

April 25, 2017

Closure of Lower Simcoe Street between Harbour Street and Queens Quay Boulevard Gardiner Expressway Ramp Reconstruction (Lower Simcoe Street to Bay Street)

Contract #16ECS-TI-06BE

Street Closes 10:00 P.M. Friday, May 5, 2017

Street Opens 5:00 A.M. Monday, May 8, 2017

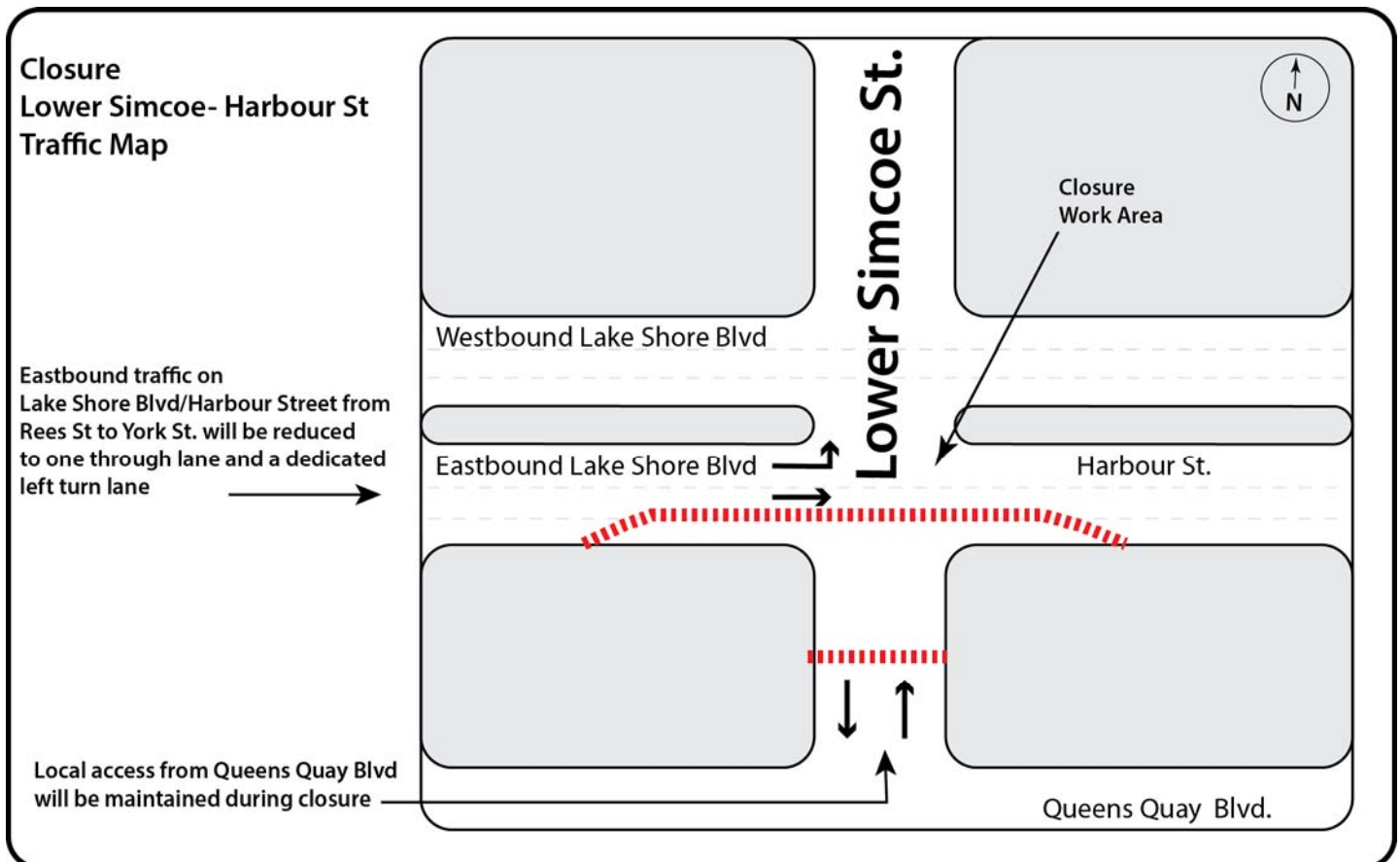
The City's contractor is making excellent progress on the demolition work of the York-Bay-Yonge off ramp that started on Monday, April 17. The removal operations are currently ahead of schedule as they approach the intersection at Lower Simcoe Street.

As part of the demolition work, the City will **close Lower Simcoe Street from Harbour Street to Queens Quay Boulevard starting at 10:00 P.M. Friday, May 5 to 5:00 A.M. Monday, May 8**. This portion of Lower Simcoe Street must be closed to safely remove the sections of the ramp over, and adjacent to, Lower Simcoe Street. Local access to all driveways will be maintained. **The Rees Street on-ramp will also be closed overnight on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.**

At the current pace, the City anticipates closing the intersection of York Street and Harbour Street from May 19 to May 22 to safely remove the overhead portion of the ramp. The intersection is expected to reopen the morning of May 22. A notice will be issued once the dates are confirmed.






For this weekend work only, demolition work will be scheduled overnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Work will occur around the clock until the overhead portion of the ramp is removed.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

You will experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce impacts. Your patience is appreciated.

	<p>Work Hours: This section of ramp demolition will take place once the road is closed and work will continue throughout the weekend.</p> <p>This work is exempt from the municipal noise by-law; it will be well-lit, loud and disruptive. Staff are monitoring the vibration caused by this demolition.</p> <p>The remaining work will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, with work after hours, overnight and on weekends as required. Note there is one more weekend of demolition to take place at York Street in May.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Only local traffic will be permitted on Lower Simcoe Street between Harbour Street and Queens Quay Boulevard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no through-traffic on Lower Simcoe Street northbound and southbound between Harbour Street and Queens Quay Boulevard. • Eastbound traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard/Harbour Street from Rees Street to York Street will be reduced to one through lane and a dedicated left turn lane. • Rees Street on-ramp will be closed overnight on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. • Westbound lanes on Lake Shore Boulevard West will remain open.
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction area. Pedestrians and cyclists will be subject to the same restrictions noted above under Traffic Mgt.</p> <p>Driveway and Laneway Access: Laneways and driveways that serve businesses and residences in the area will remain accessible for access, deliveries and service.</p>
	<p>Alternate Cycle Routes: The cycle tracks on Lower Simcoe Street will be closed through the intersection. Signage will be posted ahead of the closure to alert cyclists to use alternate routes on Bremner Boulevard and Rees or York Streets.</p> <p>The Lake Shore Boulevard West multi-use trail remains closed from Rees Street to York Street for the duration of construction. Signs for cyclists will be posted directing them to the Martin Goodman Trail on Queens Quay West.</p>
	<p>Accommodation: Residents that require accommodation must contact the Project Information Line to arrange for access during construction.</p>

MORE INFORMATION:

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote Contract #16ECS-TI-06BE.

Project Information Line	416-338-7797 Email: simcoe-ramp@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/simcoe-ramp Visit our website to sign-up for email updates.

Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.