



Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #18
Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track
August 20, 2015

Facilitated By:

Jim Faught, Lura Consulting

Attended By:

Community Members:

Caron Court, Vivien Leong, Allegra MacDonald, Jo Oppenheimer

TTC:

Niki Angelis, Elizabeth Garkowski, Charles Lee, Lynn Park, Paris Savides,

Contractor (Pomerleau):

Marc Blanchet, Melissa Montgomery

These meeting minutes were prepared by TTC community liaison staff. These minutes are not intended to provide verbatim accounts of discussions. Rather, they summarize and document the key points made during the discussions, as well as the outcomes and actions arising from the CLG meetings.

Welcome and Agenda Review

Jim Faught welcomed the group to CLG #18 and outlined the agenda that included an update on work completed, the follow up to action items from the previous CLG meeting, the community feedback and an overview of upcoming preliminary construction phasing.

Before turning the attention to Elizabeth Garkowski to commence the presentation, Jim went over the CLG code of conduct.

Action Items/Work to Date

Elizabeth gave an overview of the works to date including track installation and road re-opening of Leslie Street between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street. The road was re-opened on August 8, 2015. Sidewalks on the west side of the street were also constructed.



The Action Items from the *previous* CLG Meeting were discussed:

Action Item No. 1: Residents on Leslie Street between Mosley and Eastern request that a plywood path to their homes be constructed a minimum of a day in advance of any work beginning in front of their homes which has the potential to block regular access.

Response: Plywood paths will be constructed to allow front-door access. This will be done for sidewalk construction between Mosley & Eastern as well as those impacted between Eastern & Queen.

Action Item No. 2: Have a pedestrian detour map in place when the temporary pole on the southeast corner of the Queen and Leslie intersection is being removed to advise pedestrians how to get around the work zone

Response: During pole installation at Leslie & Queen, work vehicles were positioned in a way that detour maps were not required. Flag persons were on site to help pedestrians when required.

Action Item No. 3: Review signage at the Lake Shore and Leslie intersection for southbound vehicles. Current signage does not make it clear if it is possible to travel southbound on Leslie from Lake Shore.

Response: All signage that read “Leslie closed south of Lakeshore” was removed.

Action Item No. 4: Review signage at the south Canadian Tire exit. Vehicles are currently getting confused and using the southbound lane to travel northbound.

Response: The lane configuration at this exit has changed and there have been no reports of vehicles using lanes incorrectly.

Action Item No. 5: Provide notification to residents once an updated timeline for sidewalk work on the west side of Leslie, between Eastern and Mosley has been finalized. *Also provide a revised schedule for the sidewalk work.*

Response: Notification of sidewalk work and reconstruction will be provided to all impacted residents on Leslie Street between Mosley and Queen Streets once confirmed.

As per the contractor at the time of the CLG, the revised schedule has sidewalk work commencing as early as the end of September. This is dependent on the completion of utility/sidewalk work north of Eastern Avenue.

Community Feedback

The following summarizes complaints, concerns and suggestions from the period of the last CLG (period of June 19 to August 20, 2015).

The concerns/complaints documented range from:

- Sidewalk/Pedestrian Safety
- Traffic/Road Safety



- Dust/Noise/Vibration
- Other

A full list is available at the end of this document.

CLG Discussion Period

The CLG is a forum for open discussion. As such, questions were posed throughout the presentation. Questions are indicated with a Q, answers with an A, and Comments with a C. Answers were provided by the members from the Leslie Barns project team. Questions that require follow up will be added to action items.

Action Items Overview Discussion

The fifth action item regarding the sidewalk work does not accurately reflect the CLG member's request. She asked that a revised schedule be provided not just notice for when the work would begin. This was amended in the presentation. The representative from the Contractor advised that tentatively the schedule to complete sidewalk reconstruction between Eastern and Mosley was moved to the end of September.

Q: Why did the east sidewalk take priority?

A: Crews needed to be shifted to other areas due to changes in the sidewalk widths imposed by the City. Without confirmed plans from the City, the work on the west side (where changes to the sidewalk drawings were made) could not be planned or scheduled. Therefore the crews moved onto areas that did not require any changes.

Q: My fence was removed and flowers were covered with a tarp in anticipation of this work. Can the fence be returned and flowers uncovered?

A: Yes, we can arrange a time with you to have the fence put back by the contractor.

Q: Do we know how far the new sidewalk will be widened?

A: there are wooden stakes marking out the area between Eastern & Mosley that delineate the back of the new sidewalk.

C: It seems like we have been in a holding pattern for a couple of months. I asked about the schedule for sidewalks at the last CLG. It also seemed like the work stopped to expedite the work between Eastern and Queen due to political pressure.

A: It was a matter of scheduling that work on the west sidewalk was stalled at the same time. Furthermore, the City had not finalised their decision on the final sidewalk dimensions and therefore we had no way of reporting a potential delay.



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C: There is an issue with sight lines at the east side north/south crossing at Leslie and Queen. The old poles are blocking the signal. The curb cut is also at a weird place and there is nowhere for pedestrians to stand safely given the lane marking.

A: This corner will be investigated to improve safety where possible. The old, temporary poles should be removed in the coming weeks (**Action Item**).

C: There seem to be chunks missing from the road (by the curb) located at the streetcar stop in front of the Duke on Queen Street that may present a trip hazard.

A: The potential tripping hazard by the streetcar stop (by the Duke) will be investigated (**Action Item**).

Q: When will the bus shelter at the NE corner of Leslie & Queen be returned?

