

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Reopening of Item EX23.3 – Metrolinx Ontario Line – Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority

Moved by: Councillor Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Nunziata

SUMMARY:

Item EX23.3 entitled “Metrolinx Ontario Line – Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority” was adopted by City Council at its meeting on May 21 and 22, 2025. Recommendations 4 and 8c of the Item approved a road closure window from September 22, 2025 to October 24, 2025, inclusive, to facilitate installation of the trestle structure across the Don Valley Parkway.

This road closure window is no longer achievable due to supply chain and fabrication delays. As a result, the bridge fabricator has re-sequenced work, and the earliest achievable fabrication date is October 20, 2025. This does not provide sufficient time to complete the required site works within the previously approved road closure window. To enable successful completion of the trestle installation, the road closure window must be extended to November 29, 2025.

Accordingly, a reopening and amendment of Item EX23.3 is required. The revised closure will be coordinated with concurrent major events, including Remembrance Day and the Santa Claus Parade, to avoid conflicts. It will also be coordinated with the Eastern Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation.

With the subject City Council approval, future temporary lane closures for the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge remain unaffected.

Reason for Urgency: Temporary lane closures are imminent, and updated City Council authority is required at the October Council meeting to maintain project schedule and prevent cascading impacts to subsequent construction stages.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council amend Item EX23.3 by deleting the date “October 24, 2025, in Parts 4 and 8c and inserting the date “November 29, 2025” so that they now read as follows:

"4. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, to facilitate the installation and removal of trestle structure, final bridge adjustments and removal of monitoring

equipment related to the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge, despite Section 937-4 of Code Chapter 937, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic:

- a. the southbound inside lane and adjacent pavement shoulder on the Don Valley Parkway, between 350 metres north of Gerrard Street 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;
- b. the southbound middle lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between 165 metres south of Gerrard Street 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;
- c. the southbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between 30 metres north of Queen Street 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;
- d. the eastbound inside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between 90 metres west of Rees 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;
- e. the eastbound middle lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between 80 metres east of Lower Simcoe 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;
- f. the eastbound outside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between 110 metres west of Bay 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;
- g. the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, between the 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 September 22, 2025 and November

29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;

h. the Don Valley Parkway northbound, all lanes, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive;

i. the Bay Street-F.G. Gardiner Expressway eastbound on-ramp, between Bay Street and the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive; and

j. the Rees Street- F.G. Gardiner Expressway eastbound on-ramp, between Rees Street and the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, 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 September 22, 2025, and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027, and June 30, 2027, inclusive.

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.

8. 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:

c. the Don Roadway, northbound and southbound, between the Don Valley Parkway and Lake Shore Boulevard, 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 September 22, 2025 and November 29, 2025, inclusive, and for up to and including eight nights between December 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between June 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, inclusive, to facilitate the installation and removal of trestle structure, final bridge adjustments and removal of monitoring equipment related to the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge;

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."