Pre-Construction Notice:
Boler Road
Cycling and Watermain Improvements

Date: January 26, 2026

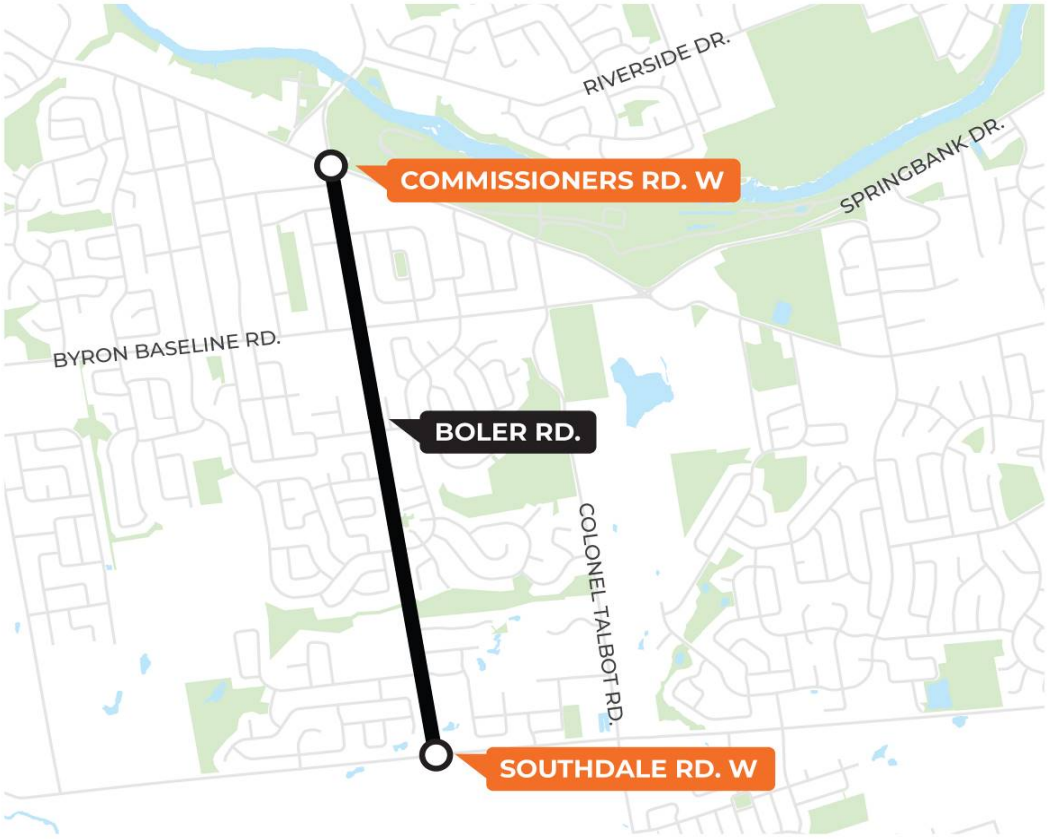
To: Resident and/or property owner

The City of London is planning construction work on Boler Road this year to install a new two-way cycle track on the east side of Boler Road and to replace aging watermain that is approaching its expected lifecycle.

The project is planned to begin this spring; however, we're sharing an update about the project's tree assessment and details about a public update meeting if you'd like to find out more information about the project. This meeting will provide more detailed information than the previous public update meeting that took place on October 25, 2023.

Project location:

The map below identifies the approximate limits of the construction project area. Work is planned on Boler Road from Commissioners Road to Southdale Road.



Proposed Work Details:

Work to be completed as part of this street improvement project includes:

- Replacing watermain and water services (see Appendix B) between Byron Baseline Road and Griffith Street.
- Adding a new two-way cycle track along the east boulevard of Boler Road.
- Adding two (2) pedestrian crossings at Optimist Park Drive and at Norman Avenue.
- Replacing and upgrading traffic signals at Griffith Street intersection
- Modifying traffic signals at Byron Baseline Road and at Commissioners Road intersections.
- Replacing portions of the asphalt roadway.
- Removing trees in advance of construction (see Appendix A).

Anticipated project timeline

A project like this typically takes approximately 6 months to complete once construction begins.

