



Construction Notice: Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue Corridor and Intersection Improvements

Date: April 22, 2026

To: Business owner, resident, and/or property owner

The City of London will soon be starting reconstruction of Western Road and Philip Aziz Avenue. The reconstruction on Western Road includes watermain replacement and active transportation improvements.

Philip Aziz Avenue will be reconstructed to provide a new urban roadway cross-section, including cycle lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and upgraded sewers.

Construction activities are anticipated to begin in early May 2026. This letter provides details about the project, anticipated impacts, and important construction information.

Project location:

The map below identifies the approximate limits of the construction project area. Work is planned on Western Road from Platt's Lane to Burnlea Walk, and along Philip Aziz Avenue from Western Road to Thames River.



Proposed Work Details:

Work to be completed as part of this road reconstruction project includes:

Western Road

- The southbound right-turn lane from Western Road onto westbound Sarnia Road will be extended.
- A new separated bike lane will be added on the east side of Western Road through the project area.
- The watermain between Platt's Lane and Sarnia Road will be replaced to improve its condition and increase capacity to support future growth.

Philip Aziz Avenue

- Reconstructing Philip Aziz Avenue to include a new roadway which include in-boulevard cycling lanes, sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
- Installing new storm sewers on Philip Aziz Avenue with a new outfall to the Thames River.
- Installing a sanitary sewer forcemain for Western University.

Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue Intersection

- Making pedestrian crossings wider, move them back from the intersection, and add larger waiting areas.
- Adding new bike lanes through the intersection.
- Using "leading pedestrian intervals" (LPIs) and no-turn-on-red signs with delayed left-turn signals. LPIs give pedestrians a head start before vehicles move, making them more visible, reducing conflicts, and keeping everyone safer.

Pre-Construction Public Update Meeting:

The City is hosting an in-person public meeting for residents, businesses, and property owners to learn more about the project as we advance into the construction stage. If you are a property owner with business or residential tenants, please pass along this information to them.

At the public meeting, there will be an opportunity to:

- View detailed designs of the planned road improvements
- Learn more about plans for construction
- Ask questions to the project team

In-Person Meeting (Drop-In)

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Time: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: St Thomas More Catholic School, 18 Wychwood Park

We recognize that not everyone will be able to access this information online. If you require any special accommodation, please contact the project leads listed below, and we will work together to best share the information with you.

Anticipated project timeline:

Construction is anticipated to begin in early May 2026 and be completed by July 2027. Work will typically take place from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required to accommodate the completion of the project within the established schedule and to minimize impacts of the work.

Construction stages:

This multi-year project has been staged to minimize inconveniences and maximize access. The anticipated timeline is subject to change and may vary depending on weather and other factors. Construction staging can be further defined as follows:

2026 construction season

Stage 1 - (May 2026 to July 2027).

- Philip Aziz Avenue, from approximately 10 metres east of Western Road to the Thames River – **Full road closure** for the duration of the project

Stage 2 - (May to July)

- Western Road from Platts Lane to Sarnia Road, east side of Western Road – Lane reductions on Western Road
- Western Road from Sarnia Road to approximately 70 metres north of Burnlea Walk, east side of Western Road – Lane reductions on Western Road

Stage 3 – July

- Western **Road closure**, just south of Sarnia Road – Starting July 6th for approximately 2 weeks.

Stage 4 - (July to October)

- Western Road from Sarnia Road to approximately 190 metres north of Sarnia Road, west side of Western Road – Lane reductions on Western Road
- Sarnia Road just west of Western Road, Lane reductions at the intersection from July to October

2027 construction season

Stage 1 - (May 2026 to July 2027).

- Philip Aziz Avenue, from approximately 10 metres east of Western Road to the Thames River – **Full road closure** of the duration of the project

2028 construction season

Minor cleanup in spring

Transportation impacts:

A detailed traffic staging plan has been developed in preparation for construction. These plans are designed to balance mobility and access throughout all stages while enabling the project to be completed in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The project is anticipated to be carried out primarily over two construction seasons (2026–2027), with some restoration work potentially extending into the 2028 season.

