

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Re-opening and amending Item 2023.EX4.9 - Metrolinx Ontario Line - Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

** This Motion is subject to re-opening. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe, recommends that:

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, Section 937-3.27A to K, inclusive, by deleting those sections and replacing them with the following,
 - a. the southbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between 20 metres north of Eastern Avenue and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;
 - b. the south-to-westbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, between the Don Valley Parkway and a point 150 metres south, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;
 - c. the eastbound outside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between Parliament Street and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;
 - d. the east-to-northbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, between F.G. Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;
 - e. the northbound middle lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 200 metres south of Eastern Avenue,

from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

f. the northbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Roadway and 100 metres south of Eastern Avenue, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

g. the southbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between 20 metres north of Eastern Avenue and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including ten nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

h. the south-to-westbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, between the Don Valley Parkway and a point 150 metres south, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including ten nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

i. the eastbound inside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between Parliament Street and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

j. the east-to-northbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, between F.G. Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day or up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

k. the northbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 200 metres south of Eastern Avenue, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive;

and City Council exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.

2. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, Section 937-3.33A and B, by deleting those section and inserting the following in their place,

a. the Don Roadway, northbound, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and the Don Valley Parkway, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including five nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive, to facilitate the installation of brackets and conduits on the south side of the existing Lower Don Bridge;

b. the Don Roadway, southbound, between the Don Valley Parkway and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including ten nights between April 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024, inclusive, to facilitate the installation of brackets and conduits on the south side of the existing Lower Don Bridge;

3. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic the southbound outside lane and adjacent pavement shoulder on the Don Valley Parkway, between 400 metres north of the Leaside Bridge and 100 metres south of Beechwood Drive, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day up to and including 120 nights between March 28, 2024 and October 31, 2024, inclusive, in order to conduct retaining wall construction and storm sewer relocation related to the Ontario Line Don Valley Crossing and exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.

Summary

This motion seeks to revise the timelines for temporary lane closures required for the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge and Leaside Bridge across the Don Valley Parkway, as approved by City Council on May 10, 2023 in Item EX4.9 “[Metrolinx Ontario Line - Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority](#)”.

The delay in the contractor procurement process prevented Metrolinx from commencing work when originally envisaged for the installation of fibre optic cable brackets and conduits at the Lower Don Bridge. Additionally, the construction of the retaining wall and relocation of storm sewer at the Leaside Bridge were also delayed.

With contractors now onboard the project, a thorough review of lane closure requirements has resulted in refined construction timelines and a reduced number of nightly lane closures to complete these works, while keeping the scope of work unchanged.

This motion seeks City Council approval for the revised lane closure timeline, with work scheduled to start in April 2024.

Reason for urgency: The required lane closures to undertake the work are imminent.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

EX4.9 [Metrolinx Ontario Line - Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority](#).

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM16.41