

News Release

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City of Toronto's 2018 construction season begins

Councillor Jaye Robinson (Ward 25 Don Valley West), Chair of the City's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, announced the beginning of the 2018 construction season today at the intersection of Parliament Street and Gerrard Street East, which is set to close from May 14 to June 4 for streetcar track replacement. In addition, more than 200 projects, including 60 major projects, are planned for roads, bridges, sewers and watermains to improve Toronto's aging infrastructure.

"Upgrading and renewing the City's infrastructure is essential to keeping Toronto a world-class city," said Mayor John Tory. "This work is necessary to support our busy and growing city, to ensure better roads, upgrade water and sewer infrastructure, and invest in public transit. As always, I will be pushing to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible to minimize any disruptions for pedestrians, transit riders, cyclists and drivers."

In 2018, the City will invest over \$720 million to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure including \$360 million on roads, expressways and bridges, \$299 million on sewers and watermains, and \$61.2 million on basement flooding protection.

"Like last year, 2018 is going to be a busy year on our roads for construction," said Councillor Robinson. "This is critical work that needs to be done. We need to make sure that we're renewing our aging infrastructure to improve the quality of our network of roads, bridges, sewers and watermains."

To help accelerate projects and to minimize traffic congestion during the construction season the City will extend hours for key projects, bundle projects and implement signal-timing changes on parallel routes and enhanced signage at work locations. Many projects will include extended and 24/7 work hours.

Major projects planned for this year include:

- * Replacing the TTC track and concrete at the Gerrard Street East and Parliament Street intersection
- * Six Points Reconfiguration in the area of Bloor Street West/Dundas Street West/Kipling Avenue
- * Harbour Street streetscape and multi-use trail construction until July
- * Resurfacing Eglinton Avenue West between Islington and Jane Street (resuming from 2017)

- * Watermain replacement and road resurfacing on Jarvis Street from Dundas Street East to Queen Street East
- * Watermain replacement and road resurfacing on Adelaide Street East from Jarvis Street to Parliament Street
- * TTC track replacement at the intersection of Dundas Street East and Broadview Avenue and on Dundas Street East from Broadview Avenue to Gerrard Street East (8 weeks)
- * Watermain replacement and road resurfacing on Kipling Avenue from Albion Road to Belfield Road
- * Watermain structural relining on Kennedy Road from Ellesmere Road to Lawrence Avenue East
- * Road resurfacing on Pharmacy Avenue from Sheppard Avenue to Finch Avenue and from Lawrence Avenue to the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks north of Lawrence Avenue
- * Road resurfacing on Martin Grove Road from Lavington Drive to Eglinton Avenue West
- * Watermain replacement and road resurfacing on Dundas Street West from Bay Street to Spadina Avenue
- * Rehabilitation of the Gardiner Expressway from Jarvis to Cherry Streets starting later this year.

This work will result in the completion of about 140 kilometres of road resurfacing work and 300 kilometres of sewer and watermain improvements.

This work is part of the City's comprehensive, coordinated strategy to rehabilitate and upgrade Toronto's roads, transit and underground infrastructure for current and future needs.

To help motorists plan their trip, the City has a web-based map available at <http://www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions> that identifies ongoing and emergency road construction, travel conditions and special events that affect roads.

Information about the City's planned capital construction work affecting roads is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/inview>.

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