

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Metrolinx Ontario Line - Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority

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Seconded by:

Recommendations:

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 inside lane and adjacent pavement shoulder on the Don Valley Parkway, between 25 metres north of Dundas 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive,
- b) the eastbound inside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, 15 metres west of 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive,
- c) the eastbound-to-northbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, between the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive,
- d) the northbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 160 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive,
- e) the eastbound-to-northbound outside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway- Don Valley Parkway 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive.

- f) the northbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 180 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive,
- g) 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 two nights between May 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026, inclusive.
- h) 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 direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to include additional permit conditions, as appropriate, for construction activities associated with Leslieville Station and Gerrard Station within the public road right-of-way, including but not limited to the following: Require submission and approval of detailed Traffic Management Plans demonstrating safe pedestrian and cycling operations prior to implementation of each major traffic stage;

- a) Require implementation of approved haul routes and construction vehicle traffic management measures, including restrictions on truck staging, queuing, and idling on local residential streets;
- b) Require maintenance of local and emergency vehicle access to adjacent properties throughout construction activities;
- c) Require Metrolinx and/or its contractors to provide Paid Duty Officers (PDOs), Traffic Control Persons (TCPs), flag persons, traffic agents, or other traffic management personnel, as determined necessary by Transportation Services, to safely manage pedestrian, cycle, transit, and vehicular movements within the work zone;
- d) Require coordination with the Toronto Transit Commission respecting temporary transit diversions, replacement bus service, stop relocations, and Overhead Catenary System (OCS) removal activities, including coordination of TTC service disruptions between Leslieville and Gerrard Station construction activities.
- e) Require maintenance of safe and accessible pedestrian routes at all times in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 7, and applicable City standards;
- f) Require provision and maintenance of temporary protected pedestrian walkways, barriers, lighting, signage, and wayfinding measures, including deployment of traffic control personnel throughout all construction stages;
- g) Require regular winter maintenance and snow clearing operations within and adjacent to the construction work zone, including temporary pedestrian routes, sidewalks, and bike lanes, to ensure safe access and operations during winter conditions.

- h) Require regular sweeping, debris removal, dust suppression, pothole maintenance, and general housekeeping within and adjacent to the construction work zone;
- i) Require implementation of noise, vibration, lighting, and dust mitigation measures, including maintenance of construction hoarding and noise barriers, where applicable;
- j) Require provision of visible project identification signage and community contact information on construction fencing, where applicable;
- k) Require advance public notification prior to implementation of significant traffic staging changes, overnight works, TTC service disruptions, temporary full closures, or major construction milestones;
- l) Require ongoing coordination with Transportation Services, Transit Expansion, Toronto Police Services, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Paramedic Services, the Toronto Transit Commission, local councillor, Business Improvement Areas, residents, and community stakeholders throughout construction activities; and
- m) Require provision of a designated community contact for public inquiries, complaints, and issue resolution related to construction activities.
- n) Require Metrolinx and/or its contractors to host regular in-person public meetings, Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings, neighbourhood walkthroughs, and/or site walks, in consultation with Transportation Services, Transit Expansion and the local councillor, throughout major construction stages to review construction impacts, mitigation measures, traffic operations, and community concerns.

3. Metrolinx be requested to change the name of the Ontario Line Station at Queen and Degraffi to Leslieville/Riverside Station

Summary

This motion seeks approval for temporary lane closures required to support construction activities for the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge.

Construction of the main bridge structure commenced in May 2025 and is progressing in accordance with prior City Council approvals under Items 2025.EX23.3 and 2025.MM33.42.

Temporary lane closures are required to safely remove the temporary support structure for the Lower Don Bridge. This removal will be done in a staged manner, beginning with the loosening of bolts and connection plates to allow structural separation, followed by controlled cable tensioning in accordance with the engineered removal sequence.

Due to site constraints, including limited access, crane reach, and platform capacity, the support structures will be dismantled into smaller components using manual lifting equipment. Each component will be secured, disconnected, lowered to the bridge deck, and subsequently removed

by crane.

City Council approval is requested for temporary nightly lane closures from May 30, 2026 to June 30, 2026, to enable completion of this work.

All temporary lane closures will be coordinated with other major events and concurrent construction activities, including the FIFA World Cup 2026, to minimize disruption and avoid conflicts within the broader transportation network.

Reason for Urgency:

Temporary lane closures are imminent. City Council approval at the May meeting is required to maintain the project schedule and avoid cascading impacts to subsequent construction stages.

Date May 21, 2026