



## Van Dusen Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Construction Overview

As noted in the last update, due to significant erosion issues along Mimico Creek from rain events, the City of Toronto has closed the Van Dusen Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge over Mimico Creek to ensure public safety.

A construction notice detailing the bridge closure and current status of construction can be found [here](#) and the initial update from Councillor Grimes can be found [here](#).

## Bridge Removal begins week of September 21

To reduce any further impact on the storm sewer, the City has secured a contractor to remove the bridge completely starting the week of September 21, 2020 before the remaining construction work starts in 2021.

The work of removing the bridge will include:

- Mobilizing and setting up laydown areas on both sides of the bridge
- Moving equipment, machines and cranes from the east end of the bridge

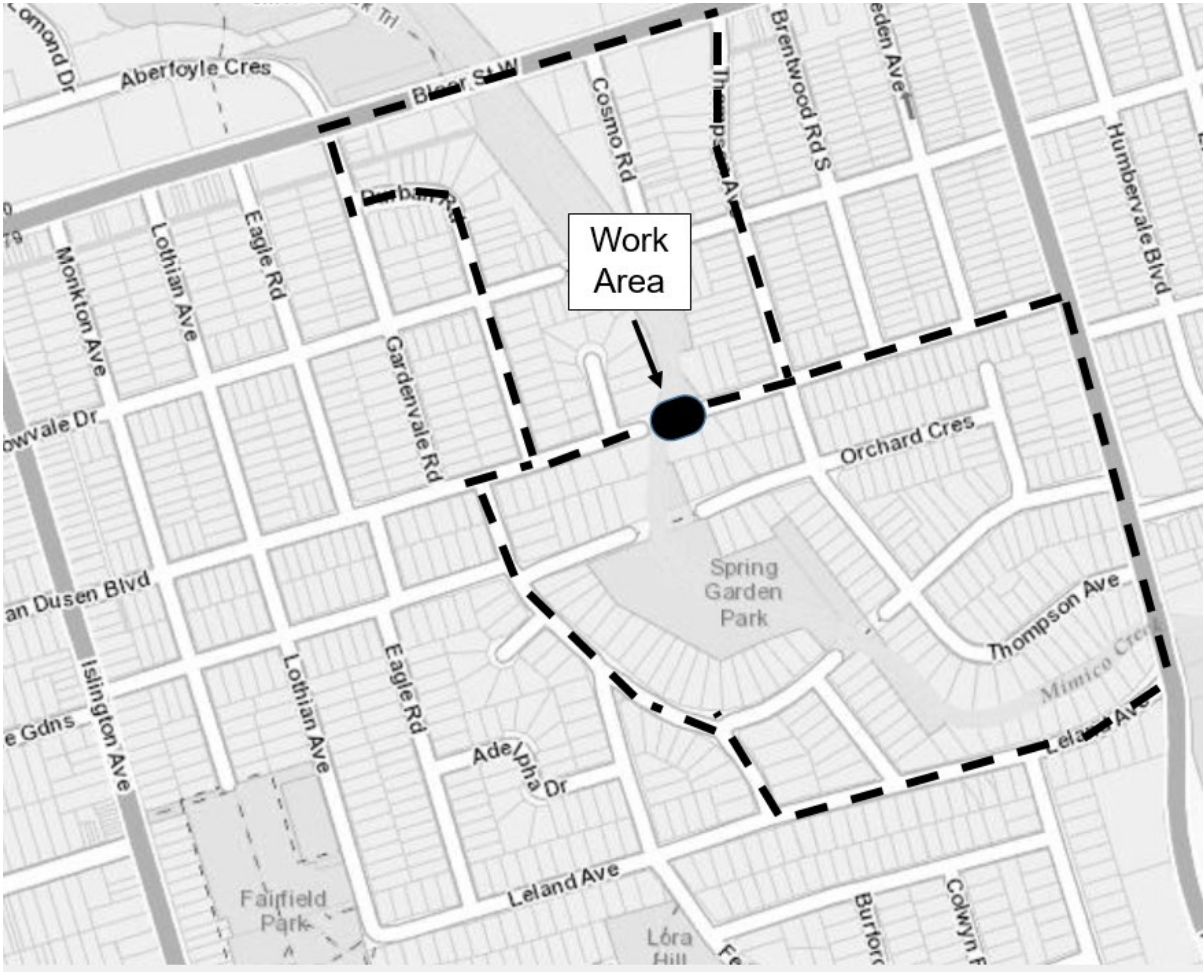
- Removing 28 trees near the construction site - trees in the removal area will be replaced with a 3:1 ratio of naturalization planting including tree whips and shrubs and will be overseen by the City's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Division and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).
- Debris protection installation
- Dismantling the superstructure
- Removing the abutments and pier
- Slope protection
- Erecting fences to ensure public safety until the new bridge is constructed next year

Updates will continue to be posted on [toronto.ca/mimicocreek](https://toronto.ca/mimicocreek) as they become available.

## **Pedestrian/Cyclist Detour**

During the bridge closure, cyclists and pedestrians can take the following suggested route detour:

- Pedestrians approaching the Van Dusen pedestrian bridge from the north side can use Thompson Avenue and Durban Road connecting with Bloor Street West
- Pedestrians approaching the bridge from the south side can use Spring Garden Road and Royal York Road connecting with Leland Avenue



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