



Main Street Renewal

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On-Going

Here's a block-by-block breakdown of the work currently underway:

- **Harvey Street to Clegg Street:** Placement of sod, placement of green thermoplastic and pavement markings for the cycle tracks, installation of street signs and landscaping for the Public Art site;
- **Clegg Street to the McIlraith Bridge:** Replacement of lateral connections, electrical work and road work;
- **Bridge Approach:** Construction of the concrete sidewalk and road work, and;
- **Rideau River Drive:** Road work.

Upcoming

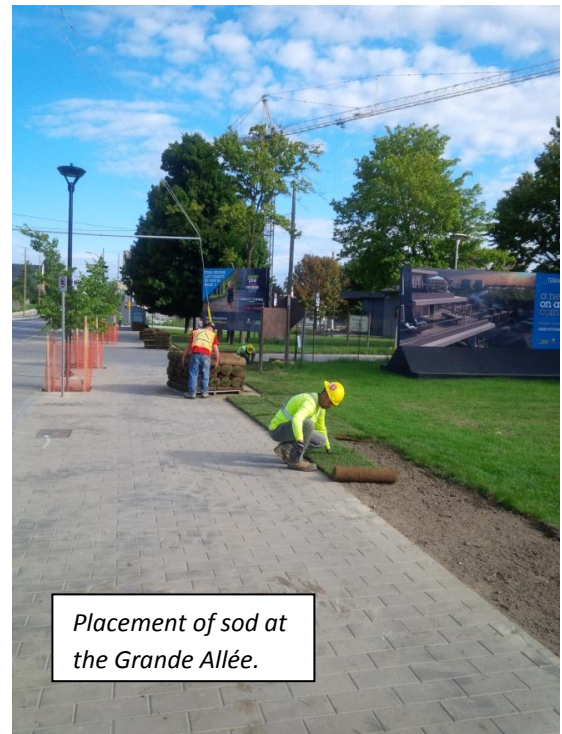
Here are key **new** upcoming construction activities planned for the next two weeks:

- **Harvey Street to Clegg Street:** Installation of street furniture (benches, bike racks, etc.);
- **Brantwood Place Gates:** Placement of stones on the pillars;
- **Bridge Approach:** Placement of base asphalt, and;
- **Rideau River Drive:** Placement of base asphalt.

Traffic

McIlraith Bridge

The McIlraith Bridge will be closed for 10-minute intervals from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. from September 6 to 8 for rehabilitation work. The road will reopen for traffic after each 10-minute interval. These short interval closures will take place during the overnight hours every two weeks until the end of November.



Placement of sod at the Grande Allée.



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Did you know?

An important new feature of the renewed Main Street is the cycle tracks being installed throughout most of the length of the project. Cycle tracks are bike lanes that run alongside a road but are separated vertically by a curb. The cycle tracks along Main Street are the lanes of asphalt between the road and the sidewalks. Cycle tracks provide physical separation from car traffic and provide a safe, well-marked path for cyclists when travelling through Old Ottawa East.

There are rules cyclists must obey when using the newly installed cycle tracks. One important rule is that the cycle tracks are uni-directional, meaning that a cyclist cannot go north and south on the same track. As usual, cyclists must ride on the right side of the road (southbound cyclists must use the cycle track on the west side of Main Street and northbound cyclists must use the cycle track on the east side of Main Street). To assist cyclists, the direction of the cycle tracks is also indicated by painted white arrows and bicycle symbols on the tracks.

When biking in a cycle track, cyclists must yield to pedestrians at intersections and at bus stops. If a bus is at a stop, it is the responsibility of the cyclist to yield to the passengers loading and unloading from the bus. Bus stop locations will be indicated with pavement markings (zig zag pattern) on the cycle track surface. Cyclists must stay clear of the sidewalk and pedestrians must stay clear of the cycle tracks. Check out this short video for additional information:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0B3oIVr5Pk&list=PL7x_Q_KPSo5K6g9bQayRJBB3GGcuhCJlp

Once the cycle tracks are open in September, cyclists and pedestrians will soon become experts in using the new pedestrian and cyclist environment along Main Street – as we have seen along Churchill Avenue, Laurier Avenue, and other great projects in our city!



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