

INSTALLATION OF ELEVATORS AT QUEEN'S PARK STATION

The Toronto Transit Commission has an on-going program to improve public access for persons with disabilities. Preliminary work for street to platform elevator service at Queen's Park subway station will begin late August 2000. Work is scheduled for completion by summer 2002.

EXTENT OF WORK:

- Queen's Park Station will be retrofitted with two (2) glazed elevators, complete with closed circuit television and intercoms, and a wide fare gate to accommodate people in wheelchairs.
- The existing subway entrance at the north/east corner of Queen's Park and College Street will remain but will be modified to give shelter to one new elevator.
- New swing doors will replace existing revolving doors between the mezzanine level and a pedestrian tunnel leading to the Ontario Government buildings.
- Street level construction will take place on the north/east corner at Queen's Park and College Street, including on a portion of the roadway in the intersection.

WORK HOURS:

- Work at the north/east corner of Queen's Park and College Street will take place mostly between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays. Occasionally, the Contractor may need to work later in the day or on weekends. When this happens, efforts will be made to keep noise levels to a minimum and limit the use of heavy equipment after 11 p.m.
- Construction activities in the intersection are planned so that most work that will slow movement of traffic will be done on weekends.
- Work in the station will require occasional overnight activities.

TRANSIT SERVICES:

All transit service operating through the University Avenue/Queen's Park/College Street intersection will be maintained during all phases of construction.

SUBWAY STATION ACCESS:

Except for the staircase entrance at the north/east corner of Queen's Park and College Street, all other access points will be remain open during all construction phases.

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT:

Northbound and westbound lane restrictions will be imposed during work for the elevator shaft in the University Avenue/Queen's Park/College Street intersection. Sidewalk access on College Street adjacent to the north/east entrance will be maintained during construction. Pedestrian crossing on the north side of the Queens Park/College Street intersection will be restricted at times.

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CONTRACTOR'S COMPOUND:

The work area at the north/east corner of Queen's Park and College Street will also be the contractor's compound for material and equipment storage. The compound will extend into some of the green space north of the existing entrance, for the duration of construction. The area that the compound rests will be fully restored after completion of the project.

DETAILS:

Elevator #1 - Will be located at street level adjacent to the existing station entrance at the north/east corner of Queen's Park and College Street. It will provide access between street level and the unpaid area at mezzanine level.

Elevator #2 - Will be located in a newly defined paid area of the mezzanine level directly opposite the Collector's booth, providing access between the mezzanine and the subway platform.

Work areas will be separated from public areas with proper partitions.

We look forward to full implementation of these new features in the Queen's Park Station in 2002, and regret any inconvenience that may be caused as a result of this project.

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