Motorists

The traffic on Western Road within the project limits will be reduced to one lane in each direction, with vehicles shifted between the northbound and southbound lanes, as needed to accommodate the specific requirements of each construction stage.

Philip Aziz Avenue will be closed from May 2026 to July 2027. Access to Alumni Stadium will be maintained via Huron Drive.

During Stage 3 of construction there will be a requirement to close Western Road just south of Sarnia Road for approximately two weeks to allow for the installation of the sanitary sewer and watermain connection. This stage of construction is anticipated to commence early July 2026. During the road closure, a signed detour will be provided. Lane closures and flagging operations are also anticipated to facilitate construction activities.

The traffic management plan will be communicated, monitored, and adjusted during construction based on traffic conditions. At times, when the lane restrictions are in effect, the motorists will be directed to use the designated detour route and are encouraged to find alternate routes when possible. Drivers are encouraged to use navigation apps such as [Waze](#) or [Google Maps](#) to find alternative routes during construction.

Pedestrians

Sidewalk closures and restrictions will be necessary during construction. Safe, accessible pedestrian paths will be provided to the extent possible within the areas where the existing sidewalks are present on at least one side of the road. Signage will be installed to help guide people walking around the temporary sidewalk restrictions.

Cyclists

Cyclists using the corridor as their primary route are encouraged to use other streets to reach their destinations and navigate safely around the construction site.

Accessibility

If you require special accommodation (level entry, advanced notice, etc.) or have any questions about accessibility around the construction area, please contact the City Project Manager at any time during construction.

Transit users

With the anticipated road closure adjustments to the LTC bus routes will be required. Transit users are advised to visit the [LTC website \(londontransit.ca\)](https://londontransit.ca) for the most up-to-date information.

Other nearby work

This is another busy construction season in London, and with multiple projects taking place across the city there is no better time to check if your commute will be impacted. To learn more about other local projects in your area, please visit london.ca/construction. You may also use the interactive map on london.ca/roadwork to find information about other current roadwork.

Contact information:

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

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Project Updates



You can learn more about this project through the City's webpage:

getinvolved.london.ca/westernsarnia, where the project status, updates, and upcoming traffic impact will be posted. Please scan the QR code using the camera on your phone to go directly to the Get Involved page.

Renew London Interactive Map

Use the interactive map on [Renew London \(london.ca/roadwork\)](https://london.ca/roadwork) to search your street name to find current information about your construction project and other city-wide road work.

Social media

Follow the City of London on social media – Facebook and Instagram for road closures and restrictions.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink on a light beige background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Ugo DeCandido".

Ugo DeCandido, P.Eng.
Division Manager, Construction Administration
Construction & Infrastructure Services
City of London

Copied: Kelly Scherr, Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure Services
Councillor Sam Trosow, Ward 6

Appendix A: Construction impacts & temporary conditions

Dust, noise and vibrations

You may experience dust, noise, service interruptions, and other inconveniences during construction. Construction equipment can also cause vibrations. Please ensure you protect any valuables susceptible to damage.

Street Access and Parking

Driveway access will be maintained to the extent possible. When necessary, parking on adjacent streets beyond posted time limits may be allowed. Please contact the City Project Manager for clarity.

Tree removal

Tree removals were completed in advance of construction. New trees will be planted after construction is complete.

Building and private property access, and ‘Consent to Enter’ forms

As part of construction, it may be necessary for the contractor to excavate beyond the City of London road allowance and slightly onto private property to install some of the new services, or to restore existing driveways to blend into existing grades, our on-site inspector may be requesting that you complete a ‘Consent to Enter’ form if work is required on private property. This form is for the protection of the property owner and indemnifies him/her from liability.

Privately-owned Sprinkler System, Landscaping or Fencing

If you have a sprinkler system, landscaping, or fence on the City Boulevard that conflicts with the construction project you will need to remove and re-install it, at your expense, onto your own property. The City will not accept any liability for damage to items on the City Boulevard (as per the City’s S-1 By-Law). Please contact the City to determine if this applies to you.