

Construction notice:

Lancaster Street West

City of Kitchener

Date: May 13, 2026

Elizabeth Street to Bridgeport Road East

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About the project

The Region of Waterloo is reconstructing Lancaster Street West from Elizabeth Street to Bridgeport Road East. This work includes:

- Underground infrastructure replacement including storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and watermain
- Intersection improvements including new traffic signals at Union Street
- Active transportation facilities including boulevard cycle tracks on each side
- New street lighting and bus stop pads
- Utility relocations: This work is currently on-going in preparation for construction
- Surface works including roadway asphalt, curb & gutters, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, aprons, landscaping, pavement markings, and signs

Timing — Starts on or around June 1, 2026

Construction on Lancaster Street West, from Elizabeth Street to north of Union Street, is anticipated to start on or around June 1, 2026 and is scheduled to be completed in late Fall 2026.

Construction will restart again in Spring 2027 on Lancaster Street West from north of Union Street to south of Bridgeport Road and is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2027.

Working hours will be Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with occasional weekend work if necessary.

Please see the key plan for reference on page 4.

Closures

Lancaster Street West will be closed to through traffic from Elizabeth Street to north of Union Street during the first year of construction scheduled for June to late Fall 2026. Only local access will be permitted. Access to businesses within the limits of this work area will be maintained.

Detour

There will be a detour in place for road users who normally use Lancaster Street West. Users will be re-directed to use Victoria Street North, Weber Street, and Erb Street East/Bridgeport Road East.

There may be periods during construction when local traffic will need to travel on a gravel surface, as well as times when local traffic will need to be controlled with flag persons.

Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Paramedics) have been notified of the construction, closures, and detours to minimize any disruptions to services.

GRT disruption

Bus stops on Lancaster Street West between Bridgeport Road and Elizabeth Street, servicing GRT bus route 6, will be temporarily relocated for the 2026 construction season. MobilityPLUS services may also be impacted, please refer to the GRT website for the most current information on transit routes.

See details at www.grt.ca/detours

Pedestrian access

The sidewalks in this area will remain accessible during the project on at least one side of the road. Pedestrians should follow the appropriate signs to navigate through the construction site. All residents are advised to use caution in the vicinity of excavations and construction equipment.

Property and business access

All businesses in the construction area remain open and accessible during construction. Every effort will be made to maintain access to residential and business driveways in the construction area during working hours (7 a.m.–7 p.m.). Construction activities may temporarily impact access to entrances. We will provide notice of any interruption in advance as much as possible.

Please plan for some 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.

Pre-construction property assessment

Residents and businesses in the construction area will be contacted by a staff member from TBT Engineering Limited to conduct a free pre-construction condition assessment. This will document the building's existing condition including any cracks and visible structural or cosmetic defects of the exterior and interior of the property.

If property owners/tenants suspect damage as a result of construction activities, the information from this assessment will help resolve the issue.

Waste collection changes

Waste collection will continue as scheduled during construction. The contractor will move the black and green carts, recycling bins, yard waste, and bulky items as needed and will return empty containers to the correct property the same day. Please label your carts and bins with your address and place all carts and bins at your curb before 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.

Restoration and landscaping

The work on this project includes the reinstatement of affected driveways, sidewalks, walkways, and any landscaping to preconstruction conditions or better. Only affected portions of a driveway, walkway, or landscaping will be replaced/reinstated. We will take care of any sod that is replaced for 60 days. After 60 days, all sod maintenance and watering become the responsibility of the property owner.

Dust, mud, noise, 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, noise, and vibration.

Parking disruptions

If construction activities prevent driveway parking, including overnight, residents will be directed to nearby on-street alternatives and issued temporary permits allowing extended and overnight parking on specified streets. Permits must be displayed on the dashboard, and vehicles must comply with designated areas without interfering with construction. By-law enforcement will continue to address illegal or unsafe parking.

Water service disruptions

Temporary water service disruptions should be expected to allow for connection and disconnection to the temporary water supply. The contractor will provide at least 48-hour advance notice for all planned shut-offs.

