

Leaside Bridge Rehabilitation Project

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Leaside Bridge - Photo Circa 1960's

Bridge Location

The Leaside Bridge is located between Millwood Road and Donlands Avenue and Pape Avenue, over the Don Valley.



The Leaside Bridge appears in a misty background, with the Don Valley in flood condition.

Photo - courtesy of Toronto Archives

Bridge Repair and Construction



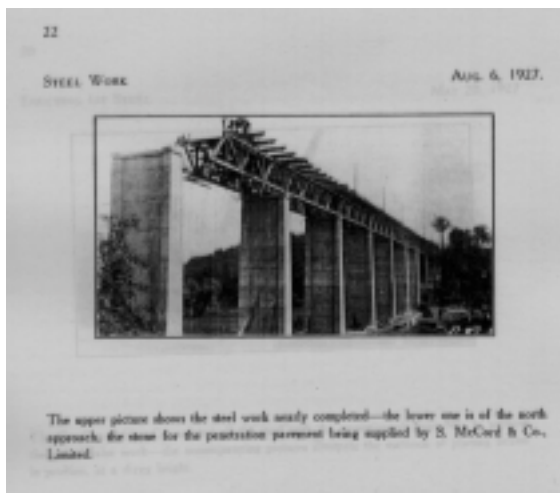
- ⌘ **Bridge opened 1927**
- ⌘ **Underwent expansion and reconstruction 1968-1969**
- ⌘ **Bridge underwent repair in 1991**
- ⌘ **Bridge is currently in need of major reconstruction due to normal impacts of age, weathering and traffic**
- ⌘ **Bridge rehabilitation (repair) is part of the City's ongoing bridge maintenance program**
- ⌘ **Leaside Bridge scheduled for rehabilitation 2004 - 2006**

Bridge Facts



Aerial photo of the Leaside Bridge, spanning the Don Valley, *Circa 1959*

- ⌘ **Bridge Engineer: *Frank Barber***
- ⌘ **Associate Architect: *Claude Bradgon***
- ⌘ **Bridge opened to traffic **October 29, 1927****
- ⌘ **Former name: **East York Leaside Viaduct****



Photocopy of bridge construction from historic brochure, left, *Circa 1930*

Bridge Widening 1968 - 1969



In anticipation of a possible connection to Leslie Street, the bridge is widened. Girders are added to the Leaside Bridge to support the new traffic lanes.

(The connection never took place).



Beneath the Leaside Bridge, traffic on the DVP, construction is underway to widen the bridge

Circa 1968

Photos Courtesy of Toronto Archives

The Handrail

- ⌘ **No ornamentation, is used on any part of the work except the handrail, which impresses itself upon the inspection of all passengers.**
- ⌘ **The handrail designer was Claude Bragdon of New York, the consulting architect, one of the the best known in America and famed for his successful use of colors.**



Photo copy of handrail from historic brochure, left,

Circa 1930



Tile work was executed by the Italian Mosaic and Tile Co.

Heritage Listing



- ⌘ **Toronto City Council included the Leaside Bridge on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties on April 15 and 16, 2004.**
- ⌘ **The bridge is historically significant for its role in enabling access across the Don Valley and the development of the communities on either side.**
- ⌘ **Architecturally, the Leaside Bridge is recognized as an important example of civil engineering in Toronto.**
 - ☑ **Information source City of Toronto, Heritage Preservations Services**

Keeping you informed



⌘ Flyers to your residence

⌘ Signs

⌘ Information in local community newspapers

⌘ Web site

 www.toronto.ca/involved/projects

⌘ RoadInfo 416-599-9090

Your comments and how to reach us



- ⌘ We welcome your comments and input on the Leaside Bridge Reconstruction Project
- ⌘ Please be sure to fill in a comment form!
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