

October 28, 2021

## Glen Road Pedestrian Bridge and Tunnel Replacement

**Contract: 21ECS-TI-09BE**

**Start Date: Late November, 2021 Expected End Date: November 2023**

*\*Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is beginning reconstruction of the Glen Road Pedestrian Bridge across the Rosedale Valley Ravine (also known as the Morley Callaghan Footbridge) and the pedestrian tunnel under Bloor Street East. This work will ensure that the bridge and tunnel meet today's standards and remain safe for pedestrians into the future.

This project includes replacement of the existing pedestrian bridge and tunnel, installation of an accessible path from the north side of Bloor Street East to connect with the bridge, redesign of public spaces at the north and south ends of the bridge and tunnel and new public art. This project is part of the City's Council approved 2021 Capital Works Program.

The construction work will require full closure of the pedestrian bridge and tunnel for the duration of the project.

**We invite you to attend a virtual Public Information Event to learn more about the construction phase of this project and ask questions.**



**Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021**

**Presentation and Question & Answer Session: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

This event is being conducted virtually based on guidance from our Chief Medical Officer to reduce the spread of COVID 19. There are two ways to participate:



**Join online (computer, smart phone or tablet)**

Register to attend at: [toronto.ca/glen-rd-ped-bridge](https://toronto.ca/glen-rd-ped-bridge)

You will receive an email with instructions on how to join the event. If you do not register in advance, the event link will be posted on the web page the day of the event.



**Join by phone (audio only)**

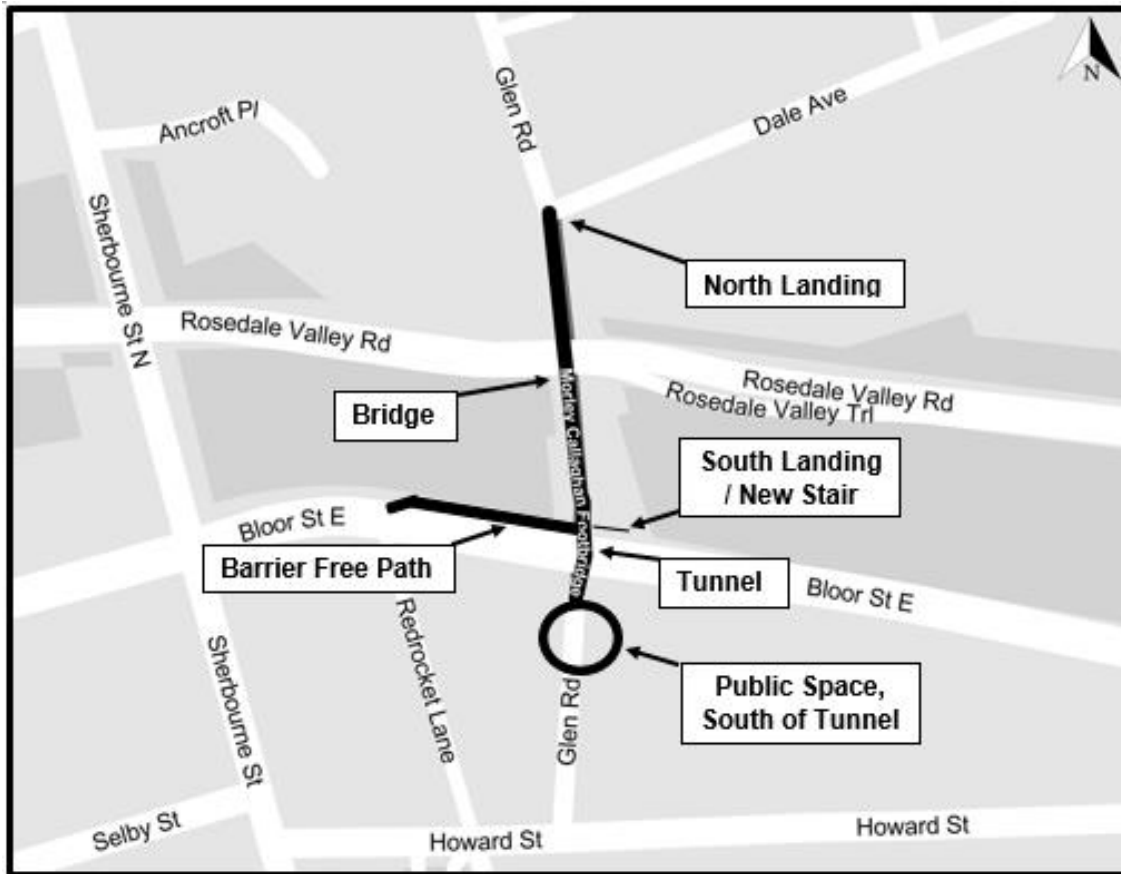
Five minutes before the meeting starts, dial 416-915-6530 and enter access code 2460 101 7915.

