

October 2021

# Construction Notice #24: Port Lands Flood Protection & Lake Shore Boulevard East



Construction manager



## Traffic Notice

October 1, 2021

### Impacts to Roads

The Gardiner on/off ramps to Logan Avenue are now permanently closed.

Lake Shore Boulevard East will be closed from Cherry Street to Carlaw Avenue this weekend while the ramps are removed. **This will be the last weekend of closures on Lake Shore Boulevard East related to the ramp removal.**

The next stage of work includes rebuilding Lake Shore Boulevard from Don Roadway to Carlaw Avenue and a new Lake Shore Bridge. That work begins in November 2021 and is scheduled to be completed in 2024. During that time, Lake Shore Boulevard between Don Roadway and Carlaw Avenue will be open, with two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound.

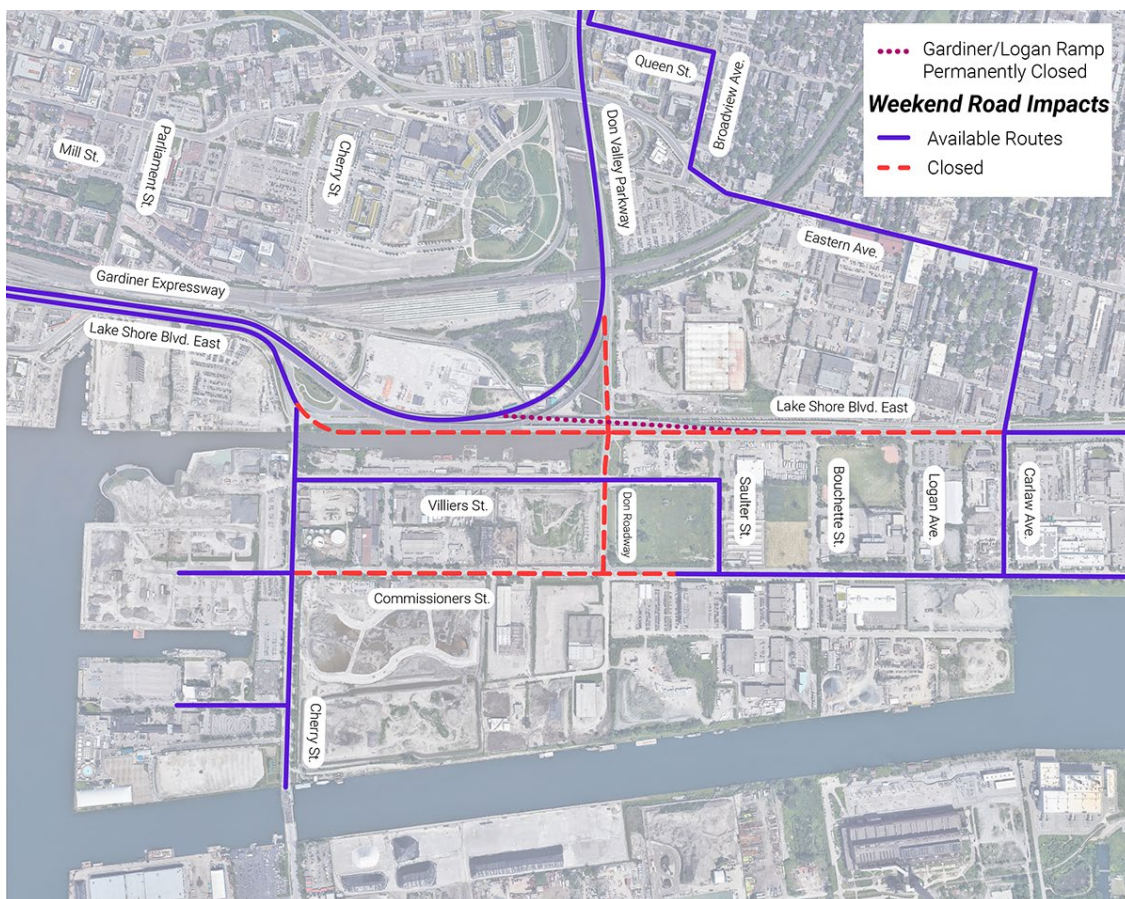
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### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ***This weekend*** October 1-4, 2021: Lake Shore Boulevard East will be closed from Cherry Street to Carlaw Avenue (9 p.m. Friday - 6 a.m. Monday).

