

August 22, 2017

INTERSECTION CLOSURE Harbour Street @ York Street & ROAD CLOSURE Harbour Street (Lower Simcoe to York) Gardiner Expressway Ramp Reconstruction (from Lower Simcoe Street to Bay Street)

Contract #16ECS-TI-06BE

Street closes: 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017

Street opens: 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Work continues on the construction of the new ramp from the Gardiner Expressway to Lower Simcoe Street. Alongside this work, the City's contractor has started making improvements to Harbour Street, which will be fully reconstructed and widened from Lower Simcoe Street to Bay Street.



In order to reconstruct and widen Harbour Street, **the intersection at YORK STREET and HARBOUR STREET will be completely closed to traffic, pedestrians and cyclists. This work will take place from 9:00 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 to 5:00 a.m. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.**





Due to the traffic staging for the work at York Street and on the east side of the intersection at Lower Simcoe, Harbour Street will also be closed between Lower Simcoe Street and York Street.

We appreciate your patience during this closure, further lane closures will be needed in the fall as work on this project continues.

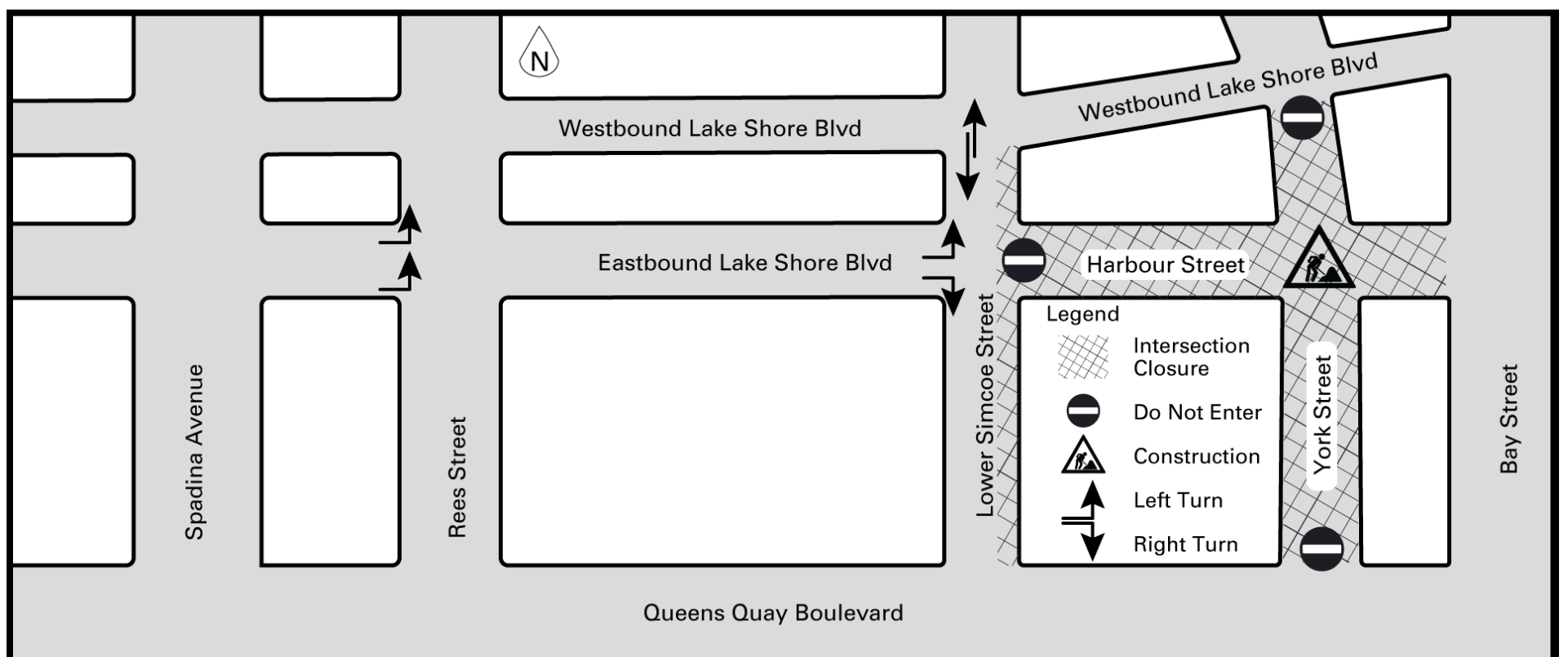
WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

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

	<p>Traffic Management: Access to Lower Simcoe Street, Harbour Street and York Street will be affected as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full closure of the intersection of York Street and Harbour Street/Lake Shore Boulevard with no through-traffic. • Local eastbound traffic must use Spadina Avenue, Rees Street or Lower Simcoe Street to travel north or south and then to travel further east. • There will be one lane open in each direction for north and southbound traffic on Lower Simcoe Street through Harbour Street. • The eastbound Rees Street on-ramp will be open at all times. • Westbound lanes on Lake Shore Boulevard West will remain open. • Through eastbound traffic to downtown is encouraged to take the Gardiner to Jarvis Street and enter downtown from that exit during this closure. <p><i>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.</i></p>
	<p>Overnight Work Hours: Work will take place 24-hours a day for the entire weekend. The contractor will use extended work hours to minimize traffic disruption and congestion.</p> <p>Be advised, that overnight work will involve loud noise, such concrete saw cutting, concrete grinding and concrete removal (e.g. tools and machinery), placing concrete into trucks (banging) and beeping trucks backing-up. This type of work can be expected the first half of the weekend. This noise will not be as disruptive as the ramp demolition work that was delivered this past spring.</p> <p><i>There will be periods when very little activity is taking place due to freshly poured concrete curing in the roadway.</i></p>

	<p>Pedestrian Access: Due to the nature of the work and for safety reasons, pedestrians will not be able to use the sidewalks within the construction area on York Street. They will also not be able to use the east sidewalk on Lower Simcoe Street. Signage will be placed ahead of the intersection to notify pedestrians to use nearby streets to move north, south, east, and west in this area.</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 Bay 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>Road, Sidewalk and Driveway Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction area.</p>
	<p>Accommodation: Residents that require accommodation must contact the Project Information Line to arrange for access during construction.</p>

MAP OF ROAD RESTRICTIONS



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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	www.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.