

Supplementary Report: Liberty For All Regeneration Area Study - Final Report

Date: June 23, 2026

To: City Council

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 10 - Spadina - Fort York

SUMMARY

On May 28, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the June 24, 25 and 26 meeting of City Council with an update on the maintenance plan and schedule of cleaning for the King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge, as well as updated plans for maintenance, cleaning, waste collection and monitoring during the FIFA World Cup to proactively address cleanliness and safety concerns.

This supplementary report responds to this request by providing an update on the day-to-day maintenance practices for the King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle bridge and outlines the enhanced service levels for the FIFA World Cup period (June 12 to July 19, 2026). The enhanced service plan is intended to maintain safe, clean and accessible conditions at the bridge during peak demand periods associated with FIFA related events.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Implementation of the enhanced maintenance, cleaning, monitoring, pothole response and waste collection service levels during the FIFA World Cup 2026 period may require additional operational effort by Transportation Services and Solid Waste Management Services to support increased pedestrian activity and event-related demand. Enhanced

operational activities include increased inspection frequencies, extended service coverage, prioritized response to urgent 311 service requests including potholes and street cleaning concerns, and additional waste collection within the FIFA activity footprint. At this time, the divisions intend to accommodate these operational requirements within respective 2026 Operating Budgets through staff redeployment, operational coordination and service prioritization.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications as contained in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 28, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted with amendments, the report entitled "Liberty For All Regeneration Area Study - Final Report". Toronto and East York Community Council also directed the General Manager, Transportation Services to report directly to the June 24, 25 and 26, 2026 meeting of City Council with an update on maintenance plan and schedule of cleaning for the King/Liberty Pedestrian Bridge, as well as updated plans for maintenance, cleaning, waste collection and monitoring during the FIFA World Cup to proactively address cleanliness and safety concerns.

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At its meeting on October 22, 2025, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted with amendments Item TE26.25 titled "Advancing Local Infrastructure Improvements in Liberty Village in Advance of the FIFA World Cup 2026". The report included information on the maintenance plan for the King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge and elevators.

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COMMENTS

The King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge is an important piece of active transportation and public realm infrastructure connecting Liberty Village to surrounding neighbourhoods and transit networks. This report provides an update on current maintenance and cleaning practices for the bridge and outlines the enhanced inspection, cleaning and waste management measures that will be implemented during the FIFA World Cup 2026 period. These measures are intended to support safe, clean, and accessible conditions in response to anticipated increase in pedestrian activity.

1. Current maintenance and cleaning schedule of King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle bridge

Transportation Services staff conduct daily inspections, Monday to Friday of the King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge and elevators as part of regular operational duties. During these inspections, staff immediately address litter, graffiti and other cleanliness issues as they are identified.

Staff also visit the site on weekends/after-hours if a 311-service request for elevator repair is received.

When issues are identified, staff undertake cleaning such as sweeping and mopping and dispose of any litter or debris found on the bridge, stairwell or in the elevators during their site visits. If issues are identified with the operation of the elevators, Transportation Services coordinates with Corporate Real Estate Management (CREM) to have the elevators serviced/repaired. Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS) provides daily servicing of the street litter bins located at the Douro Street entrance. If Transportation Services staff identifies that a bin is overflowing, they will coordinate with SWMS to have the bin serviced.

2. Enhanced maintenance, cleaning and waste collection during the FIFA World Cup 2026

During the FIFA World Cup (June 12 to July 19, 2026) Transportation Services will implement enhanced inspection and cleaning operations on the King- Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge to manage anticipated increases in pedestrian volumes and public realm usage.

The enhanced service plan includes:

- Three (3) inspections per day, seven (7) days per week between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Up to six (6) inspections on match days, including extended coverage based on event schedule and observed demand
- Deployment on a 24-hour shift schedule on match days to support response during peak usage periods and post-event conditions

Transportation Services and SWMS will coordinate operations to support consistent cleanliness across the bridge and adjacent public realm areas within the FIFA-related activity footprint, including the Douro Street entrance area.

SWMS will also increase collection frequency of street litter bins within the FIFA footprint, operating 7 days per week with extended coverage up to 20-hours per day.

3. Public Reporting and Service Requests during the FIFA World Cup 2026

Residents, businesses and visitors may continue to contact 311 for City service requests (SRs) and information during FIFA World Cup 2026, including any concerns related to litter, waste collection, graffiti, public cleanliness and maintenance of the King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge and surrounding area.

Transportation Services and SWMS will implement enhanced monitoring and response protocols within high activity areas. SRs received through 311 will be prioritized and triaged based on urgency, location, and operational conditions.

Conclusion

The King-Liberty Pedestrian Cycle Bridge is an important connection within the City's active transportation network and is expected to experience increased pedestrian activity during the FIFA World Cup 2026. Existing maintenance and cleaning programs will continue to support the bridge and surrounding area, while enhanced inspection, cleaning, waste collection, and response measures will be implemented throughout the FIFA World Cup 2026 period.

The enhanced service plan outlined in this report is intended to proactively address increased service demand and support safe, clean and accessible conditions for residents, businesses and visitors. Staff will continue to monitor conditions and coordinate operational responses to maintain the bridge and adjacent public realm.

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