



INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 29, 2020
SUBJECT:	Queen Street South Two-Way Conversion Construction Project (TOM2003) (Wards 1 and 2)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1 and 2
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This Information Update is to inform Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council about the start of construction for the conversion of Queen Street South from one-way to two-way traffic operations between King Street West and Aberdeen Avenue.

Beginning on Monday June 8, 2020, construction will commence on contract C15-33-20(TR), the two-way conversion of Queen Street South. This work involves the reconstruction of five signalized intersections, the construction of three new signalized intersections, signage and pavement markings to support the conversion.

The project incorporated the principles of Vision Zero in the design in order to reduce speeds and overall collisions. The intersections and roadway improvements have been designed with a focus on the safe and efficient movement of pedestrian and cyclists. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities standards has also been incorporated such as increased pedestrian and vehicle movement clarity, predictability, and visibility; simplified road crossing tasks; provision of accessible pedestrian signals; and prohibited certain vehicular movements.

Construction, and the conversion to two-way traffic, will be undertaken in two phases:

- Phase 1 - Queen Street South between Main Street West and Aberdeen Avenue; and

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- Phase 2 - Queen Street between Main Street West and Market Street, including a new signalized intersection at Napier Street.

Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed between June and October, and Phase 2 between October and November. The construction schedule and completion timelines may vary based upon the weather and other factors.

For the duration of construction, traffic movements will be maintained on Queen Street South except for the intersection of Queen Street South and Herkimer Street as the removal of the existing traffic island requires closure of this intersection. The closure is anticipated to occur in September and signed detour routes will be established for both motorists and cyclists.

A detailed communications plan will be used to provide up-to-date information to residents about the project and for such things as project progress and detours. The communications approach includes a robust advertising campaign (radio, print, online), media releases, web and social media updates.

Given the significance of this project, the City has launched a dedicated project website to share timelines and details: www.hamilton.ca/queenconversion.

If you require further information, please contact Mike Field, Manager of Transportation Operations at extension 4576.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None