



Notice of Upcoming Work: Southdale Road West Improvements

Date: January 26, 2021

To: Business owner, resident and/or property owner

The City of London and our partners at AECOM Canada Ltd. are planning to reconstruct Southdale Road West from Pine Valley Boulevard to approximately 300 meters west of Bostwick Road, including Bostwick Road and Southdale Road West intersection improvements. The new street design will enhance the pedestrian and biking environment, improve safety, and reduce traffic delays during peak periods by widening the road from two to four lanes. This letter provides you with information about some necessary advance construction work to begin in January 2021 in order to accommodate the Southdale Road West construction scheduled in 2022.

Covid-19 Update: Construction was considered an [essential service](#) by the Government of Ontario. As a result, the City of London will proceed with planned work in partnership with our consultants and contractors. During this time, we will all be committed to closely monitoring construction site conditions to ensure projects are compliant with COVID-19 measures recommended by local, provincial, and federal health officials. If you have questions or concerns, please do not approach the contractor. We recommend reaching out to your City Project Manager by email or phone to minimize direct contact with our project team as much as possible. All aspects of our projects may be subject to change based on further COVID-19 developments.

Advance Construction Work to be Completed:

- **Tree removals:** After careful assessment, it was determined that several trees within the City Right of Way are impacted by utility relocations, future road works, and sidewalk and bike path requirements and need to be removed. These trees will be marked with white spray paint one week in advance of their removal. A tree protection plan has been established for remaining trees and a greater number of new trees will be planted after construction is complete.
- **Utility relocation:** It is necessary to begin relocating utilities this spring. The relocation of certain utilities requires the removal of some trees and/or tree branch trimming. Moving forward, all utilities will be relocated to a utility corridor to reduce the need to disturb new trees.

Transportation Impacts:

During the tree clearing work, pedestrian access may be limited in the immediate location of the trees being removed. Pedestrian, vehicle, and bus access along Southdale Road West may be briefly impacted during the tree removals, which could result in a temporary closure of a sidewalk or temporary short-term motor vehicle lane closure.

Project Updates:

Visit the project web page (london.ca/southdaleirp) to learn more about your construction project, find links to notices and other related content.

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The City is committed to keeping you connected and informed during construction. Please reach out to your City Project Manager at any time.

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