



# LESLIE BARNES & CONNECTION TRACK

Construction Liaison Group Meeting #19

October 22, 2015



# OVERVIEW

- Introduction
- Works to Date
- Safety Walk
- Action Items – Follow Up
- Community Feedback
- Construction Phasing Update



# CLG CODE OF CONDUCT

All those attending CLG meetings will be required to adhere to a Code of Conduct.

- Participants should be courteous, listen to others and respect the opinions of others
- Participants should not request that items outside of the mandate of the CLG be discussed at meetings
- Participants should participate fully in discussions but not dominate the discussion
- Participants should speak one at a time and not interrupt other participants while they are speaking



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- To ensure equal participation, participants wishing to make comments should do so through the facilitator. Participants should remain focused on the set agenda topics; participants wishing to hold private discussions shall move outside of the meeting room while the meeting is in progress
- Participants shall not use foul language
- Participants shall not make derogatory comments based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or disability
- Personal insults toward CLG reps and/or to the third party facilitator and TTC staff will not be tolerated





# UPDATE – LESLIE STREET



# WORKS TO DATE



*Aerial view of the Leslie Barns Streetcar Facility*



# WORKS TO DATE



*The installation of the Leslie Barns green roof, built to Toronto Green Standards*



*On September 21, the first streetcar ran on Leslie Street from Queen Street to the Leslie Barns entrance on Commissioners Street. Testing of systems within facility will continue for the coming weeks*



# ACTION ITEMS – FROM CLG #18





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**ACTION ITEM NO. 1:** The southeast corner of Leslie and Queen will be investigated to improve safety where possible.

**RESPONSE:** The southeast corner of the Leslie & Queen intersection is currently being reconstructed. Old poles have been removed and permanent lane markings at the intersection will be painted to better highlight the crossings.



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**ACTION ITEM NO. 2:** The potential tripping hazard (gaps in asphalt by curb by the eastbound streetcar stop at Leslie will be investigated

**RESPONSE:** The contractor will be installing curb bricks to fill the gap.

**ACTION ITEM NO. 3:** We will follow up with the City about when the bus shelter will be returned to the NE corner of Leslie & Queen

**RESPONSE:** Request submitted to management at City Transportation.



# ACTION ITEMS – FROM CLG #18

**ACTION ITEM NO. 4:** A fall newsletter is being finalised and will be distributed locally and to the wider area reaching approximately 40,000 people

**RESPONSE:** The fall newsletter was mailed out to households in the area, distributed via e-blast and posted on the Leslie Barns project website for download on September 18.





# SAFETY WALK – SEPTEMBER 8, 2015



# SAFETY WALK (SEPTEMBER 8, 2015)

On Tuesday September 8, 2015 a Safety Walk was held with community members. The below action items were flagged:

- Fill pot holes/gaps in asphalt on the south side of Queen, at The Duke - tripping hazard for people exiting streetcar.
  - *Gaps to be filled in by Contractor after duct work completed.*
- Wheelchair ramp into Loblaws parking lot (north end of property)
  - *There was no mobility ramp into the Loblaws plaza prior to construction. As this is private property, TTC can only reinstate what was there previously.*
- Investigate if contractor is to re-paint the stop bar (southbound lane) in the Loblaws parking lot for pedestrian crossing (at south entrance).
  - *This lane is on private property and not included in the contractors lane marking schedule.*



# SAFETY WALK (SEPTEMBER 8, 2015)

- Investigate pedestrian signals at Plaza intersection –pedestrian signal does not sync with corresponding traffic light for east/west movements.
  - *The button must be pushed to activate the pedestrian signal. By pushing the button, it gives more green time to the east/west movement to allow pedestrians more time to cross. If the e/w signal is triggered by a vehicle only, the green time is shorter.*
- Pedestrian signal buttons in odd locations. Not possible to use if on a bicycle.
  - *Traffic signal pole was placed at back of sidewalk as per City design (to allow more sidewalk clearance)*
- Provide advance notice for MGT re-routings:
  - o Southbound on Leslie Street south of Lake Shore
  - o East-west movements on the north side of intersection during NE/NW corner streetscaping
  - *Notice provided via email to cycling community contacts (Ward30 Bikes etc) and more broadly via twitter and on project website*





# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK LOG

(FROM AUGUST 21 TO OCTOBER 22)

TOPIC	CONCERN	ACTION
<b>Sidewalk/ Pedestrian Safety</b>	During sidewalk reconstruction on Leslie, there were two incidences in the same week where plywood paths to homes on Leslie were not in place to allow immediate in/out access.	TTC was on site and flagged it with the flag person on site, however the resident was trying to leave at that exact moment and had to wait a few moments to have the plywood path installed. The other instance was caused by a sub-contractor error – sidewalk framing was underway and all plywood paths were relocated off site. There was a delay of approximately 20 minutes for a resident.
	The steel plate connecting Sears Street to the curb lane for local access was slippery in the morning due to frost.	The issue was flagged with the contractor who installed grip tape that morning. Grip tape was added to steel plate at Lake Shore as a proactive measure
	Complaint received about a pedestrian detour during sidewalk work on the east side of Leslie, between Eastern and Queen. Residents were not able to access Queen from Leslie and were asked to proceed to Eastern to cross to the other side or to use the laneways behind the homes.	The flag people were reminded to not direct residents through the laneways as an alternative route and were asked to cross residents mid-block whenever possible to allow them to proceed north to Queen with as little detour as possible





# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK LOG

(FROM AUGUST 21 TO OCTOBER 22)

TOPIC	CONCERN	ACTION
<b>Sidewalk/ Pedestrian Safety</b>	A bolt was sticking out a few inches from a manhole on the sidewalk near Lake Shore resulting in a tripping hazard.	The contractor was made aware of this situation and immediately removed the material in question (a bolt in a manhole was not perfectly flush with the sidewalk).



