

Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration
Stage 1: Construction Liaison Committee Meeting #2 Minutes
Wednesday May 2, 2018
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
WSP/Fermar Site Office - 3816 Bloor St W, Toronto, ON M9B 6C2

Agenda and Discussion

The discussion captured is summarized below. Questions are noted with a “Q”, comments with “C”, answers with “A”, and action items with "Action." Answers were provided by Robyn Shyllit, Sarmad Al-Douri, Kevin Kauffeldt and Nathan Jenkins unless noted otherwise.

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was chaired by Robyn Shyllit, City of Toronto.

2. Review of CLC Terms of Reference

- All CLC members agreed to adhere to the terms of reference and code of conduct.

3. Approval of CLC Meeting #2 Minutes & Review of Action Items

1.	Islington Ratepayers Association concern regarding emergency service access during filming.	Resolved
2.	Request for information regarding steering committee process for underpass murals.	2018/2019 – Painting of Islington underpass Art Call fall 2018; install Spring 2019. Spring 2019/2020 - Painting of Bloor underpass; Art Call fall 2019; install Spring 2020. Summer 2020/2121 - Painting of underpass at St. Albans Art Call fall 2020; install Spring 2020.

4. Construction Progress since CLC #2 & Expected Schedule into Fall 2018

Q: Kipling Avenue is lower than the surrounding roadways. Is there any plan to raise

Kipling Avenue so that it can be at grade with the rest of the roads?

A: The grade referred to is about a 1 metre difference. Future work on this section will include a gradual raising of the grade as work progresses on the west side of Dundas Street W., to the east section. When we do the connection at Dundas Street W., at Kipling Ave it will all tie in, and then taper off near the south side of the current bridges.

Q: How many lanes will Dunbloor Road be?

A: Dunbloor Road will be 4 lanes.

Q: During construction, on the east side of Dundas Street, where Road B connects, will motorists be able to travel westbound on Dundas Street West, south on Kipling Ave., then to the St. Albans Ramp, to Road A, to finally access Road B and Dundas Street West / Bloor Street?

A: There is only a small segment of Dundas Street West opening. The intent is to open the new alignment of Dundas Street to Bloor Street at the end of the year to traffic. At present, you should use existing Bloor Street to come up to the new Dundas Street. The temporary opening of Road A and B is to relieve traffic from Auckland Road.

Q: The " dots," on the map – does that symbolize two way traffic movement?

A: No – While there will be two way traffic along Dundas Street, the dots on the Local Access Notice map indicate a barrier wall.

Q: How are pedestrians able to get from Kipling Ave., to anywhere in the area?

A: Complex to answer as when they shift the construction on either side to create the intersection, the configuration of where people are able to walk shifts. There will be signage. In our current notice, we state:

- Temporary sidewalk maintained on south side of Dundas St with access to Six Points Park
- Sidewalks maintained on east side of Kipling Avenue

When traveling from the south, as the westbound sidewalk is closed – please use the eastbound sidewalk to travel north on Kipling Avenue to access Bloor and Dundas Street. When we begin work on Road A, B and newDundas Street W, there will be a fenced in sidewalk. When work on Dundas St west of Kipling Ave begins, we will try to also create a sidewalk connection, however work will be very active there. Signage will be placed on southbound Kipling Avenue, so that pedestrians may get over to Dundas Street, and we hope people will follow it.

C: Currently, there are signs there as you come up, but as usual people do not follow them.

C: If there are points where the CLC thinks a sign should be placed, please let us know.

Q: We are discussing just the ramps and sidewalks, not the closure of any roadways, yes?

A: Correct.

Q: What work will be taking place on Dundas Street West?

A:

May 2018 – December 2018

Construction of the southern portion of the new Dundas Street, and installation of street

lighting and separate underground sewer, water and hydro utilities.

Traffic Management

- Dundas Street reduced to 2 eastbound and 2 westbound lanes.
- Temporary sidewalk maintained on south side of Dundas St with access to Six Points Park.

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Traffic Management

- A temporary asphalt roadway to 5229 Dundas St W will provide access for vehicles to eastbound travel lanes on Dundas Street West.
- A temporary barrier down the center of Dundas Street will prevent left turns to/ from the Six Points Plaza and The Essex Condominiums.

Q: Viking Lane, and associated lane configuration is not addressed on this notice (Construction Update #5). It is also not addressed on the Local Access Notice though.

A: Correct, we addressed Dundas Street West, and through this work - included some information on Viking Lane's entrance and exit. It will be a similar scenario, with a right in and right out. At The Essex Condominium, there is a concern with maintaining the left turn out of this roadway – that is why it has been restricted.

Action: Project Team to address Viking Lane entrance and exit details.

Q: How will you stop people from turning from the westbound lanes of Dundas Street into The Essex Condominium? There are buildings even behind the Essex Condominium that will not be able to get out as well. There will be traffic will jam will extend all the way back to St. Albans by removing this access point.

