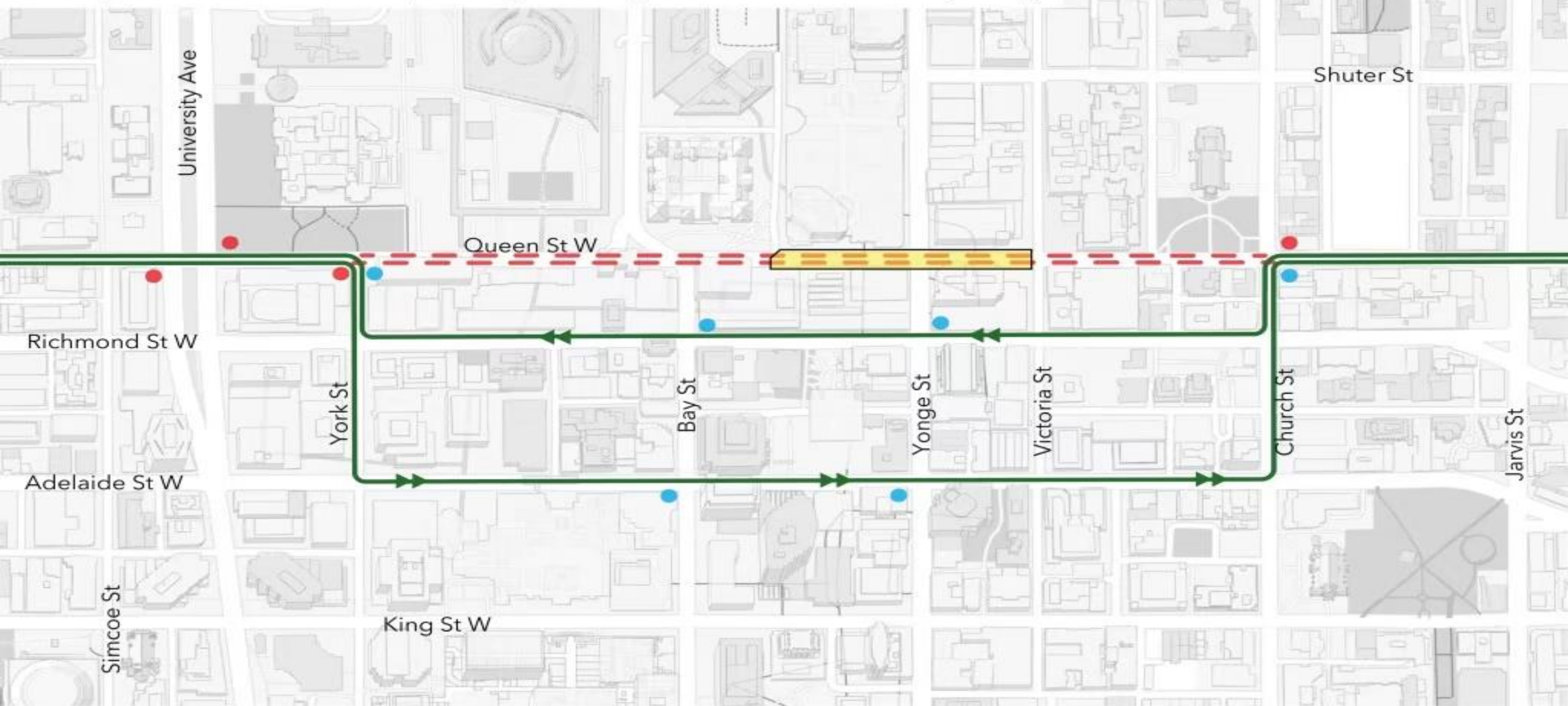
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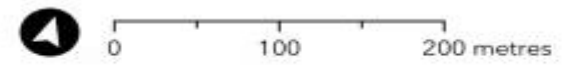
* TTC stop locations and number of stops are subject to change based on future TTC service planning