Winter 2026:

- Detailed design is completed
- Any tree removals required are completed by March 31, in accordance with legislation protecting migratory birds and their nesting periods.

Spring 2026:

- Construction notices are issued approximately two weeks ahead of the start of construction, with more detailed information on temporary conditions and impacts on things like street parking and access, and garbage collection.

Public update meeting

The City of London is hosting a public update meeting on Wednesday March 25, 2026, to provide an update on the project and share information on construction.

Please join us for a drop-in event to view updated construction plans, to discuss impacts to your property and to learn more about the project. Following the meeting, project boards displayed at the meeting will be available for download on the project website listed below.

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Format: Drop-in open house

Location: London Public Library, Byron Branch, 1295 Commissioners Road W

If you require any special accommodation in accessing the project information or online material, please contact the City project manager listed below, and we will work together to best share the information with you. If you have specific questions about potential impacts to your property, please contact the City project manager listed below.

The materials presented at the meeting will also be posted by March 27th on the project's Get Involved website, at getinvolved.london.ca/bikeboler.

Contact information:

The City is committed to keeping you informed during the project. Please reach out to your City Project Manager Monday through Friday if you have any questions.

City Project Manager

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After hours or urgent matters

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Planned transportation impacts

The City has evaluated how pedestrians, motorists, cyclists will be impacted by the construction of this project. We have determined Boler Road will require lane reductions during construction. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained whenever possible. Some stages of construction will require a reduction to one lane for both directions, requiring flagging.

Additionally, the watermain installation between Byron Baseline Road and Griffith Street will require a road closure with local access only; this closure will be limited to a specific number of weeks, rather than the entire construction period. A detour route and duration of the closure will be provided within the forthcoming Construction Notice.

Residents who require accommodation (level entry, advanced notice, etc.) should contact the Project Manager to arrange for access during the construction period. Cyclists and pedestrians should exercise caution around construction sites and follow all construction signs.

Stay informed:

Website

Visit the City's Get Involved website (getinvolved.london.ca/bikeboler) to learn more about your construction project, find project notices and other related content. More information will be uploaded to this website as the project progresses.

Renew London interactive map

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

Navigation apps

Use navigation apps such as Waze or Google Maps to find alternative routes during construction.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to completing these important infrastructure upgrades in your area as we work towards building a more sustainable city.

Regards,

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Transportation Planning and Design
Environment and Infrastructure
City of London

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Councillor Anna Hopkins (Ward 9)

Appendix A: Construction impacts & resources

Tree removals

During the project's design, staff from the City of London's transportation and forestry divisions, along with the design engineer and professional arborist, walk the street to evaluate each property, determine the current health of the trees, and determine how to best install infrastructure while minimizing impacts to trees.

Removal of trees is never our first choice, and we strive to reduce tree impacts as much as possible while balancing the need for safe and reliable infrastructure in our city.

After careful assessment, it was determined that there are trees within the City right-of-way that need to be removed for health reasons or due to construction conflicts. Trees within the project limits were inspected by a professional arborist from the project team to determine their health condition, review conflicts with construction, and develop a tree protection plan. A total of 211 trees were assessed within the project limits.

Anticipated tree removals are listed below and are subject to change. Details about the specific tree locations are included at the end of this notice.

Tree size has been grouped into two categories: small trees with a diameter less than 12 inches / 30 cm and large trees with a diameter greater than 12 inches / 30 cm.

Removal is required for a total of 62 small trees and 21 large trees on Boler Road.

After you receive this letter, the trees will be marked with a white line around their trunk. The required tree removals will be completed by March 31, before the migratory bird nesting period begins.

Tree replacement

When projects are completed, the City replaces the removed trees where possible and evaluates additional new tree planting opportunities on these streets. Each project is unique, and our approach to tree replacement is tailored to the context of the area we're working with.

Each year, the City of London plants approximately 5,000 trees to help mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide shade and lower temperatures reducing energy costs at homes. Trees also help absorb heavy rainfall and reduce stormwater flows.

Our regard for wildlife

The first three months of each year is a period when most tree removals across the city are completed, and that's because we are working to complete this pre-construction work ahead of the migratory bird nesting period, which starts on April 1. In cases where tree removals continue later into the spring, bird experts are also then engaged before any removals take place.

