



MARCH 8, 2022

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #1: Queens Quay West Optimizations

Background

In June 2015, Waterfront Toronto reopened the revitalized Queens Quay West. Since then, we have continued to observe pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle traffic on the street and have also received feedback from members of the public. Through this feedback certain improvements to the public realm and optimizations of Queens Quay West have been identified. Waterfront Toronto will be undertaking this work beginning in March 2022.

- Intersection Optimizations: Two intersections along Queens Quay West - Queens Quay and Bay Street, and Queens Quay and Lower Simcoe Street - will undergo improvements to more clearly delineate areas for cyclists and pedestrians. Improvements include extending asphalt sections of the Martin Goodman Trail through the intersections, extending pedestrian crosswalk markings to the south edge of the Martin Goodman Trail (Lower Simcoe Street only) and relocating pedestrian crossing signal buttons south of the Martin Goodman Trail.
- Planting Pilot: Between Lower Simcoe Street and York Street, vegetation will be planted around TTC streetcar platforms to create a buffer zone between the streetcar right-of-way and pedestrian traffic.
- Sidewalk Maintenance (Granite Pavers): Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken to review and resolve paver settlement along the north side of the public promenade between York Street and Lower Simcoe Street.

Work will begin in March 2022 and is expected to be completed by June 2022.

Updates

Intersection Optimization: On March 7, construction manager, UCC Group will begin initial mobilization. This includes moving equipment on site and installing construction fencing. On March 14, UCC Group will begin construction, starting at Queens Quay West and Lower Simcoe Street. Once intersection optimizations are complete at Lower Simcoe Street, crews will then begin work at Queens Quay West and Bay Street.



Construction areas for intersection optimizations, at Queens Quay West and Lower Simcoe Street.



Construction areas for intersection optimizations, at Queens Quay West and Bay Street.



What to expect

While this work is being completed, construction fencing will be installed around the work areas and portions of the Martin Good Trail between Bay Street and Lower Simcoe Street will be closed. Moderate noise from construction equipment can be expected as well as a minimal increase in construction vehicle traffic.

People cycling through the area have three options: follow the posted signage to join mixed traffic on Queens Quay West, traveling single file; dismount and walk along the Queens Quay public promenade; or, detour around the impacted areas by cycling north to Harbour Street, via Rees Street or Bay Street, and then rejoining the Martin Goodman Trail.

Cycling detour signs will be posted on site and road users should expect reduced speeds on Queens Quay in both directions between Bay Street and Lower Simcoe Street.

Project Partners

Project delivery: Waterfront Toronto

Construction manager: UCC Group

QUESTIONS

Please send your questions to info@waterfrontoronto.ca