

July 13, 2016

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

Contract # # 16ECS-TI-06BE.

Expected Start Date: Week of July 25, 2016

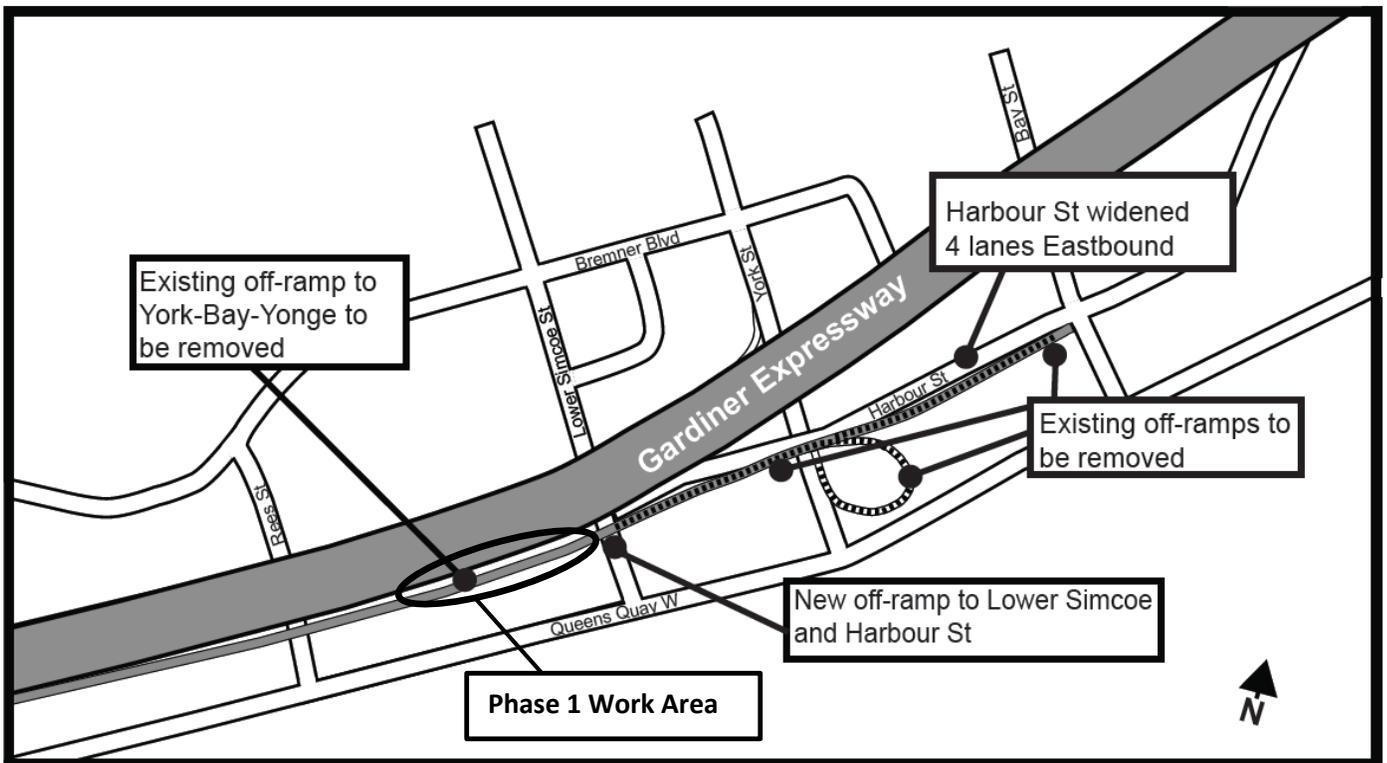
Expected End Date: January, 2018

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

This project is part of the Council-approved 2016 Capital Works Program.

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. The work will occur in two phases, with a winter shut-down in between each phase.

Phase 1: Week of July 25, 2016 to December 2016 work involves:

- Constructing part of the foundations and substructure of the new ramp at Lower Simcoe St.
- Work will take place under the existing ramp at Lake Shore Blvd and Lower Simcoe St. with no long-term closures of the Gardiner Expressway or Lake Shore Blvd.

Phase 2: Mid-April 2017 to December 2017 work involves:

- Completing the foundations and substructure of the new ramp
- Demolishing the existing York-Bay-Yonge ramp
- Widening Harbour Street.

An update will be issued before Phase 2 work starts. In 2018, the City will restore the York Street Park.

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.
- To sign-up to get email updates, contact Josie Franch at jfranch@toronto.ca.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required and within council-approved hours. 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"> Temporary closures of the eastbound curb lane of Lake Shore Blvd. will be required from late July 2016 to the end of 2016. <p>During Phase 2, lanes on the Gardiner Expressway around the York-Bay-Yonge ramp and Harbour Street will be reduced.</p>
	<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.

Project Manager	Jim Schaffner, 416-392-8598 jschaff@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed holidays)
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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.