--- Current streetcar route

— New streetcar route

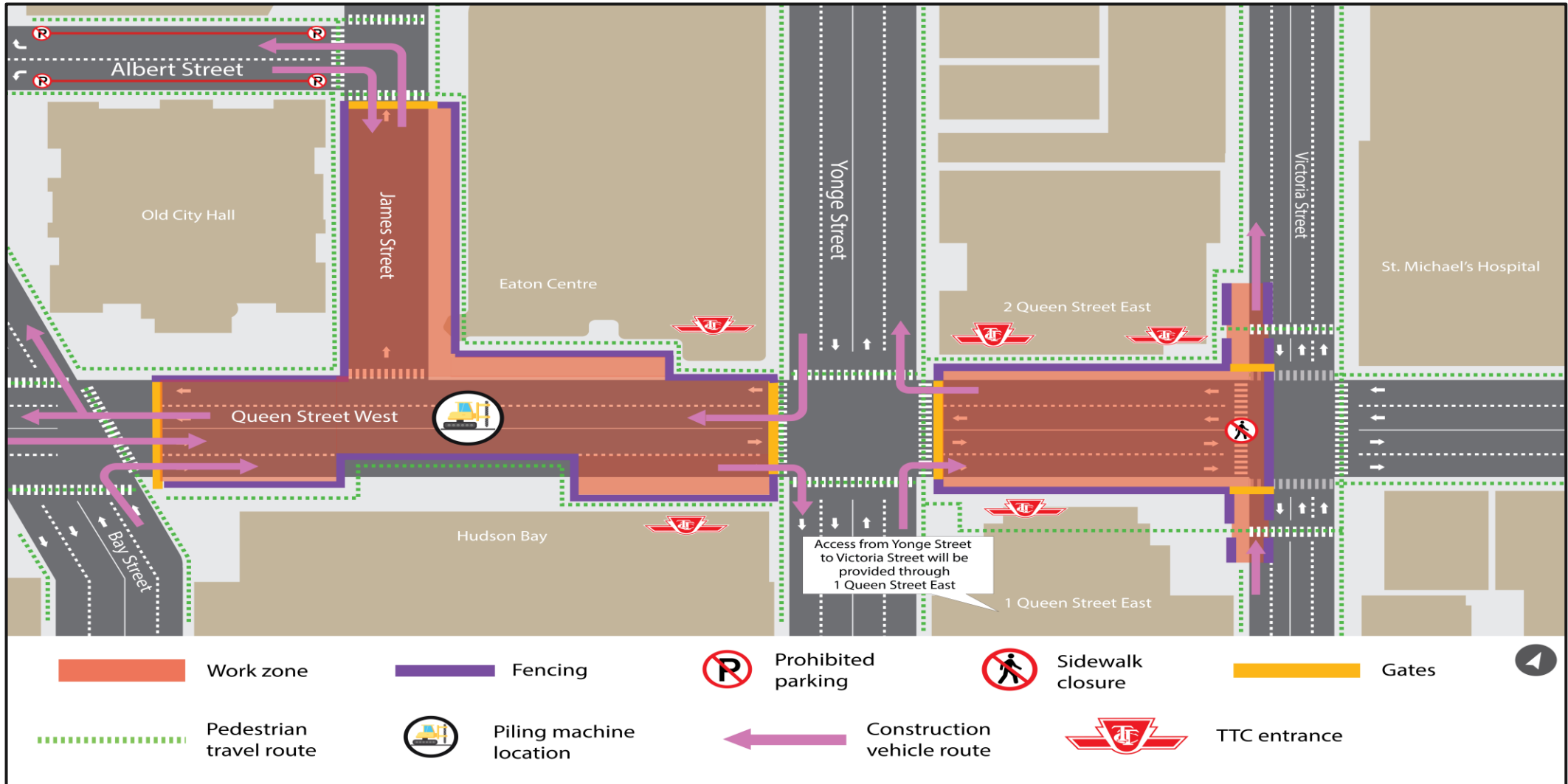
▭ Closed to vehicle traffic



● Current streetcar stop

● New streetcar stop

