

September 2021



# Construction Notice #23: Port Lands Flood Protection & Lake Shore Boulevard East

Construction manager



## Traffic Notice

September 24, 2021

### Impacts to Roads

The Gardiner on/off ramps to Logan Avenue are now permanently closed. Ramp removal will be complete by October 4, 2021. Lake Shore Boulevard East will be closed from Cherry Street to Carlaw Avenue on weekends while the ramps are removed.

**NEW:** This weekend, **September 25-26**, the **closure of Lake Shore Boulevard will start at 6 a.m. Saturday morning** and remain in place until 6 a.m. Monday.

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.

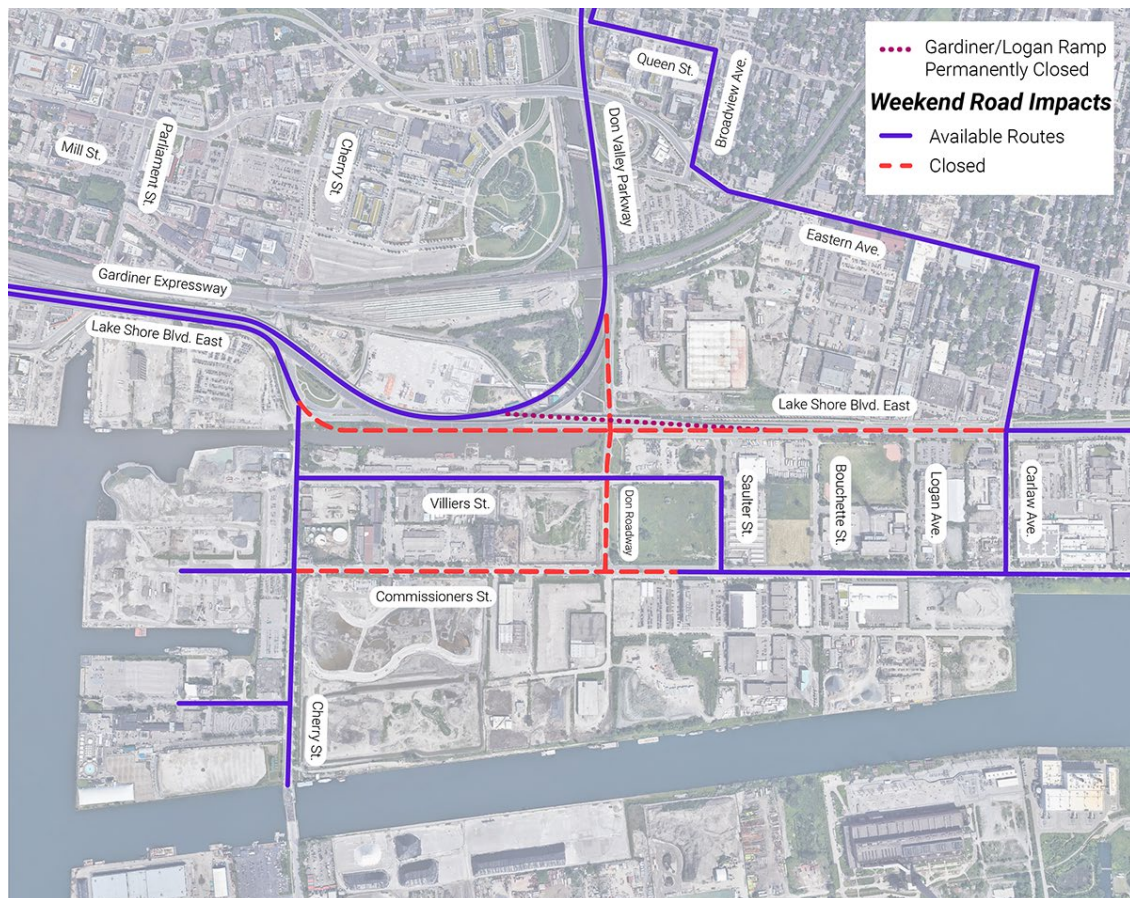
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### WHAT TO EXPECT

- **September 25-26:** Lake Shore Boulevard East will be closed from Cherry Street to Carlaw Avenue.

- While the Lake Shore Closure will begin at 6 a.m. Saturday morning, the direction and parking changes on Morse Street will start at 9 p.m. Friday night, so that residents may move their cars to the opposite side of the street in advance of the early morning closure.
- **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.
- Ramp removal involves concrete breaking/crushing. This type of work will happen *only* on 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](#).
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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 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.

## Construction Update

Gardiner ramp removal is progressing faster than expected:

- All decking has been removed
- 21 out of 22 sections of girders have been removed
- 16 out of 18 concrete bents have been removed
- 5 out of 6 steel bents have been removed





*Above: Looking west at Don Roadway, you can see the last remaining steel bent. This bent will be removed as soon as the traffic lights are relocated to a new structure.*



*Above: The concrete bents during removal. The materials are then sorted for recycling. The work is being completed by Priestly Demolition Inc*

## **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 at least the end of October to allow cyclists east-west access over the Don River.

Here is what is currently in place along the detour route:

- On **Villiers Street**: Jersey barriers have been installed everywhere planned. Some sections of Villiers Street between Don Roadway and Cherry Street will be separated by concrete curbs to accommodate parking. Until the concrete curbs are installed, traffic barrels connected by 'k-bars' separate the bike lanes from traffic in those locations.
- On **Saulter Street**: Traffic pylons connected by 'k-bars' separate the bi-directional cycle track on the west side of the road. These will be replaced with barriers once Saulter Street is reconfigured.
- On **Commissioners Street**: Jersey barriers have been installed between Bouchette Street and Carlaw Avenue. Commissioners Street between Saulter Street and Bouchette Street is currently separated using traffic barrels.
- On **Carlaw Avenue**: A new multi-use-trail is complete on the east side of Carlaw Avenue between Commissioners Street and Lake Shore Boulevard.
- Additional wayfinding signage has been placed along the Lake Shore trail and throughout the detour route.
- Bike signals have been installed at Carlaw Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard, and Carlaw Avenue and Commissioners Street. At key intersections without bike signals, or where future signals will be installed, a traffic control person will be present on the weekend.
- Bike crossings have been painted at all intersections. Frequent cleaning of the road wears away line painting faster than usual and lines are being repainted regularly.
- Ongoing maintenance such as road washing and sweeping to prevent debris from accumulating in the bike lane.

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 traffic volume, speed, and illegal movements on some local streets are being addressed by:
  - Compiling complaints to identify the areas of greatest need and requesting additional enforcement, working with the City's Work Zone Coordination group
  - Working with the City to make sure "Do Not Enter" and "One-Way" signage at Caroline Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard is visible
  - Requesting an additional "One-Way" sign at Caroline Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard
  - A new turning restriction will continue to be in place: no left turn from Eastern Avenue to Empire Avenue during weekend closures of Lake Shore Boulevard
- Complaints about access to the Jarvis on-ramp and congestion at this location are being addressed by stationing a traffic control agent at the intersection of Jarvis Street and Lake Shore Boulevard.

### **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](https://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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