

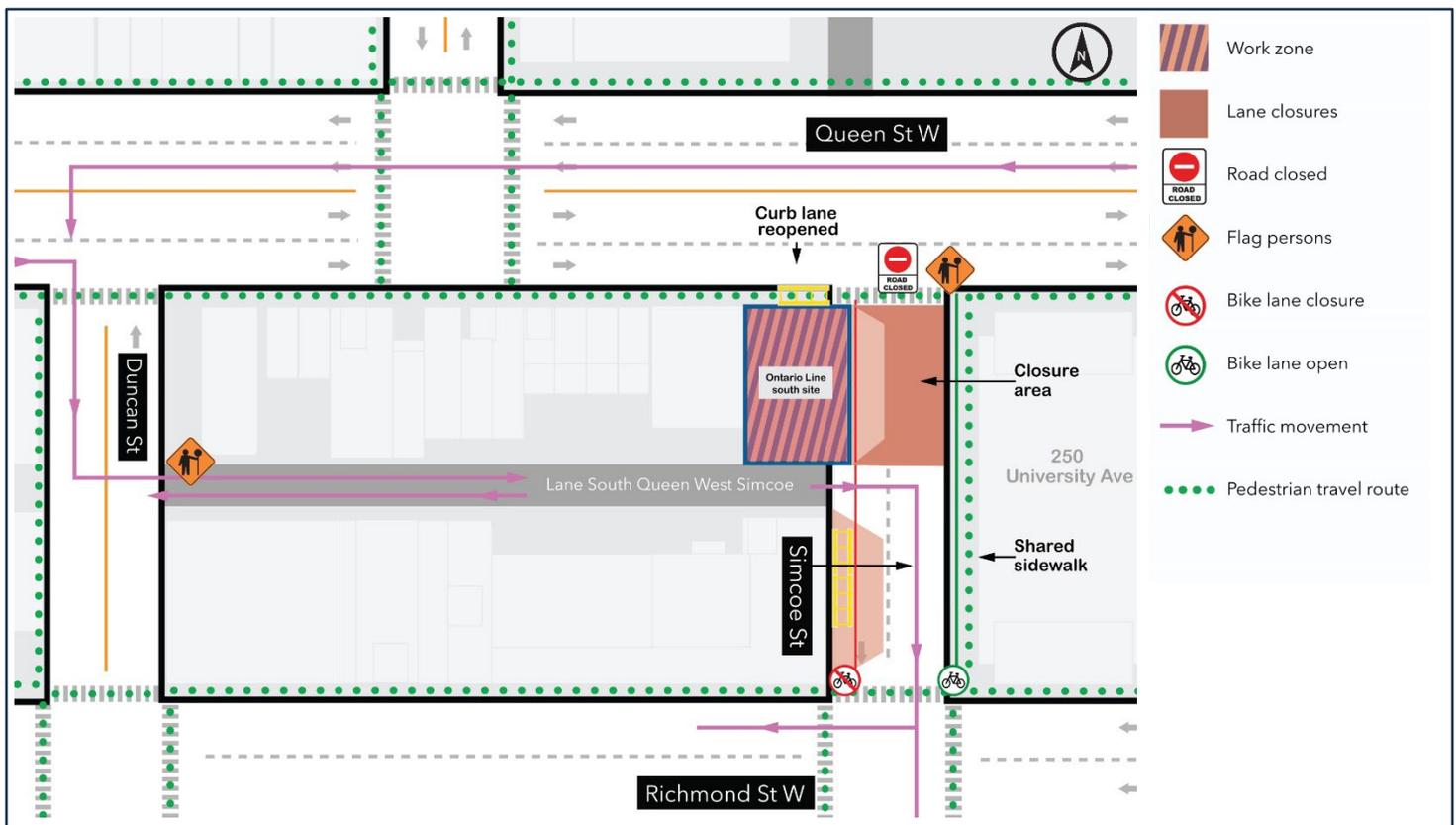
Simcoe Street closure from Queen Street West to laneway

Start date: April 2026

Hours of closure: 24 hours a day, Monday to Sunday

Expected duration: 11 months

Road closure and new traffic route:



What is happening?

To support Ontario Line construction, a temporary closure of Simcoe Street between Queen Street West and the laneway south of the site is required for approximately 11 months. This closure will provide space for storage and safe access to equipment and trucks during construction and allow the closed eastbound curb lane on Queen Street West to reopen.

What to expect

- There will be no vehicle access to Simcoe Street from Queen Street West. Once the closure is in place, the eastbound curb lane on Queen Street West will reopen. Access to Simcoe Street between the laneway and Richmond Street will remain open. See map.
- Pedestrian and bike access will remain open on the east sidewalk on Simcoe Street. The sidewalk will be delineated using barriers. See map.
- Flaggers will be on site at Duncan Street and the laneway to ensure delivery vehicles can access the laneway and keep it accessible during the following hours:
 - Weekdays; 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Weekends; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

To help keep the laneway accessible:

- Garbage and recycling bins should be positioned to avoid blocking the laneway and limiting access to condo parking garage access points.
- No parking in the laneway; according to City by-laws, parking is not allowed, and vehicles parked in the laneway may be ticketed or towed.

Preparatory work

- Sections of Simcoe Street will be closed overnight (9 p.m. to 5 a.m.) as early as March 25 for the installation of safety barriers and to prepare for the upcoming closure.
- The traffic lane, bike lane, and sidewalk will be accessible between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. from Monday to Friday. There will be a partial sidewalk closure on Saturday.
- No vehicle access from Queen Street West to the laneway during weeknights; access between the laneway and Richmond Street remains open.
- Some noise from equipment is expected (e.g., mini excavator, saw cutting), but crews will minimize disturbances where possible; schedule may shift due to unforeseen conditions

About the Ontario Line

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- 15 stops and more than 40 connections to other transit, including GO train, subway, LRT, streetcar, and bus lines.
- Less than 30 minutes from one end of the line to the other.
- 28,000 fewer car trips on the road each day.

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