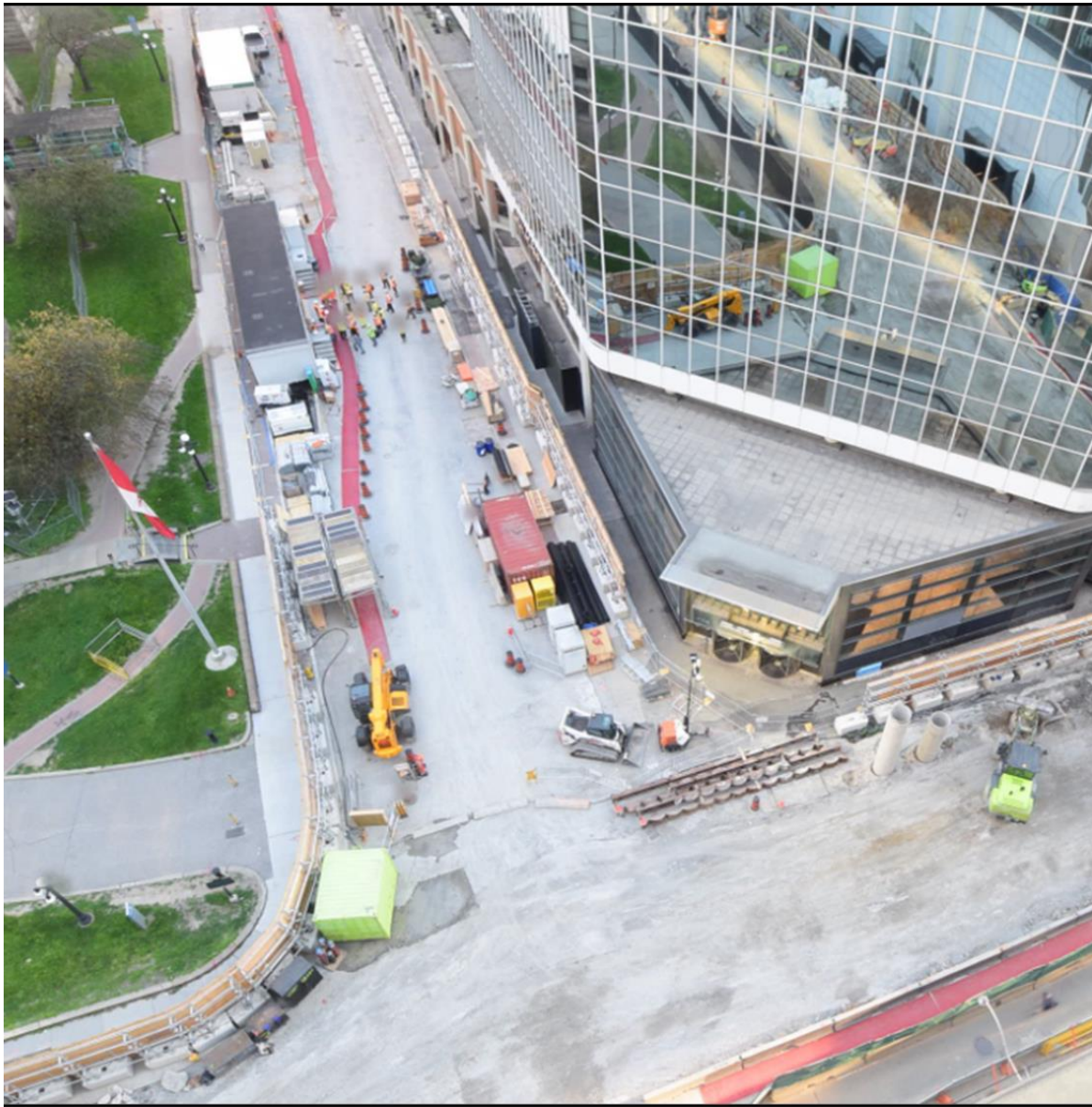
Access Points



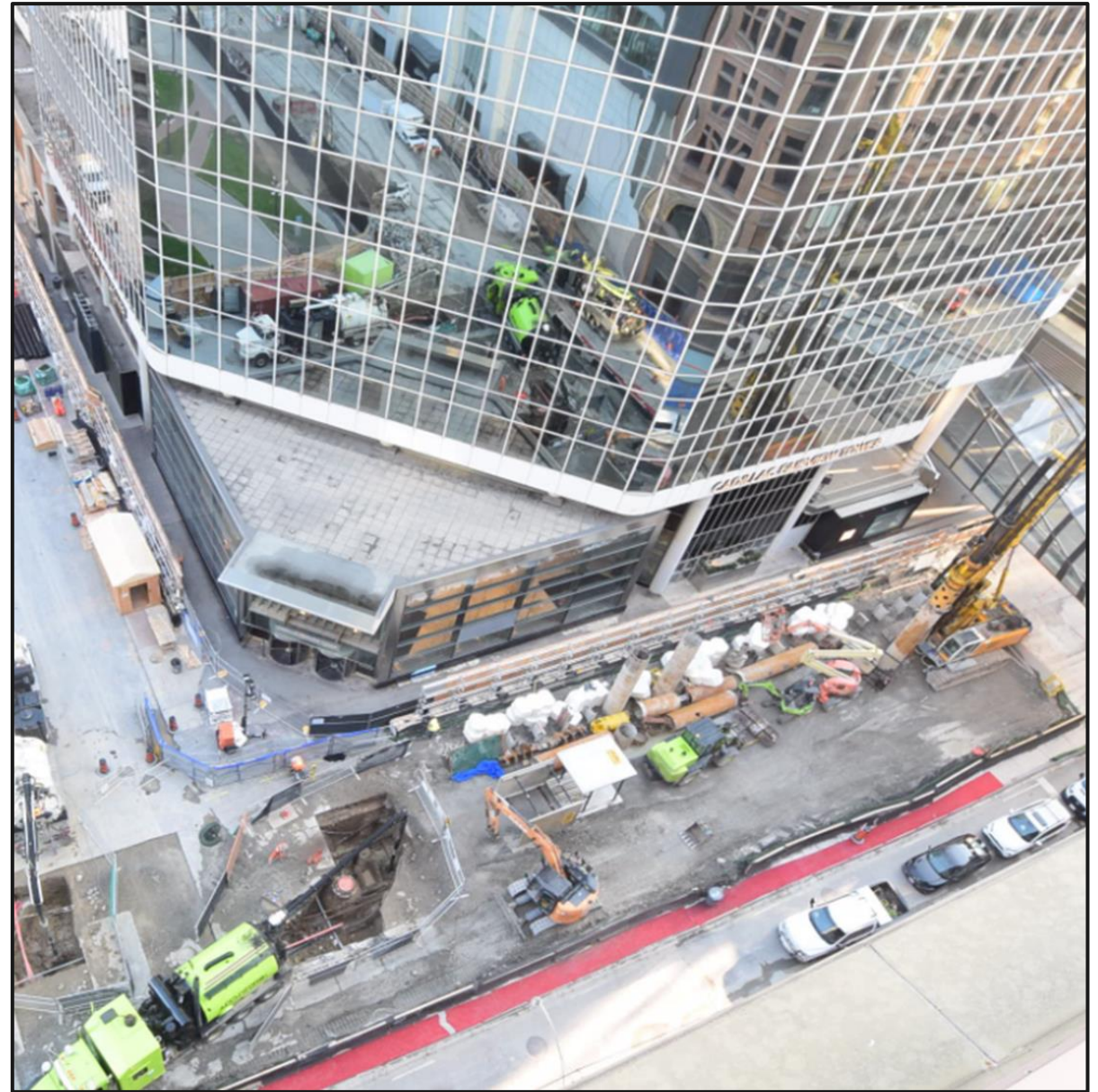
 Work zone	 Fencing	 Prohibited parking	 Sidewalk closure	 Gates	
 Pedestrian travel route	 Piling machine location	 Construction vehicle route	 TTC entrance		

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West Site in July, 2024



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