



## FACT SHEET

### F.G. GARDINER EXPRESSWAY

- The F.G. Gardiner Expressway (Gardiner) was named after the first chair of the former Metro Council, Frederick G. Gardiner who was a strong advocate for the project.
- Construction on the Gardiner began in 1956. It was built in segments and completed in 1965 at a cost of approximately \$103 million.
- The Gardiner runs for about 20 kilometres from the foot of Highway 427 and the Queen Elizabeth Way in the west to the Don Valley Parkway in the east.
- The east end of the Gardiner, from Jarvis Street to the Don Valley Parkway, is the least congested stretch of the expressway.
- The Gardiner carries approximately 200,000 vehicles per day west of the downtown core, and approximately 120,000 vehicles per day east of Jarvis Street.
- It costs the City \$6-10 million annually for repairs to the Gardiner.
- The estimated cost to remove the Gardiner from the Don Valley Parkway to Spadina Avenue, including the Front Street Extension, is approximately \$1.2 billion.
- The estimated cost to remove the Gardiner from Jarvis Street to the Don Valley Parkway, including new ramps and the creation of a Waterfront Boulevard is approximately \$200-300 million and does not require the Front Street Extension. This figure will be refined during the Environmental Assessment.
- It has been estimated that it will take approximately 4-5 years to complete the Environmental Assessment and a total of 7-8 years to complete the entire project.

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