

February 14, 2022

Glen Road Pedestrian Bridge and Tunnel Replacement

Contract: 21ECS-TI-09BE

Start Date: March 7, 2022 Expected End Date: October 31, 2023

**Timeline is subject to change.*

This notice provides an update on the Glen Road Pedestrian Bridge reconstruction across the Rosedale Valley Ravine (also known as the Morley Callaghan Footbridge) and pedestrian tunnel that runs under Bloor Street East. Previous notices communicated November 2021 as the start for this project; however, due to procurement delays and severe winter weather conditions, work was delayed.

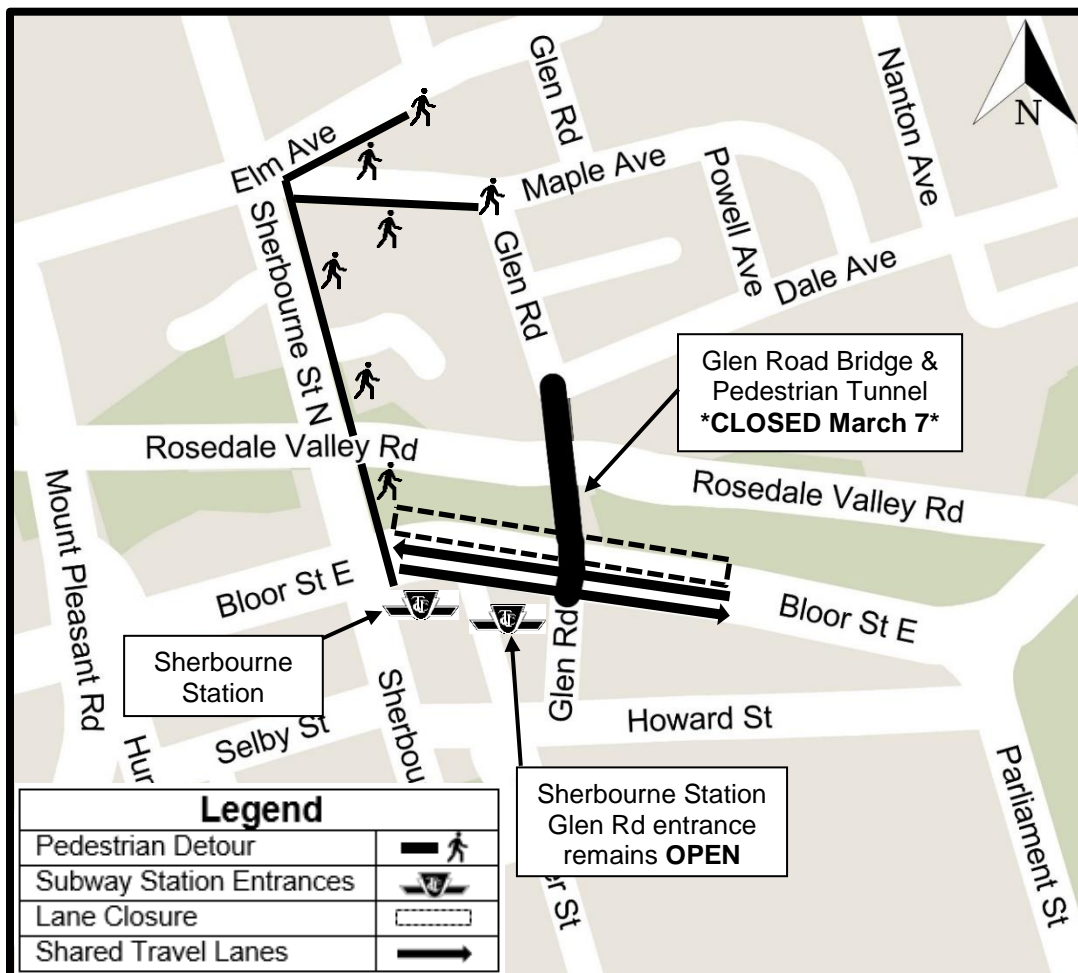
Starting March 7, 2022, the Glen Road pedestrian bridge and pedestrian tunnel will be closed. The contractor will begin Stage 1 work by removing the existing bridge, tunnel, retaining walls and staircase north of Bloor Street East.