- On **weekends** until October 4, 2021, Don Roadway will be closed between the Don Valley Parkway (DVP) and Commissioners Street. There will be no access to the DVP via Don Roadway during the weekend closures.
- The remaining work for the ramp removal involves jackhammering concrete, and breaking/crushing the bent columns. This type of work will happen only on Friday night, 9 - 11 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Some work will occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. such as: clean-up of the concrete debris, steel beam removal, and general non-crushing activities.
- For more details on noise and dust, please read this: [Managing Construction Impacts](#). If you have a complaint relating to noise or dust, you can submit it using this [online form](#).

[Drivers should note when planning routes that there are additional closures related to nearby works on other projects. Find a full list of Road Restrictions and Closures.](#)



### Weekends Only: Lake Shore Boulevard Closures

### Impacts to Cycling Routes

- **Weekends starting Friday night at 9 p.m.**, the Lower Don Trail will be closed from where it crosses the Don River at Lake Shore Boulevard to Booth Avenue.
- **Weekdays until the end of October 2021**, the Lower Don Trail over the Don River and the cycling facility on Lake Shore Boulevard will be open. The section of Lower Don Trail running south of Wilson Yard will be closed as of November 2021.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT: WEEKENDS**

- Cyclists travelling south on the Lower Don Trail from Corktown Common will be directed to continue west along the trail that runs south of the Wilson Train Yard and connects to Cherry Street.
- Cyclists wishing to cross the Don River will be directed to cycling facilities on Cherry Street, Villiers Street, Saulter Street, Commissioners Street and Carlaw Avenue.
- Cyclists travelling south along Logan Avenue can take Lake Shore Boulevard to Carlaw Avenue, take that new detour route south to Villiers Street and continue west.

Check out the Construction Update section for more information about the cycling detours through the Port Lands

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#### **Upcoming Work: Lane Reductions on Lake Shore Boulevard at Cherry Street**

To realign Cherry Street, we will begin work on the Cherry Street and Lake Shore intersection in mid-October. Starting in mid-October, Lake Shore Boulevard will be restricted to one lane eastbound and one lane westbound at the intersection with Cherry Street. We will issue another construction notice closer to the start date of this work.

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#### **Upcoming Virtual Public Meeting: October 6, 2-3:30 p.m.**

After the Gardiner-Logan Ramp is removed, the next stage of work is rebuilding Lake Shore Boulevard from Don Roadway to Carlaw Avenue. Join us on October 6 for a virtual Public Information Centre to learn what to expect during that construction, and ask the project team your questions. Registration is not required to join the meeting, however, you can **register here** to receive an email reminder and direct link to join the meeting.