Lead water services

For projects involving watermain replacement, it is our policy to notify homeowners if the customer side water service material is discovered to be lead as they may choose to replace these pipes. Lead may leach into drinking water if water sits in the pipes for some time and this can be harmful if consumed in high quantities. Certain populations are more vulnerable to lead. If lead water services are discovered, a notice will be circulated including an information sheet with frequently asked questions and tips on what to do if your home has lead services.

Additional impacts

This work may also affect phone and internet cables for individual properties that aren't buried deep below the sidewalk. The contractor will coordinate with utility companies to minimize disruption. Residents who find their service has been disrupted should notify their phone or internet service provider immediately to start the repair process.

Properties that receive door service mail delivery should not be affected while construction is taking place. If you do experience a disruption in your mail delivery, please contact Canada Post at 1-866-607-6301, visit their website www.canadapost.ca, or contact the Region's representative.

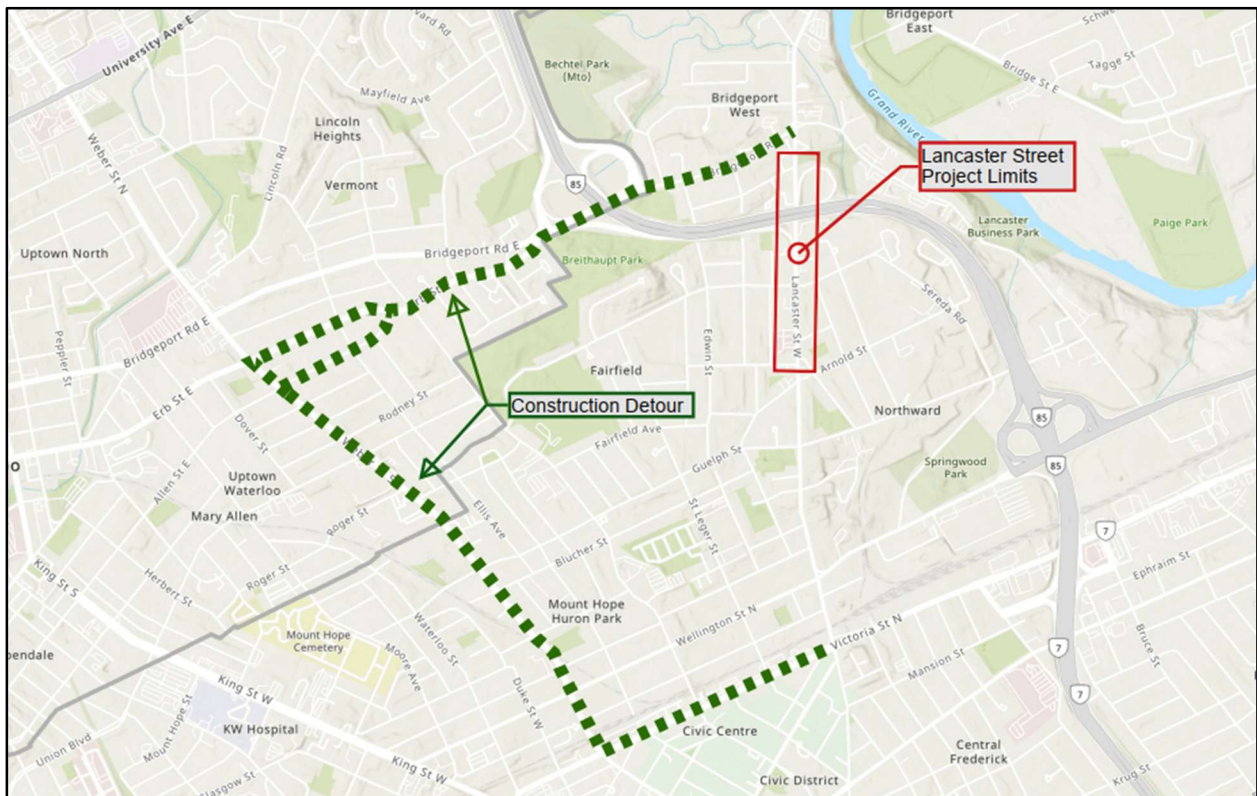
Efforts will be made to accommodate properties that have scheduled move-ins / move-outs and deliveries. Please contact the on-site Inspector in advance to coordinate.

More information

Visit the project page for additional information.

<https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/lancaster-street/>

Lancaster Street West – Construction Detour Map



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