A: Between the eastbound and westbound lanes, there will be a barrier. This is needed to reconstruct the eastbound lanes of Dundas Street West. We do not want people turning off Dundas Street West.

C: We request that you please provide very clear information about an entry way into the Essex Condominium area so that it can be messaged out.

Action: Project Team to generate access map based on starting location. Project Team to update website with independent page including these maps; through routes; and local restrictions.

C: The reason the Essex Condominium people will have trouble is because it's a residence only access – visitors cannot come in.

A: Visitors will be able to access The Essex Condominium from the eastbound lanes of Dundas Street W at all times during construction. A map displaying this local access will be shown on Local Access Notice #1.

Q: Where will the temporary sidewalk on Dundas Street be located? There are many residents with mobility concerns, and I'm sure there will be tripping hazards with this work happening. Will it be smooth / safe to walk through?

A: **Along the southern edge of the active roadway.** We intend to maintain all accessibility on all sidewalks to ensure we comply with Vision Zero, wheelchair accessibility and anything else. We will put ramps where needed, and mark with reflective tape and pylons. Site inspectors walk the area frequently and will keep an eye out for anything inconsistent.

Q: Will the sidewalk be moved to the road on Dundas Street West?

A: When you look at Dundas Street West, and shift the traffic, the barrier wall will start in the middle of the street. Between the barrier wall will be a sidewalk that is about 1.5 metres. Therefore – the sidewalk will run in the middle of the street. We will have signs and arrows directing pedestrians.

Q: Will the driveway to The Essex Condominium be barreled off?

A: Yes, the driveway will be.

Q: Will the sidewalk that runs in the middle of Dundas Street West have lighting? Is this something we, the Councillors Office, should directly talk to Transportation Services about?

A: We have explained the details for the temporary lighting with the Contractor, and there will be pole lighting along the edge of the fast-fence. Due to the sidewalk being in the middle of the road, there may be a lag in installation, however we do have plans to have that portion lit.

C: We understand your concern, and we will forward this to the Contractor. We advise everyone to let us know if there are any other concerns.

Action: Forward lighting concerns for temporary sidewalk on Dundas Street West to Contractor.

Q: My concerns are regarding Six Points Plaza, and they include: traffic congestion and new traffic lights. Are you leaving those as-is, or are we getting new lights?

A: Because of the barrier wall being put up on the eastbound and westbound lanes, left turns will not be permitted in that area. We will not be altering traffic signals in the area at this time.

Q: When traveling westbound on Dundas Street West, how does one get into their condo in general? Particularly, as there is going to be a barrier, how do they get in? What route would they take? How will people get home from their downtown jobs if they are taking Dundas Street West?

A: What we would recommend is:

- A right on Beamish Dr from Dundas St;
- Then a right onto Bloor St eastbound
- Then a right onto Kipling Ave southbound;
- Then a right onto Viking Ln from Kipling Ave using the ramp.

There are a few alternatives, and because of the variety of routes, and where people are coming from, we understand that we need to have maps explaining this. We hope to have these curated with specifics for everyone.

C: We will also have a separate webpage with this information with tabs and blueprints with information that will be helpful.

Q: When you blow up the bridges, will you be telling residents of the area?

A: Yes – however the demolition will happen very quickly and it will not be that explosively exciting.

Q: Are there going to be islands on Dunbloor Road and Dundas Street West?

A: Yes, there will be trees on portions of Dundas Street, Bloor Street, and Dunbloor

Road. There will not be any on Kipling Ave. However, it is important to note that tree planting will likely not happen until the end of the project.

Q: In regards to the tree clearing in front of our building (Essex Condominiums), there were many questions from the residents regarding the clearing, but also the bike path. As the bike lanes will be coming, I'm assuming you're going to be digging deeper over there?

A: There will be a slight buffer – it will be where the low hedge is. We are keeping that there though. Our drawings show no hedge removal, and we will try to save what we can. Whatever is removed, will be replaced.

Q: Do you happen to have a rendering of what it will look like in front of the building with all these new elements? As residents pay to maintain it, they are curious about the final product.

A: We do have renderings but it is an engineering overhead drawing.

Action: Send rendering of planting configurations / bike path to Essex Condominium; arrange phone meeting to discuss.

5. Next Meeting Date, Location and Time

- Meeting #4: July 2018

6. Action Items

1.	Project Team to address Viking Lane entrance and exit details.
2.	Project Team to generate access map based on starting location. Project Team to update website with independent page including these maps; through routes; and local restrictions.
3.	Project Team to review Essex Condominium access.
4.	Forward lighting concerns for temporary sidewalk on Dundas Street West to Contractor.

Attendees

CLC Members

Danielle Casha, Manager – DEL Essex

Doug Hubel – TSCC 1577

Manny Tortos – Six Points Plaza

Melanie McIvor – Village of Islington BIA

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