

December 14, 2015

Soil Testing on Steeles Avenue East

Expected Start Date: Mid-December 2015

Expected End Date: Late-January 2016

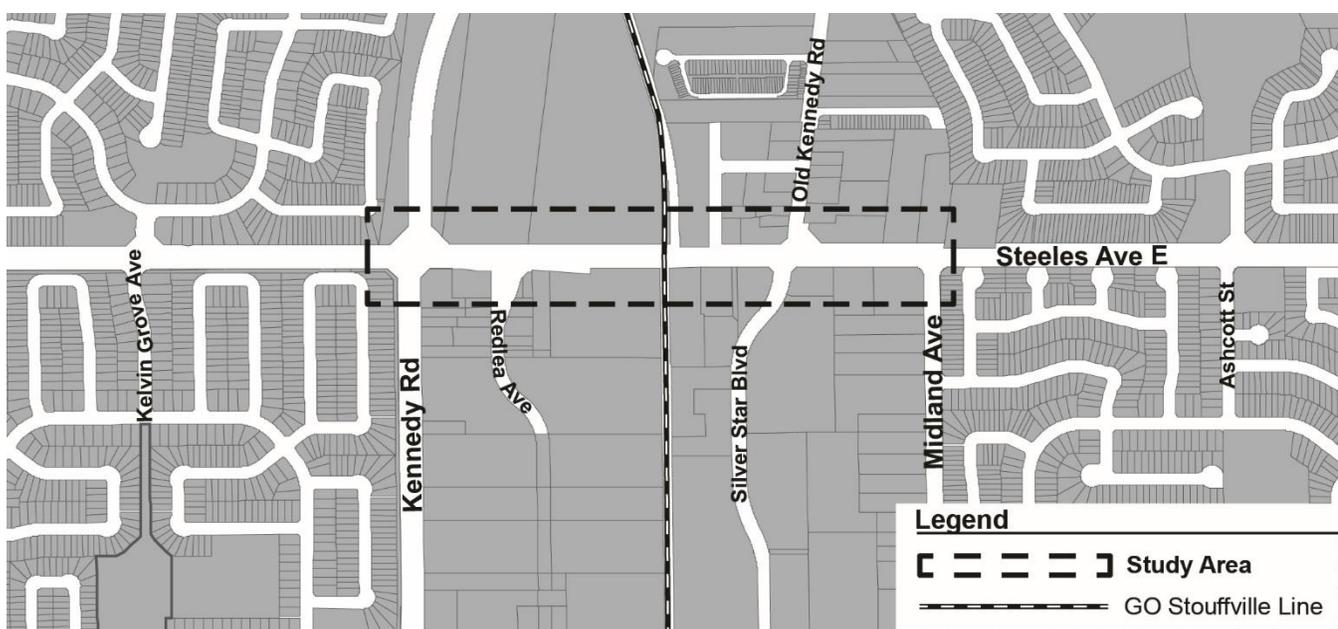
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is in the early stages of an environmental assessment study to improve traffic flow, road safety, and connections for all road users in the area of Steeles Avenue East between Kennedy Road and Midland Avenue. **The Steeles Avenue East Bridge Study** will consider a number of improvements, including:

- Opportunity to separate the road from the railway crossing (road under rail or road over rail)
- Widening vehicle lanes from 4 lanes to 6 lanes
- Adding bicycle lanes and pedestrian improvements

As part of our preliminary site work, we will be taking samples of soil and underground conditions in the work area. Sampling is needed to confirm the conditions below ground and is used for engineering design. **The operation will take approximately one week to complete, and it will occur sometime between mid-December and late January.**

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

- A drilling rig will be set up to at various locations along Steeles Avenue East between Kennedy Road and Midland Avenue to take soil samples along the street on City property.
- A narrow shaft (i.e. hole) will be drilled into the ground to collect soil and water samples from below the surface.
- Once the drilling is complete, at some locations a steel pipe known as a piezometer will be placed into the ground through a borehole.
- The Piezometer will sit about 1.2 meters (4 feet) above ground.
- These pipes will have padlocks on them to provide access for ongoing ground water measurements.
- In the case where a borehole is located in an area where there is traffic, the pipe will be placed at ground level.
- Unloading and loading equipment, as well as drilling within the roadway, may result in temporary disruption to local traffic.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard), such as landscaping and / or decorative objects. If you have a sprinkler system within the boulevard, please contact the Project Manager.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

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|  | <p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with work after hours as required.</p> |
|  | <p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p> |
|  | <p>Traffic Management: Unloading and loading equipment may result in temporary disruption to local traffic. In order to complete the work effectively and in a safe manner, some pedestrian and vehicle traffic restrictions will be necessary.</p> |
|  | <p>Restoration: The work area will be restored with sod and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October). Permanent restoration work will take place within 18 to 24 months.</p> |

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

Pour obtenir de l'aide en français, veuillez composer le 311

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**Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time.
Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.**