

REPORT FOR ACTION

Gardiner Expressway Rehabilitation Update - Presentation by Parsons

Date: November 20, 2023

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Don Boyle, Chief Executive Officer

Wards: Ward 10 - Spadina - Fort York

SUMMARY

The F.G. Gardiner Expressway Strategic Rehabilitation Plan was developed by the City of Toronto in 2014 and sets the framework for lifecycle renewal of the expressway from Highway 427 to the Don Valley Parkway (DVP). Section 1 of the Rehabilitation Project from Jarvis Street to Cherry Street was completed in 2021, and the City is now proceeding with Section 2 of the Rehabilitation Plan from Dufferin Street to Strachan Avenue.

The project includes replacement of the superstructure (girders and deck) and rehabilitation of the substructure (bents). Construction is expected to commence in Q4 2023 and be completed in 2027.

Staff from Parsons and the City of Toronto will be attending the Board meeting of December 4, 2023 to do a PowerPoint presentation on the Gardiner Rehabilitation Project Section 2 from Dufferin Street to Strachan Avenue adjacent to Exhibition Place for the benefit of the Board Members.

Exhibition Place staff will report back to the Board to provide updates on the status of the Gardiner Expressway Rehabilitation project as warranted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that:

1. The Board receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Exhibition Place 2022-2026 Strategic Plan has a Goal to Solidify Position as a Leading Convention and Event Space and having update infrastructure, such as the Gardiner Expressway in place to ensure Exhibition Place has the Transportation network in place to support this goal is important.

The City of Toronto last provided an update to the Board on this project on December 9, 2022, and October 14, 2021.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EP1.14>
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.EP20.6>

COMMENTS

Section 2 of the Gardiner Expressway from Dufferin Street to Strachan Avenue runs parallel to the Exhibition Place lands including Exhibition GO Station, TTC Exhibition Streetcar Loop, and the Exhibition Place parking lots under the expressway. Rehabilitation of the Gardiner Expressway will require ground-related construction activity for rehabilitation of the bents and access under the Gardiner at existing parking lots and storage areas, at Exhibition GO Station, and the TTC Exhibition Streetcar Loop. Parking lots 857, 858, and portions of lot 854 will be utilized during construction activities.

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-maintenance/bridges-and-expressways/expressways/gardiner-expressway/gardiner-expressway-rehabilitation-strategy/section-2-dufferin-street-to-strachan-avenue/>

Access requirements to the staging lots were identified by the City and Parsons during planning stages for the project in coordination with Exhibition Place, and in consideration of major events such as the Honda Indy, Canadian National Exhibition, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, and others. The objective for the Gardiner Rehabilitation Project is to minimize impacts to these special events to the greatest extent possible during construction.

A Design-Build contract has been awarded by the City to Grascan Construction Limited following a two-stage procurement process consisting of a pre-qualification process and request for proposal as outlined at the City's General Government Committee meeting on October 30, 2023:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.GG7.13>

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Parsons Inc. (Parsons) is the City of Toronto's Owner's Engineer and Technical Advisor (OE/TA) for this section of the Rehabilitation. Parsons is a global consulting firm which delivers complex roads, bridges, tunnels, highways, and transit solutions including consulting and planning services, program and construction management, and alternative delivery methods.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

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