Tree assessment findings

Location	Tree type and trunk diameter	Reason for removal
777 Apricot Dr	Bur oak – 0.10m	Construction impacts: conflicts with sidewalk, installation.
726 Boler Rd	Cedar – 0.10m Cedar – 0.10m	Construction impacts: conflicts with sidewalk installation.
380 Boler Rd	Bur oak - 0.83m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Tree has codominant leaders. Cable tied through canopy. Possible rot in lower trunk.
159 Boler Rd	Shagbark hickory - 0.41-0.41m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Multistem tree. Some diebacks in the canopy.
142 Boler Rd	Linden - 0.46m White spruce – 0.34m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track, sidewalk installation.
2 Longview Crt	Plane tree – 0.05m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Dieback in the canopy.
Somerset Woods, 25 Fourwinds Rd	Plane tree - 0.05m Linden - 0.16m Honeylocust - 0.17m Honeylocust - 0.16m Red Oak – 0.16m Elm – 0.08m Elm – 0.06m Sycamore maple- 0.06m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
59 Westridge PL	Sycamore maple-0.07m Sugar maple – 0.06m	Top of the tree is dead. Tree has lower branch dieback. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
55 Westridge PL	Honeylocust - 0.10m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Tree canopy is crowded by larger adjacent tree. Canopy growth is mostly on one side.
51 Westridge PL	Common hackberry - 0.11m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
47 Westridge PL	Common hackberry - 0.10m	Tree has old wound on trunk. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
43 Westridge PL	Sugar maple- 0.08m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.

Location	Tree type and trunk diameter	Reason for removal
39 Westridge PL	Sugar maple – 0.06m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
35 Westridge PL	Elm – 0.07m Elm - 0.07m	Poor health –tree has old wound on trunk. Tree does not have a leader. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
31 Westridge PL	London planetree – 0.13m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
27 Westridge PL	Honeylocust – 0.12m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
23 Westridge PL	Elm – 0.07m Elm – 0.08m Elm – 0.07m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
823 Griffith St	Elm – 0.06m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
820 Griffith St	Freeman maple – 0.16m Freeman maple – 0.16m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
10 Westridge Crt	Freeman maple – 0.14m Sugar maple – 0.08m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Tree is showing signs of stress.
14 Westridge Crt	Norway maple – 0.10m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
18 Westridge Crt	Honeylocust – 0.20m Linden – 0.08m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
22 Westridge Crt	Norway maple – 0.28m Norway maple – 0.30m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Tree has girdled roots.
580 Boler Rd	Sugar maple – 0.05m Norway maple – 0.11m	Tree is showing signs of stress. Injury to root zone. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
46 Comox Crt	Norway maple – 0.09m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
50 Comox Crt	Scots pine – 0.54m	Needles are browning off. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
550 Boler Rd	Norway maple – 0.62m Norway maple – 0.67m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
546 Boler Rd	Silver maple – 0.65m	Tree has codominant leaders. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.

Location	Tree type and trunk diameter	Reason for removal
544 Boler Rd	Sugar maple – 0.15m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
536 Boler Rd	Serbian spruce – 0.30m Serbian spruce – 0.30m Serbian spruce – 0.30m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
530 Boler Rd	Red maple – 0.40m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
524 Boler Rd	Common hackberry 0.38m Lilac – N/A	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1256 Wayne Rd	Common hackberry– 0.31m Common hackberry – 0.21m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1253 Wayne Crt	Norway maple – 0.08m Norway maple – 0.27m	Tree has no leader and a large section of canopy has been removed. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1249 Wayne Crt	Freeman maple – 0.09m Freeman maple – 0.10m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1245 Wayne Crt	Freeman maple – 0.11 English oak - 0.40m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1241 Wayne Crt	Freeman maple – 0.11m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1229 Wayne Crt	Linden – 0.07m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
420 Boler Rd	Sugar maple- 0.24m Honeylocust – 0.36m Norway maple – 0.34m Tulip tree – 0.19m	Poor health - tree has dead branches and dieback of canopy. Tree has signs of rot in trunk. Tree has some exposed and girdled roots. Tree has a slight lean. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
402 Boler Rd	Amur maple – 0.06m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
376 Boler Rd	Norway maple – 0.35m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1240 Boler Rd	Norway maple – 0.32m	Tree has minor dieback in canopy.