A: We will follow up with the City about when the bus shelter will be returned to the NE corner of Leslie & Queen (**Action Item**).

C: I was at a public meeting recently and a number of people seem to be in the dark about the progress of work on Leslie Street. Are there any communications going out soon?

A: A fall newsletter is being finalised and will be distributed locally and to the wider area reaching approximately 40,000 people (**Action Item**).

Construction Phasing Discussion

Q: When will the barns be opening?

A: Vehicles will be moving into the Barns in November. How many will be moving in is still uncertain at this time. An opening ceremony date for Leslie Barns has not been announced at this time.

Q: In the last phasing slide, Mosley Street is still blocked off until the end of project, when is the completion date?

A: Mosley is to be completed in September. I will add a notation to the phasing slide.

There was a discussion about the next CLG Meeting to potentially be the last given that work on Leslie Street, north of Lakeshore, could be completed by the end of October. The meeting would also include a “lessons learned” component. However this is to be determined based on the progression of work.

A safety walk is also tentatively planned for the first week of September*. Email confirmation to those who signed up will be sent out.

**The Safety Walk has been scheduled for Tuesday September 8, 2015, pending weather*

Meeting adjourned.



Action Items

1. The SE corner of Leslie and Queen will be investigated to improve safety where possible. The old, temporary poles should be removed in the coming weeks
2. The potential tripping hazard by the streetcar stop (by the Duke) will be investigated
3. We will follow up with the City about when the bus shelter will be returned to the NE corner of Leslie & Queen
4. A fall newsletter is being finalised and will be distributed locally and to the wider area reaching approximately 40,000 people

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The following log shows concerns raised by the community between June 19 to August 20, 2015:

Topic	Concern	Action
Sidewalk/Pedestrian Safety	Martin Goodman Trail detour around work zone at Leslie & Commissioners has cyclists merging with traffic. Request for cones to delineate safe path for cyclists.	Traffic cones were added to create a separated space around work zone. Request was made for cones to be in place for duration of work
	A resident at Marigold reported a section of her fence had fallen down within the construction zone on Leslie.	An investigation was conducted, and it was determined that the fence had not fallen as a result of damage by construction activity. Pomerleau agreed to put the fence back up on behalf of the resident using temporary measures to ensure the safety and security of the resident and their property.
	A request was made to straighten out the 'jog' in the bike path by the temporary entrances to Lake Shore plazas	This 'jog' is an intentional measure put in place as a safety measure. This configuration allows space for cars to turn into the temporary entrances before immediately crossing the path. It also serves to warn cyclists that there is a change in the path up ahead and to use caution.
	The temporary pedestrian path allowing access to 20 Leslie had an area that was uneven, causing a potential tripping hazard.	Cold patch was put down to create an even surface and make the path more stable for pedestrians.



	Pedestrian access on the west side of Leslie south of Eastern was blocked by a work vehicle and no flag person was present.	Truck was removed and a flag person was stationed to help direct pedestrians should this truck be required at this location again.
Traffic/Road Safety	Traffic signal timing for NB traffic on Leslie Street south of Lake Shore	Adjustments to the timing were requested via City Transportation.
	Near accident reported at plaza intersection. Driver indicated that they did not see the stop sign.	The large stop sign was re-positioned slightly to help improve any potential visibility issues. The stop sign currently in place is one of the largest available. It is also positioned at the painted stop bar which should indicate to drivers that they are required to stop. The permanent traffic signals have since been activated and this intersection is now controlled by traffic lights.
Dust/Noise/Vibration	Two vibration complaints from Marigold residents	Some excavation and sub-grade work was taking place near the Duke parking lot that may have accounted for the vibrations.
	Vibration concerns were raised by a resident on Mosley Street. Concern that the vibration may be causing damage to private property.	This matter was flagged with the project team and an investigation is underway.
Other	Overnight work complaint	Overhead wiring work was conducted overnight without prior notice. The work crew finished ahead of schedule at Commissioners and proceeded north of Lakeshore to continue their activities.
	Green bins/Garbage/Recycling pickup missed by City	The City was advised (via Pomerleau) of the missed bins and requested their removal as soon as possible.
	Report of lone worker using saw cutter on a Sunday before 9 a.m.	No work was authorised by either TTC or Pomerleau on this Sunday. It was determined this lone worker operated on his own. The contractor was reprimanded for this event.



	Sidewalk work on the west side of Leslie north of Eastern Avenue proceeded without advanced notification.	Sidewalk work proceeded earlier than anticipated north of Eastern on the west side. TTC confirmed that the formwork necessary for sidewalk construction was temporary and construction was taking place in an area already excavated (as opposed to impacting the garage ramp as previously anticipated). An agreement was reached with the condominium for sidewalk work to proceed. Both agreed on follow-up for an updated permission to enter agreement.
	Fountain on Leslie, south of Commissioners is not accessible	Temporary plywood was put down to allow access. This fountain is also currently not operational and this has been flagged with the City.
	Several requests were made for the sidewalk construction schedule by multiple residents on Leslie Street.	The schedule was not able to be provided as it was still being finalized. Advanced notice will be provided to local residents prior to sidewalk construction beginning.
	Concern regarding the access to private property on Mosley Street as well as the delay in work.	Damage to private property resulting from the temporary plywood path will be restored to pre-construction conditions following the work. Construction was delayed for various reasons.
	Concern that the temporary flexi-post pylons installed to delineate traffic on Leslie would cause damage to the new concrete.	These flexi-posts are affixed to the asphalt using a standard epoxy that in no way compromises the integrity of the concrete. No bolts or drilling is necessary for their installation.