*Can't attend? We still want to hear from you. Please contact the Field Ambassador listed on page 4 of this notice with questions.*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IN TORONTO

During construction, the contractor is responsible for the Health & Safety on site under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and is expected to implement COVID-19 mitigation practices. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19 please visit [toronto.ca/covid-19](https://toronto.ca/covid-19).

## MAP OF WORK AREAS




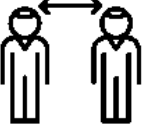





## WORK DETAILS


The City's contractor will

- Remove existing bridge, tunnel, retaining walls and north of Bloor Street East staircase including footings and structural elements (e.g. fences, steel beam guide rails);
- Construct a new bridge and tunnel, including foundation;
- Construct a new barrier free accessible pathway from Bloor Street East to the landing between new bridge and tunnel;
- Install new railings on the pathway, staircase, parapet wall, bridge approaches and bridge deck;
- Install new streetscaping elements in the public space on Glen Road south near the TTC subway entrance, including a new retaining wall, paver stones, lighting and plantings;
- Extend existing sidewalk on the east side of Glen Road, south of the tunnel;
- Install new artistic bollards at the tunnel entrance and new art on concrete tunnel walls; and
- Install new light poles and surface-mounted strip light fixtures along bridge railings and tunnel walls.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Work crews will mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.

	<p><b>Access to Your Home:</b> The City-hired contractor may need access to the interior and exterior of your home to complete a pre-construction condition inspection. Affected properties will receive a request from the contractor to schedule a time to complete the inspection. Although participation is voluntary, the pre-construction inspection results may be useful to confirm claims for potential damage caused by City construction.</p>
	<p><b>Physical Distancing:</b> There are times when contractors need to communicate with homeowners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility clothing and will maintain physical distancing.</p>
	<p><b>Site Safety:</b> Workers on site are responsible for the work assigned to them. If you have construction questions or an issue on site – ask to be directed to the site inspector. If the site inspector is unavailable, contact the person listed at the end of this notice.</p>
	<p><b>City Owned Trees:</b> Due to the nature of this project, 127 City trees will need to be removed from the Rosedale Valley ravine and the City's boulevard in order to carry out the work. Tree removals have been reviewed with the City's Urban Forestry Division. Over 400 new trees and 1000 new shrubs will be planted.</p>
	<p><b>Traffic Management:</b> Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars may be sharing travel lanes. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lane reduction on Bloor Street East:</b> During the two-staged tunnel reconstruction, travel lanes on Bloor Street East will be reduced to one shared travel lane in each direction for people driving and cycling. The existing bike lanes will be temporarily removed and restored after the tunnel work is completed.</li> <li>• <b>Rosedale Valley Road Closure:</b> During the bridge removal and new bridge construction, Rosedale Valley Road will be fully closed from Park Road to Bayview Avenue for several weekends. Pedestrian detour will be provided during the full closure.</li> </ul> <p><i>Detailed updates about road closures, travel restrictions and traffic management will be provided by way of signage in the area, on the project web page listed on page 4, and through regular email updates.</i></p>
	<p><b>Pedestrian Access:</b> A temporary pedestrian walkway will be provided on both sides of Bloor Street East for the entire duration of construction for east-west travel.</p> <p>During the bridge and tunnel closure, pedestrians are encouraged to use <b>Sherbourne Avenue</b> as an alternate route for north-south travel.</p>
	<p><b>Parking:</b> This project will impact on-street parking. Parking in the active work zone is not permitted as space is needed for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. Please call 416-808-2222 for its location.</p>

	<p><b>Parking Violation Notice:</b> If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers must issue a yellow parking violation notice (ticket) to vehicles in violation of parking by-laws. If you receive a yellow notice during this construction work, do the following within 15 days of the notice date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact the site inspector or person listed on the Construction Notice and give them the yellow notice number.</li> <li>2. Dispute the parking violation notice online or in person following the process listed on the back of the parking violation notice.</li> </ol> <p><b>You may use this construction notice as part of the explanation of why the violation should be cancelled. Please note:</b> violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked in illegal parking spots (i.e. in front of a fire hydrant or in no parking zones).</p> <p>In an effort to reduce ticketing due to construction, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction and may need to temporarily park on your street.</p>
	<p><b>Restoration:</b> The construction work area will be restored with sod, concrete and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October).</p>
	<p><b>Accessible Accommodation:</b> The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during construction. Any temporary access disruptions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you experience a disruption, have a specific access need or related accommodation request, contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</p>

## MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the upcoming work or the virtual Public Information Event, please contact us and quote contract number **21ECS-TI-09BE**

<b>Field Ambassador</b>	Maria Lippa, 416-495-4254 <a href="mailto:GlenRdPedBridgeTunnel@morrisonhershfield.com">GlenRdPedBridgeTunnel@morrisonhershfield.com</a>
<b>TTY Hearing Impaired Service</b>	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
<b>General inquiries</b>	311
<b>Web page</b>	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/glen-rd-ped-bridge">www.toronto.ca/glen-rd-ped-bridge</a>

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