Location	Tree type and trunk diameter	Reason for removal
	Norway maple – 0.21m Norway maple – 0.33m Elm – 0.17m Norway maple – 0.28m Elm – 0.19m Elm – 0.18m Norway maple – 0.26m	Tree has minor dieback in canopy. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation. Tree has dead branches and dieback of canopy. Tree has minor dieback in canopy. Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1260 Boler Rd	Honeylocust – 0.10m Honeylocust – 0.09m Honeylocust -0.09m	Construction impacts: conflicts with cycle track installation.
1255 Boler Rd	Hackberry – 0.12m Hackberry – 0.12m	Construction impacts: conflicts with sidewalk installation.

Dust, noise and vibrations

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

Landscape and irrigation systems

You may experience impacts to your landscape and irrigation systems (e.g., sprinklers, hoses, pumps, etc.) or planters during construction. It is recommended that property owners and residents flag or remove privately owned landscaping elements from the City-owned boulevard to prevent damage. Any costs associated with repairing unmarked landscaping or irrigation systems will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Work hours

Work will typically take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. If needed, some after-hours work may be required to accommodate the completion of the project within the established schedule and to minimize impacts of construction. The project team will notify residents, businesses and property owners ahead of any overnight, after-hours or weekend work.

Parking & loading

Upon completion of the project, to facilitate the new east side cycle track, on-street parking on Boler Road will be removed:

- On the east side between Glenrose Drive and a point 95m north of Byron Baseline Road
- On the east side between a point 85m south of Byron Baseline Road to a point 390m south of Byron Baseline Road
- On the east side between a point 300m north of Griffith Street and 65m north of Griffith Street.

Driveway widening permits

If you're considering widening your residential driveway to accommodate more vehicles or enhance maneuverability, kindly contact streetpermit@london.ca for an application. It's essential to ensure that the widening of your driveway does not affect other utilities or municipal functions, including trees, bus shelters, street signs, hydro poles, telephone poles, cable or phone boxes, storm drains, fire hydrants, mailboxes, or other municipal infrastructure.

In London, the maximum width allowed for any residential driveway is 50% of the lot frontage, up to a maximum of 8 metres (26.3 feet), whichever is less. The width of the driveway is measured parallel to the street at the street line. Additionally, no lot should have more than two driveways for the first 30 metres (98.7 feet) of the street line. The minimum driveway width permitted is 2.7 metres (8.8 feet).

To learn about permits for widening driveways and other common homeowner projects (london.ca/living-london/building-renovating/common-homeowner-projects), please consult the City of London's website.

Appendix B: Water & Sewer services

Watermain

The City will be replacing the watermain under your street and will also be replacing the public portion of the existing individual water services from the watermain up to the property line as part of this project, at no cost to you. The water service is the pipe that brings water into your home. The public portion of the water service runs from the public watermain to the property line in front of your home, and the private portion runs from the property line to the water meter inside your home.

Some of the properties on your street may have water services made of galvanized iron, which can corrode over time and restrict water flow. Other properties may have water services made of lead. For information on the health risks associated with lead, please visit the Middlesex-London Health Unit (healthunit.com/environment-lead) website. If you want to know whether you have a lead water service pipe, please contact 519-661-4739 or leadtesting@london.ca. If you have a lead water service pipe, the portion of water service from the property line to your house is your responsibility. A licensed plumbing contractor is required to complete lead pipe replacement.

If you choose to hire a contractor to replace the private portion of the lead water service on your property, you may be eligible to have your payments spread out over 10 years under the City's Lead Service Replacement Loan Program. Please contact 519-661-CITY (2489) Ext. 5357, or mharriso@london.ca for additional program details.

Electrical grounding

Water service pipes were often used to ground electrical systems, but connections can deteriorate over time and pose a serious safety risk. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the grounding system is adequate. This may be a good time for you to hire an electrician, at your cost, to check the condition of your building's electrical ground.