

Date: December 1, 2010

Roncesvalles Avenue

TTC Track Reconstruction, Road Reconfiguration and Reconstruction / Resurfacing, and Streetscaping

Construction Update & Public Meeting

Construction Delays

Construction on Roncesvalles Avenue from Queen Street West to Dundas Street West was originally to be completed by late November 2010. The work has not been completed as expected because the contractor could not meet expected timelines. The road will return to normal operations after December 3, 2010; construction will resume in Spring 2011. The work left until the Spring is outlined on the back of the notice and includes some sidewalk, road and gas main relocation.

A temporary break from the construction until Spring 2011 will allow the road to return to normal operation during the holiday season, and also avoid slowdowns to construction that occur when working in cold weather.

Public Meeting

A Public Meeting is being held to present the information in this notice and to give community members an opportunity to ask questions about the project. You are invited:

Thursday, December 9, 2010
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Howard Junior Public School, General Purpose Room
30 Marmaduke Street, at Sunnyside Avenue**

If you are unable to attend, you may send your questions to the contact provided below. Updated "Questions & Answers" will be posted on the project website following the meeting.

Next Steps

Roncesvalles Avenue will return to normal operation after December 3, 2010. The contractor is working on cleaning up the site, making the sidewalks and the road safe (temporary asphalt may be laid in some areas) and removing all construction-related equipment. On-street parking will be available.

TTC streetcar service will return on December 19, 2010. Southbound bus service will be reinstated on December 4, 2010.

Further notice will be given prior to construction resuming in Spring 2011. The notice will include a more specific start date and other details about the work. At this time, it is expected that approximately 12 weeks of additional work will be required to complete construction on Roncesvalles Avenue; the work is anticipated to begin in April 2011.

For more information:

Project website: www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/roncesvalles_reconstruction
Updates, questions and answers and meeting materials are posted

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Questions & Answers

1. What work has been completed to date?

Prior to the winter shutdown, the following are scheduled to be completed to final condition on Roncesvalles Avenue between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West:

- TTC track allowance
- West side:
 - sidewalks from Queen Street West to Howard Park Avenue
 - road from Queen Street West to Geoffrey Street
- East side:
 - sidewalks from Fern Avenue to Grenadier Road
 - road from Fern Avenue to Geoffrey Street

2. What work needs to take place in Spring 2011?

- West side:
 - sidewalks from Howard Park Avenue to Dundas Street West
 - road from Geoffrey Street to Dundas Street West
 - relocation of the gas main from Geoffrey Street to Howard Park Avenue; the majority of the gas main will be under the road on the west side, with a short section to be under the road on the east side in the vicinity of Grenadier Road
- East side:
 - sidewalks from Queen Street West to Fern Avenue and from Grenadier Road to Dundas Street West
 - road from Queen Street West to Fern Avenue and from Geoffrey Street to Dundas Street West

3. Why is the project delayed?

Delays in the construction are a result of the contractor not being able to complete the work within the expected timelines. On November 22, 2010, the contractor communicated to the City that a number of elements (listed in Question 2 above) would not be completed within the scheduled time. Additionally, the section of Roncesvalles Avenue between Geoffrey Street and Howard Park Avenue could not be completed due to Enbridge Gas' proposed relocation of its gas main.

4. When will construction start again and how long will it take to complete all the work?

Work on Roncesvalles Avenue will start again in the Spring of 2011. The detailed schedule and work plan are being confirmed and a notice will be distributed to the community to provide information ahead of construction. At this time, it is expected that work will begin in April 2011 and take approximately 12 weeks to complete. Both the contractor and Enbridge Gas (for the relocation of the gas main from Geoffrey Street to Howard Park Avenue) will begin their work in the Spring.

5. Will there be any sidewalk, road or TTC track restrictions prior to the date when the contractor returns in Spring 2011?

The sidewalks, road and TTC track will be open and accessible. All construction-related equipment will be removed and Roncesvalles Avenue will operate as normal and with parking. Two-way transit will be reinstated on December 4, 2010 and will be maintained until Spring 2011 when construction begins.

Once the contractor returns to complete the work in the spring, restrictions will be communicated through a notice.