

Feature Project

GTA Arterial Highways Utility Mapping

multiVIEW's utility mapping service, with regards to assisting in design considerations for transportation projects, continues to grow in both application areas and satisfied customers. Previous newsletters have described feature projects pertaining to proposed bus rapid transit systems (Insights October 2009), proposed LRT railway systems expansions (Insights October 2010) and subway upgrades (Insights January 2012). Recently, however, multiVIEW crews have been active in supplying utility mapping services to various transportation design engineering firms actively engaged in designing 400-series highway expansions in the GTA. You may have seen multiVIEW crews working along portions of Highway 400; three separate sections of Highway 401: between Hwy 25 and Trafalgar Road, Highway 401 between Jane Street and Allen Road, Highway 401 between Warden Avenue to Brock Road Pickering; Highway 403/410

between Eglinton Avenue to Queen Street Brampton; Highway 403 between Hwy 407 and the QEW; and the QEW between Winston Churchill Boulevard and Trafalgar Road.

In the past twelve months, multiVIEW has completed over 50km of utility mapping along the various highway right-of-ways. This mapping has included the often complex underground networks at municipal road interchanges and access and egress ramps from sister highways. This subsurface utility information will be utilized by our transportation design engineering customers to assist with proposed expansion and alteration plans.

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Ontario One Call Legislation - Industry Update

Bill 8, The Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act was passed into law and received royal assent on June 19, 2012. This Act stipulates mandatory participation in a Province-wide One Call system for all owners of underground facilities in Ontario. Although the Bill is now law, it is still not clear when or how the Ministry of Consumer Services will begin drafting regulations for the Act. If started soon, it is possible that mandatory One-Call will be in place for next spring's dig season. Jim Douglas, Executive Director of the ORCGA said that they are looking at a "three-pronged approach": with an ORCGA government relations committee; open communication with the MCS, and; further communications with the groups who originally opposed Bill 8 to address their concerns and assist with the transition. ■