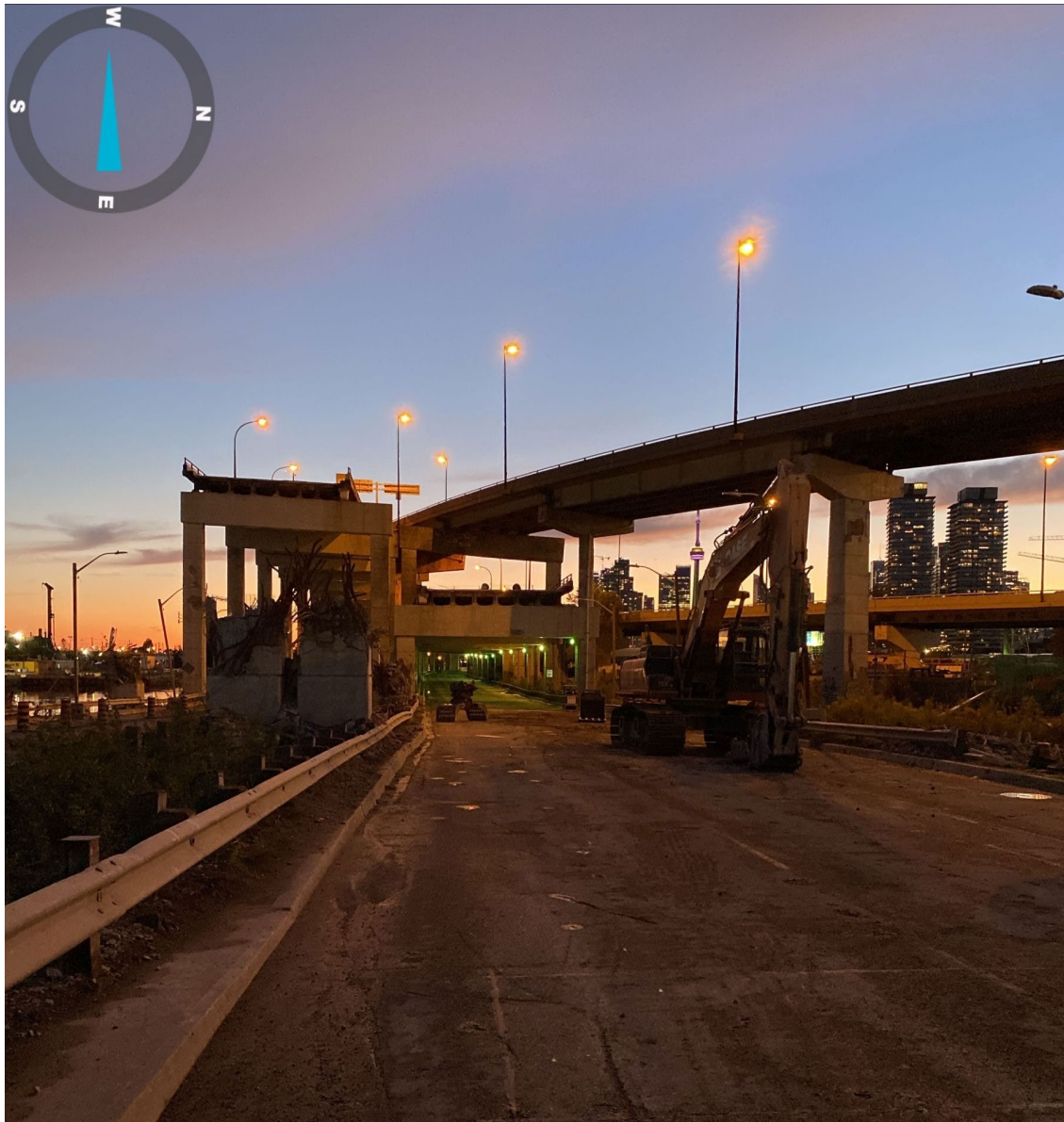
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# Construction Update

Gardiner ramp removal is progressing faster than expected:

- All decking has been removed
- All girders have been removed
- All concrete bents have been removed, 10 bent columns remain and will be removed to grade this weekend
- 5 out of 6 steel bents have been removed

This weekend, October 2-4, will be the last weekend requiring a full closure of Lake Shore Boulevard for this work.



*Above: This is the western limit of the work. You can see where the former ramp connected to the Gardiner Expressway.*



*Above: Looking west along Lake Shore Boulevard over the area where the ramps used to be. The space made available in the median will allow the rebuilt Lake Shore to be three lanes in each direction and to have improved public spaces, sidewalks, and multi-use trails on either side*

### **Update: Bike Detours**

When ramp removal is not taking place during weekdays, the Multi-Use Trail along Lake Shore Boulevard will remain open for cyclists while we complete the planned detour through the Port Lands. Planned demolition of the bridge over the Don River is being delayed until at least the end of October to allow cyclists east-west access over the Don River.

We continue to receive feedback from the cycling community that is being considered in collaboration with the City of Toronto. We'll continue to provide updates in future construction notices.

## Managing Construction Impacts

Throughout construction, we received feedback and complaints through email, phone and social media. We also spoke with some people on site and in surrounding neighbourhoods. We know that projects of this scale will create traffic and noise. Our job is to minimize those impacts to the best of our abilities. Here are the issues you reported to us last weekend and how we're working to address them

### Traffic Impacts

- Complaints about speeding, illegal turns, vehicles driving the wrong way on local one-way streets, and traffic volume along the cycling detour are being addressed by traffic control agents and paid duty officers in the following areas:
  - Eastern Avenue and Empire Avenue
  - Logan Avenue and surrounding area
  - Saulter Street and Villiers Street
  - Saulter Street and Commissioners Street
  - Don Roadway and Villiers Street
  - Cherry Street and Lake Shore Boulevard
  - Carlaw Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard
- Complaints about access to the Jarvis on-ramp and congestion along lake shore are being addressed by stationing traffic control agents at the intersection of Jarvis Street and Lake Shore Boulevard

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## Questions?

To learn more about this project, please visit [PortLandsto.ca](http://PortLandsto.ca).

Use this [online form](#) to send us questions or concerns about construction or email us at [plfp@ellisdon.com](mailto:plfp@ellisdon.com).

For urgent construction related issues, please contact Cameron Coleman, EllisDon, at 416-594-2198.

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