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Dufferin Street Bridge Widening Project

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THE LOCAL PROJECT

The Dufferin Street bridge project at Queen St. W. is the final phase of the original jog-elimination project that was completed by the City of Toronto in 2010. Expanding the bridge supports GO expansion which will bring 15 minute, two-way electrified GO service to the West Queen West community. The project also delivers on plans to connect the community with the Toronto West Railpath.



As part of our work on the Dufferin Street Bridge, we are partnering with the City of Toronto to extend the West Toronto Railpath multi-use trail to the West Queen West community. This extension will run along the existing rail corridor, connecting cyclists and pedestrians from Dupont St. to just east of Dufferin St. These community investments add to the recently announced new GO Train stations including the proposed Liberty Village and Bloor-Davenport stations.

This work will enable a new city park (Dufferin-Peel Park), which will be a hub for West Toronto Railpath users, including cyclists. The park will include cycling amenities, landscaping, seating and terraces.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Residents living near the bridge can expect to see and hear regular construction vehicles operating during the widening of the bridge, including a drill rig, excavator, concrete and load trucks to carry materials in and out, a crane, power generators and air compressors. For safety on an active rail corridor, crews will need to work in the evening and overnight to ensure safe working conditions, as some of this work cannot take place when trains are operating. This accelerated schedule will also significantly shorten the duration of construction and community impacts. If overnight work is required, lights will be used to ensure safe working conditions, however, they will be focused away from nearby homes and businesses when possible. We will also be continuously monitoring noise associated with this work, to ensure noise is kept within appropriate levels. The contractor on site has also been asked to complete noisier work during the day, to help mitigate evening disruption, where possible.

There will be intermittent lane closures and a total closure of Dufferin Street Full street closure cannot happen until after the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), which ends September 6, as requested by the City. The City of Toronto has developed a traffic management plan as part of this closure and appropriate signage will be in place to redirect pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during the full closure of Dufferin St.

A lane reduction will be in place from August 2 – 19 with a full road closure from September 8 – October 8.

TIMING

The Dufferin Bridge widening project will begin in late July and construction is expected to take approximately one year to complete. Work may be continuous, throughout the day and evening, including weekends. There may be evening breaks, but current projected hours are continuous. We are committed to keeping local residents and businesses informed during construction. Updates about the project and impacts during different phases of construction will be regularly provided.

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