

November 10, 2015

Transmission Watermain Replacement On Victoria Park Avenue & Gerrard Street East

Contract: 15ECS-LU-02TT

Start Date: Late-August 2015

End Date: September 2016

NEW End Date: January 30, 2017

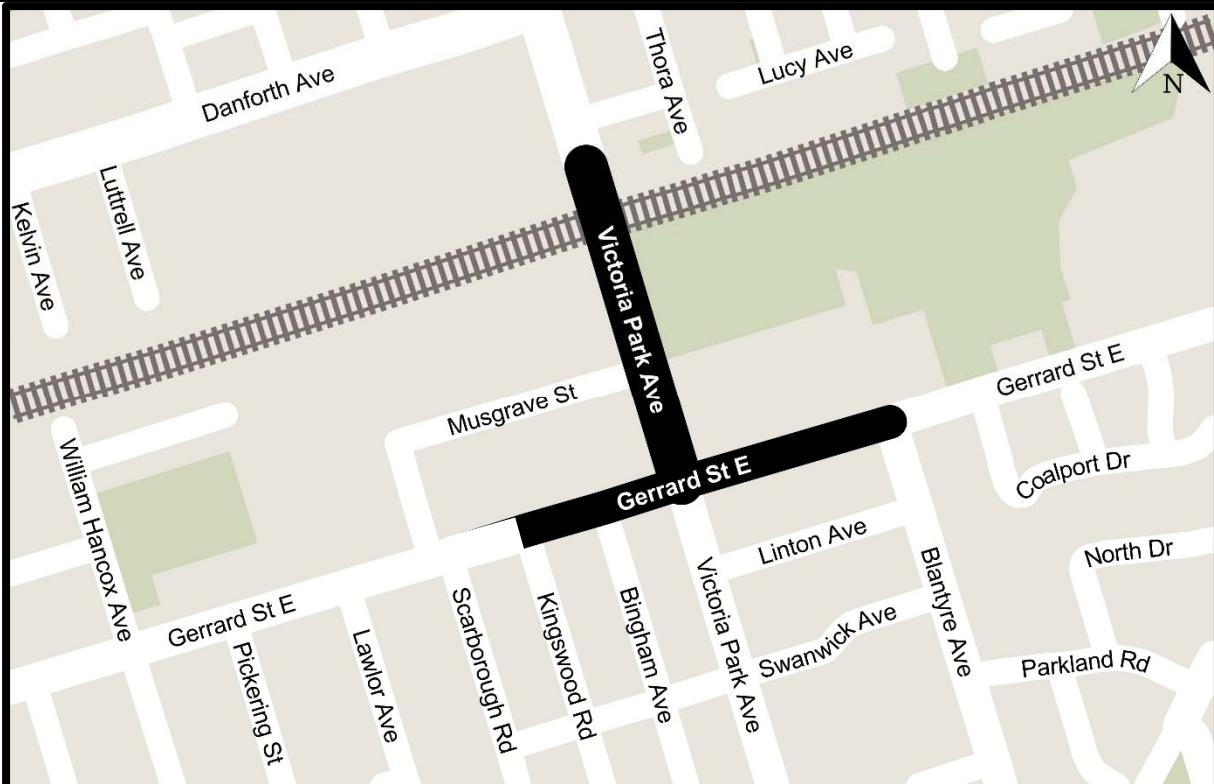
**Timeline is subject to change.*

Since the Fall of 2015, the City of Toronto has been replacing the transmission watermain on Victoria Park Avenue and Gerrard Street East. The previous watermain was 1.8 feet in diameter and about 80 years old. The new main is 2.5 feet in diameter. The project involves replacing 340 metres of watermain replacement along Victoria Park Avenue and 400 metres on Gerrard Street East

Transmission watermains carry water from treatment plants to distribution mains on various streets and run deeper than standard service watermains and their replacement can be complex, time consuming work.

This project was part of the Council-approved 2015 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk water main breaks. Thank you for your patience during this construction project.

MAP OF WORK AREA



COMPLETED WORK





To date the following portions of work have been completed.

- Watermain replacement and permanent road restoration work on Victoria Park Avenue between Gerrard St. E. and Wakehood St.
- Watermain replacement on Gerrard Street East from Kingswood Road to Victoria Park Avenue

The project faced some challenges as the contractor discovered a few abandoned utilities on Victoria Park Ave. and Gerrard St. E. and they needed to be addressed before the main work could proceed.

REMAINING WORK

- The contractor is working with two shifts between Victoria Park and Blantyre Avenue to install the final portion of the main and should be complete by the end of December 2016.
- In January 2017, the contractor will complete final connections and disinfect the main
- The contractor will try to permanently restore Gerrard Street East by the end of 2016, if weather prevents that from happening the road will be restored temporarily for the winter and permanently pave the road in the Spring.

	<p>Work Hours: The Contractor on this project is using extended hours on this project from 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM.</p>
	<p>Water Service Disruptions: From time-to-time, the water supply to your property will be shut-off to complete construction; the contractor will provide at least 24-hour advance notice. Throughout the work, it is recommended that you temporarily disconnect any water treatment systems (i.e. softeners or filters), water-cooled air conditioners or similar plumbing fixtures. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems may also be affected, therefore, you may need to water manually. In the event you did not receive advanced notice, an emergency water shut off could have been necessary.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets.</p>

	<p>Traffic on Gerrard St East and Victoria Park Ave has been reduced to one lane one each direction.</p> <p>Regular traffic operations will resume on Gerrard Street East between Victoria Park and Kingswood Road at the end of November.</p> <p>The remaining portion of Gerrard Street will remain restricted until the end of January.</p>
	<p>Parking: Parking in the active work zone is not permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects the construction work, it will be re-located with no charge to the owner. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at 416-808-2222.</p>
	<p>Garbage & Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></p>
	<p>Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Most outstanding restoration work will be completed in the Spring of 2017.</p>
	<p>TTC Service: This project may affect travel times on the Kingston Road route 12 Bus and Route 135 Gerrard Bus. Visit ttc.ca for accurate schedule information.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote **Contract # 15ECS-LU-02TT**

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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.