

September 2021



# Construction Notice #22: Port Lands Flood Protection & Lake Shore Boulevard East

Construction manager



## Traffic Notice

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### Impacts to Roads

The Gardiner on/off ramps to Logan Avenue are now permanently closed. Ramp removal will be complete in October 2021. The next stage of work includes rebuilding Lake Shore Boulevard from Don Roadway to Carlaw Avenue and a new Lake Shore Bridge. That 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.

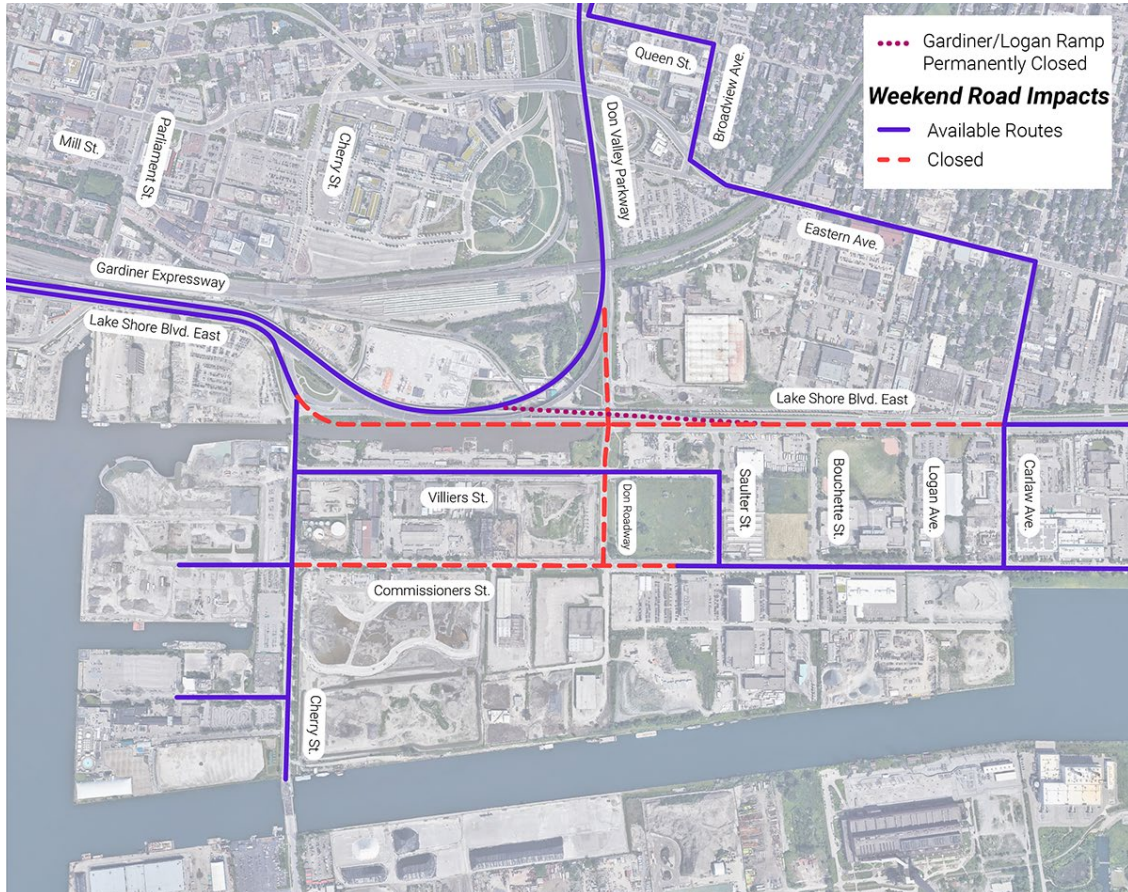
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### WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Weekends only** from September-October 2021: Lake Shore Boulevard East will be closed from Cherry Street to Booth Avenue (9 p.m. Friday - 6 a.m. Monday).
- On **weekends** in September, 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.
- Ramp removal involves concrete breaking/crushing. This type of work will happen only on weekends between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. 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 only**, the Lower Don Trail will be closed from where it crosses the Don River at Lake Shore Boulevard to Booth Avenue.
- **Weekdays until September 30, 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.

## Construction Update

The Gardiner ramp removal is progressing faster than expected:

- All decking has been removed
- 14 sections of girders have been removed and partial removal of bents



*Above: As part of the ramp removal work, the concrete bents and structures need to be broken and crushed. This is being completed by Priestly Demolition.*



*Above: Looking west across the Keating Channel where the roadway has been removed from the Logan Ramps.*

### **Update: Bike Detours**

When ramp removal is not taking place during weekdays, 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 the end of September to allow cyclists east-west access over the Don River.

We appreciate that while physical separation was completed with barrels in advance of construction starting September 1, the concrete barriers promised in the detour designs were needed for cyclists to comfortably use the detour routes. Much of the feedback we received about the detour routes asked for components that are in the original design but were not complete for September 1. We know that vulnerable road users require a safe, efficient route through our construction area.

Last week, jersey barriers were in place everywhere planned. Barrels and k-bars are in place at some locations because we are waiting for concrete curbs and bollards.

Here is what we completed on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10:

- Additional construction barrels were added throughout the bike detours. K-bars and no parking signs were also added to many of the construction barrels to make the physical separation from vehicular traffic more secure.
- Additional K-bars will be placed this week along Saulter and Commissioners Streets
- Line painting on Carlaw complete
- More advance warning and wayfinding signs will be installed in response to cyclist feedback, specifically at Cherry Street / Lake Shore Boulevard, Saulter Street / Villiers Street and Carlaw Avenue / Lake Shore Boulevard
- Cleaning of catch basins where facilities are impacted by water and dust
- The project team has spoken with some neighbouring businesses about changes to parking areas as a result of the bike lanes to ensure access is maintained and they are aware of cyclist traffic



Eastbound Villiers Street



Westbound Villiers Street



Carlaw Bike Path



Jersey barriers on the north and south sides of Villiers Street, looking westbound

## **Managing Construction Impacts**

Over our first two weekends of work, 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 and how we're working to address.

### **Signage for cycling detours**

- Additional wayfinding and safety advance warning signs are being installed in response to cyclist feedback

### **Parking restrictions on Morse Avenue & Logan Avenue**

- Residents were surprised by the change and requested more advance notice
- Additional signage was installed in response to resident feedback

- Flyers were delivered to residents and businesses on both avenues by project team members who captured feedback Additional signage was installed

### Traffic impacts

- Enbridge's work on Lake Shore Boulevard at Cherry Street was completed Sep 10, which may resolve some congestion on Lake Shore Boulevard
- Complaints about traffic on Morse, Eastern, Logan, Empire are being addressed by:
  - New turning restriction: no left turn from Eastern Avenue to Empire Avenue during weekend closures of Lake Shore Boulevard
  - Coordinating with the City's Work Zone Coordination group and Toronto Police services to review recommended measures and enforcement

### Noise

- All noise complaints were investigated using data from monitoring stations. None revealed any noise exceeding the set decibel level for this work.

## 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).

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