

February 10, 2017

Gardiner Expressway Ramp Reconstruction & Improvements to Harbour Street (Lower Simcoe Street to Bay Street)

Contract # # 16ECS-TI-06BE.


Expected Start Date: April 2016 Expected End Date: January 2018

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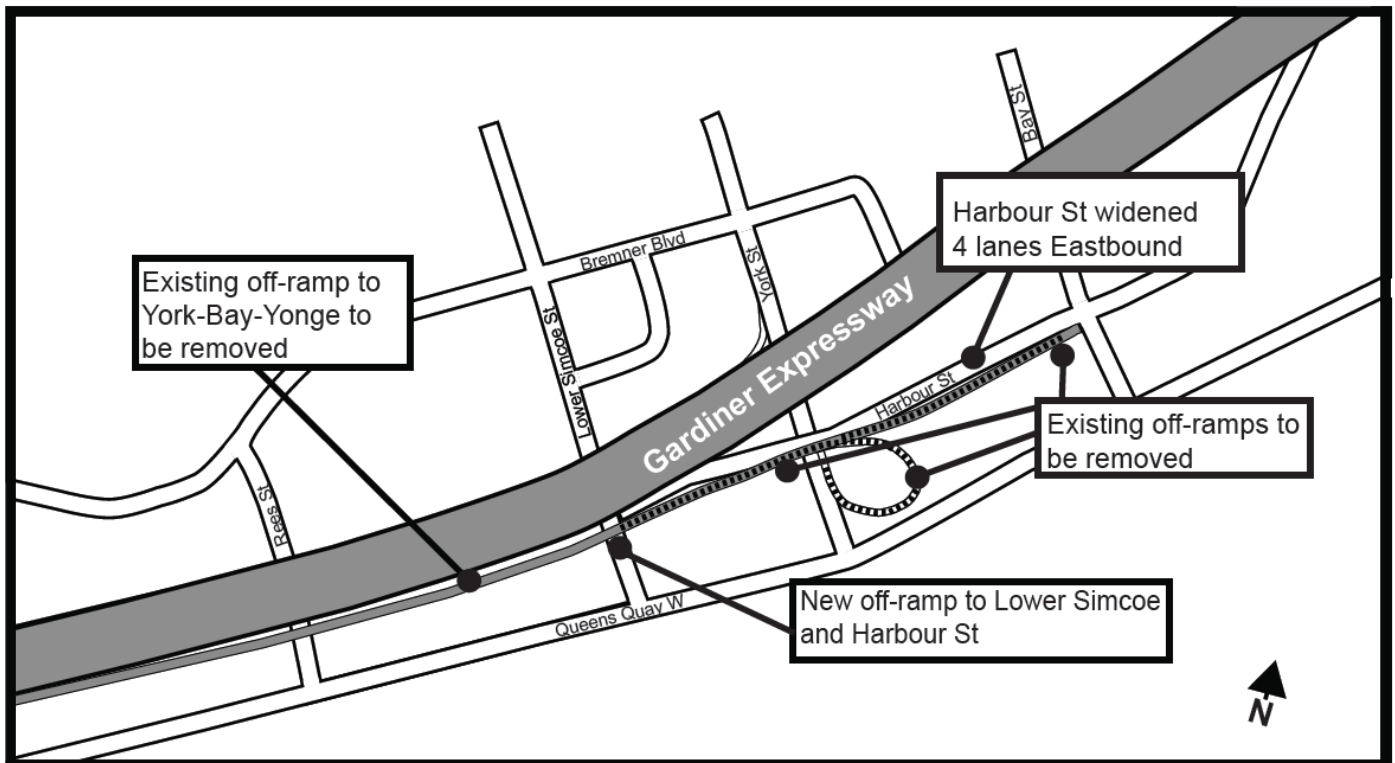
The City of Toronto is constructing a new off-ramp from the eastbound Gardiner Expressway to Lower Simcoe Street. The contractor will begin demolition of the existing off-ramp to York, Bay and Yonge Streets in April 2017 followed by construction of the new off-ramp to Lower Simcoe Street and improvements to Harbour Street between Lower Simcoe and Bay Streets.

Beginning Monday, April 17 to January 2018, the eastbound off-ramps from the Gardiner Expressway to York-Bay-Yonge Streets will be closed due to the construction work. See information below on traffic management.

We invite you to attend a drop-in event to learn more about the upcoming construction and speak one-on-one with project staff.

	<p>Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017</p> <p>Time: Drop-in anytime between 3:00-5:00 pm or 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>Place: Westin Harbour Castle Conference Centre, 11 Bay Street (Marine room)</p>
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MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

This project involves building a new, shorter and wider off-ramp that ends at Lower Simcoe Street and demolishing the existing York-Bay-Yonge off-ramp from the eastbound Gardiner Expressway. The new off-ramp will feed into a wider Harbour Street, with improvements to streetscaping.






Phase 1 work will be completed by Mid-April. Phase 2 will start in April 17, 2017 and end in January 2018.

The work will involve:

- Completing the foundations substructure of the new ramp
- Demolishing the existing York-Bay-Yonge ramp
- Installing automated de-icing system on the new ramp.
- Widening and improving Harbour Street

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You will experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce impacts. Your patience is appreciated.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm., Monday to Friday, with some overnight, work after hours and on weekends as approved by the City. Extended work hours help to minimize traffic disruption and congestion and shorten the project duration.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. These efforts include revising traffic signal times. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASTBOUND (EB) off-ramps from the GARDINER EXPRESSWAY to YORK-BAY-YONGE Streets will be closed beginning April 17. • EB off-ramps into Downtown Core will be available at JAMESON AVENUE, SPADINA AVENUE and JARVIS STREET. • EB off-ramp at Spadina will be adjusted to allow for movement onto EB Lake Shore Boulevard. The NB turn at Spadina will remain. • Rees Street on-ramp will be closed, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm to allow demolition to take place during the day and reduce overnight demolition work (April to July). • EB Harbour Street between Lower Simcoe to Bay Street will be reduced to 2 lanes. • Well-signalized, well-lit intersections and signage will be put in place ahead of construction to ensure safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work area. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway and Laneway Access: Laneways and driveways that serve businesses in the area will remain accessible for deliveries or service.</p>
	<p>Alternate Cycle Routes: The multi-purpose trail will be closed from Rees Street to Lower Simcoe Street for the duration of construction. Signs for cyclists will be posted directing them to the Martin Goodman Trail on Queens Quay West.</p>
	<p>Accommodation: Residents that require accommodation must contact the project manager to arrange for access during construction.</p>

MORE INFORMATION:

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote Contract **16ECS-TI-18SP**.

Project Information Line	416-338-7797 Email: simcoe-ramp@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	www.toronto.ca/simcoe-ramp Visit our website to sign-up for email updates.

Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.