As part of this work, from **March 7, 2022 to December 2022**, traffic on Bloor Street East will be reduced to one shared travel lane in each direction for people driving and cycling. Rosedale Valley Road will remain open to vehicles and pedestrians, except during the bridge removal and reconstruction work, which will require a full road closure for a total of four weekends at the end of April, early May and August 2022. The map below displays the exact location of closures, reduced travel lanes and suggested alternate travel routes.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this upcoming construction.

**The City is providing regular email updates throughout construction.
Register to receive these updates at: toronto.ca/glen-rd-ped-bridge**

PROJECT AREA MAP



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.




PLANNED WORK






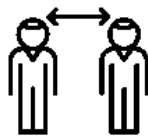



The City's contractor will:



- Mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable, with temporary protection and/or relocation of these utilities as necessary, so that the construction work does not cause interference to public services;
- Mobilize at the site by setting up field offices and storing materials / equipment on Bloor Street East; for minor material storage, Dale Avenue and Glen Road north may be used;
- Remove City owned trees (see Page 3 for further details);
- Remove the 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 walls, 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

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, with work after hours, Sunday and statutory holidays as required.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: 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"> • Lane reductions on Bloor Street East: Effective March 7, 2022 to December 2022, 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. <i>The existing bike lanes will be temporarily removed and restored after the tunnel work is completed.</i> • Rosedale Valley Road Closures: During the bridge removal and new bridge construction, Rosedale Valley Road will fully close from Park Road to Bayview Avenue for a total of four weekends (Saturday and Sunday). These closures are planned to take place in late April, May and August 2022. A pedestrian detour will be provided during the closures. The closure dates will be communicated on the project webpage listed on Page 4 and via email. Please register to receive these updates at: toronto.ca/glen-rd-ped-bridge <p>Signage will be installed one week ahead of the travel lane closures on Bloor Street East and the planned weekend closures on Rosedale Valley Road.</p> <p>Emergency access will be maintained at all times.</p>
	<p>Cyclists: During construction the bike lane on Bloor Street East will be temporarily closed through the work zone. Signs will be posted directing cyclists and drivers to share the lane, single file, through the work zone.</p>

	<p>Pedestrian Access: A temporary pedestrian walkway will be provided on both sides of Bloor Street East for the entire duration of construction for east-west travel. During the bridge and tunnel closure, pedestrians are encouraged to use Sherbourne Street as an alternate route for north-south travel. See map on Page 1.</p>
	<p>Sherbourne Station (at Glen Road South): Access to the Sherbourne Subway entrance at Glen Road will be maintained at all times. However, due to the bridge and tunnel closure, anyone north of Bloor Street West will need to access Sherbourne Station via Sherbourne Street.</p>
	<p>Parking: The impact to on-street parking will be minimal due to the construction activity associated with this project, more specifically on Bloor Street West (at the tunnel entrance and stairs) and on Glen Road North and Glen Road South. 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>Bike Parking: The existing bike rings on Glen Road South, adjacent to the Sherbourne Station entrance will be removed during construction. Once work is completed, the contractor will reinstall these bike rings.</p>
	<p>Access to Your Home: 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>Physical Distancing: 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>Site Safety: 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 on Page 4.</p>
	<p>City Owned Trees: Due to the nature of this project, 127 City trees will 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. The contractor plans to begin tree removals on March 17, 2022.</p>
	<p>Parking Violation Notice: <u>Please ensure that you park in a legal parking spot at all times throughout construction.</u> 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"> 1) Dispute the parking violation notice online or in person following the process listed on the back of the parking violation notice. 2) Contact the site inspector or the person listed at the end of this notice and give them the yellow notice number. <p>You may submit this construction notice as part of the Parking Violation Dispute process. Please note: Violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked illegally (e.g. in front of a fire hydrant or in No Parking zones). In an effort to reduce ticketing due to construction, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.</p>

	<p>Restoration: 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>Accessible Accommodation: 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, inform the contact listed below.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

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

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