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<b>Traffic /Road Safety</b>	No left turn restriction on Knox was reinstated before access returned to Memory Lane from Leslie	City Transportation had made the decision to reinstate the turning restriction. The concern expressed by the resident was forwarded to the City to reconsider a removal of the prohibition.
	Several complaints were received about the traffic on Lake Shore approaching Leslie Street.	Full lanes on Lake Shore were restored as of September 1, 2015.
	Flag person absent during work taking place between Mosley and Eastern on Leslie. Pedestrians were having to walk around work vehicles without assistance.	The contractor was reminded to make sure that a flag person is always present when work vehicles are parked in the curb lane preventing pedestrian access and also to ensure that if a flag person is on a washroom break to have someone cover their location.



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Traffic /Road Safety	A dump truck was parked along Leslie Street for work in the area which obstructed the view for vehicles exiting the Marigold Condo garage. During this time, there was not a flag person or police officer present to help drivers exit.	A paid duty officer was stationed at the intersection but had relocated to a position that was not helpful for those exiting vehicles. He was asked to move closer to the garage entrance so that he could provide assistance to drivers while the dump truck remained on site.
	Safety concern regarding the traffic configuration on Leslie between Eastern and Queen. The lanes were not clearly marked resulting in a northbound and southbound vehicle travelling in the same lane.	Additional pylons were added in this stretch to help delineate the lanes and proper direction. Dashed yellow lines subsequently installed.
	Several complaints were received regarding extra traffic on Lake Shore as a result of curb lane closures being in place during morning rush hour.	Permission for curb lane closures on Lake Shore is only permitted during off peak hours. The contractor was directed to respect these restrictions and not to begin set up prior to 9:00 am for westbound Lake Shore.



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(FROM AUGUST 21 TO OCTOBER 22)

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Dust/Noise/ Vibration	A truck was idling along Leslie Street in the middle of the night.	The vehicle was related to overhead wire work. The truck is required to run continuously as it operates a bucket lift which allows the workers to access the overhead wires. Notice had been provided to the local residents regarding this activity.
	Vibration concerns were expressed by a few residents on Leslie between Eastern and Queen.	Compaction work for road reconstruction was taking place between Eastern and Queen (on the east side) which was causing the vibration being felt by residents in this area. The vibration monitors were present in the area and did not register an alert. Inspectors were on site to help monitor the activity and vibration levels.
	Track cleaning resulted in a large amount of dust on Leslie Street. Blue mesh had been removed from the access gate to the Marigold previously, resulting in dust to travel into the courtyard.	The process of watering to keep dust levels down was not able to be done during this work as it would create a mud with the accumulation of debris in the tracks and very difficult to clean. Workers did follow very shortly after the cleaning with water to help lessen the dust that was kicked up. Additional blue mesh was added to help minimize dust travel.



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Other	Work vehicles parked in private parking area of business	Issue was flagged with contractor right away and vehicles removed. Contractor reminded that no work vehicles are to park on private property
	Why has the 83 Jones bus not returned to its pre-construction route?	Rolling curb lane occupations occur on Leslie Street while streetscaping and utility work is carried out. Service planning will return to the original route when all lanes are fully returned to Leslie Street
	Complaint received that there was debris left behind in a laneway behind homes on Leslie following the City's garbage collection.	A street sweeper was sent to clean up debris left behind from the City's garbage collection.
	Complaint that utility work to connect homes on Leslie to Toronto Hydro took longer than anticipated.	There have been challenges for Toronto Hydro with the connection to some homes. When dealing with older homes and infrastructure there can sometimes be complications. The team is working to resolve these issues with Toronto Hydro and complete the work as soon as possible.



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(FROM AUGUST 21 TO OCTOBER 22)

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Other	Resident witnessed crews using a private water supply for construction activities in front of the home.	The matter was immediately brought to the attention of TTC and Pomerleau management. The use of the water was immediately stopped and the subcontractor responsible faced disciplinary action.
	A complaint was received by a resident who noticed that surveyors were on their private property without permission.	The surveyors were present to ensure the accuracy of the sidewalk/formwork construction. Although this activity is necessary, notice should have been provided and the surveyor should have also knocked on the door. The community office has requested to be given advance notice should this be required in future.
	Construction materials were left on the sidewalk in front of homes on Leslie over the weekend.	Material was supposed to be removed by the subcontractor before they left for the weekend. Pomerleau was made aware and removed these items on the Monday morning.





# CONSTRUCTION PHASING



# PLANNED CONSTRUCTION PHASING

Leslie Street as of October 22 2015



\*As of October 22, 2015. Subject to change  
 Landscaping south of Lake Shore in 2016

Legend

- Lane Reduction/Turning Restriction
- Vehicle Lane Closure
- Intermittent Lane Reduction
- Closure with specific accesses maintained





# PLANNED CONSTRUCTION PHASING

November 2015 onwards



- Legend**
- Lane Reduction/Turning Restriction
  - Vehicle Lane Closure
  - Intermittent Lane Reduction
  - Closure with specific accesses maintained



**END**

