

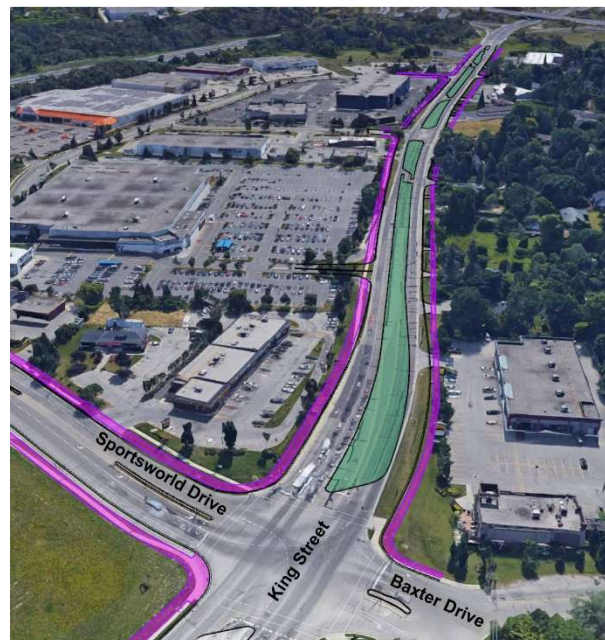
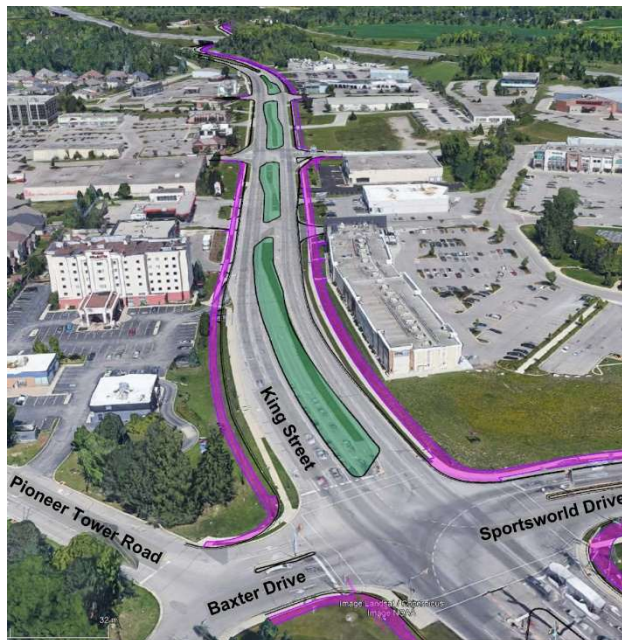
Construction notice: King Street & Sportsworld Drive Improvements June 2026 – December 2026

Sportsworld Drive to Deer Ridge Drive

Notice date: May 29, 2026

About the project

The Region of Waterloo is planning to complete infrastructure improvements along King Street East and Sportsworld Drive. This current construction project is stage 2 of the larger King Street Improvements Project which extends from the Freeport Bridge to Highway (Hwy) #401. Stage 3 (Deer Ridge to the Grand River) is tentatively planned for construction starting in 2029.



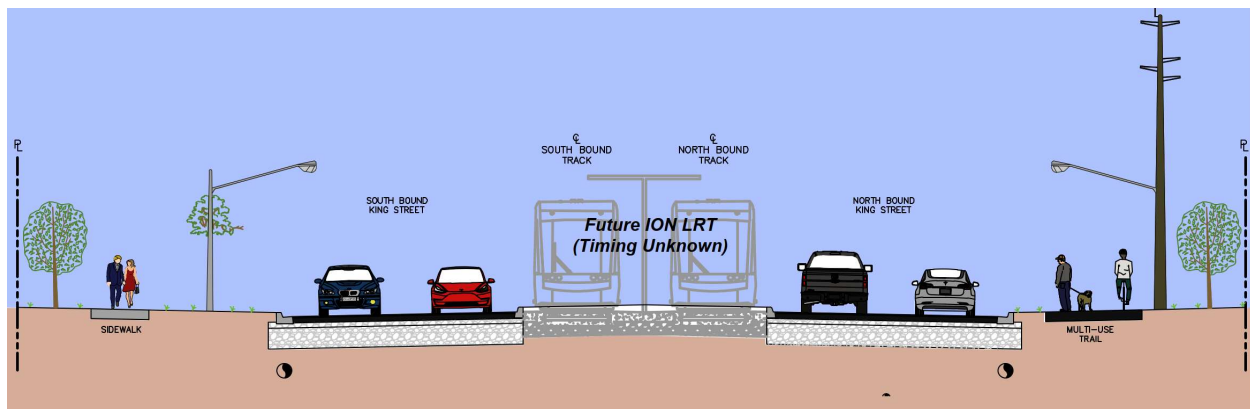
In March 2020, Regional Council approved the design concept for the proposed improvements along the King Street East corridor which include the following items:

- Reconstruction of the existing road to a 4-lane standard
- Replacement of selected sections of the existing storm sewer
- Relocation of City of Kitchener Sanitary Sewers and Watermain
- Minor access configuration improvements and upgrades
- Relocation and upgrades to existing hydro, gas and telecom utilities
- Traffic signal modernization and installation of enhanced street-lighting to current standards

The proposed improvements also include key features related to Active Transportation, namely:

- New concrete sidewalks along the south / west side of King Street from Deer Ridge Drive to Hwy #401
- A new 3.0m wide asphalt Multi-Use Trail (MUT) along the north/east side of King Street from the Freeport Bridge to Hwy #401, and
- A new 3.0m wide asphalt Multi-Use Trail (MUT) along Sportsworld Drive and Maple Grove Road extending from King Street to Fountain Street

The King Street Improvements project also includes planning for the future construction of the Stage 2 ION LRT. While no light rail infrastructure will be constructed at this time, a preliminary design has been completed to guide the roadwork and help ensure future LRT construction can be done with minimal disruption. To make the necessary provisions for the future LRT, the existing centre median will be widened, resulting in an overall widening of the corridor.



Timing for Construction

The proposed construction is planned to be completed in phases as follows:

- Stage 1 – King Street (Sportsworld to 401) – Completed in Summer 2024

- **Stage 2 – King Street (Sportsworld to Deer Ridge) and Sportsworld Drive (King to Gateway) starting on or about June 15, 2026 with targeted completion by December 2026**
- Stage 3 – King Street (Deer Ridge to the Grand River) – 2032–2033

Closures (or lane reductions)

Utility relocations for the proposed works in Stage 2 are underway and will continue into the start of the road construction contract. During construction, traffic will be maintained utilizing a minimum of 1-lane in each direction, plus turn lanes as appropriate.

Property and business access

Accesses to local businesses will be maintained at all times. Every effort will be made to maintain access to residential and business driveways in the construction area during working hours, however access may be temporarily impacted when construction activities are directly adjacent to the driveway access. We will provide as much advanced notice as possible of any access interruptions.

Please expect delays and travel carefully in the construction zone. We request that when driving or walking through and around the construction zone you follow and obey the construction traffic signage for your safety and for the safety of the workers.

Dust, mud and vibration

You may notice slight vibrations from the contractor's equipment during construction. All efforts will be made to minimize adverse impacts from construction including dust, mud and vibration.

More information

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