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Berry Road Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation over Mimico Creek

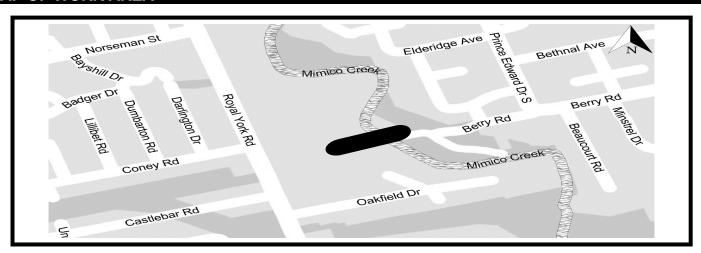
Contract: 22ECS-BE-11BSE
Start Date: May 2022 End Date: December 2022
NEW Start Date: End of June 2022 NEW End Date: November 2022
*Timeline is subject to change.

The City of Toronto is planning to rehabilitate the Berry Road pedestrian bridge over Mimico Creek. This work will ensure that this bridge meets today's standards, except AODA, and remains safe for pedestrians into the future. The project is part of the Council-approved 2022 Capital Works Program.

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**.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

For this project, the City's contractor will:

- Repair concrete deck top between east abutment and west pier;
- Concrete patch repair on deck staircase and deck soffit, face of abutments, ballast wall, retaining walls and piers;
- Re-construct east deck approach and expansion joints;
- Install new bicycle height steel hand railing;
- Re-coat existing girders and diaphragms;
- Apply concrete sealer to exposed abutments, piers, and wingwalls;
- Install slope protection at west abutment and piers;
- Install new bearings.

WHY NOW?

The Berry Road pedestrian bridge is in advanced deteriorated condition (e.g. corroded steel girder ends, spalled concrete deck and stair cases, poor condition of bearings and sub-structures, non-functioning expansion joints, sub-standard pedestrian railing to name the few). In order to keep this bridge in a state of good repair and ensure public safety at all time, it needs to be rehabilitated in the current construction season.

Furthermore, this bridge is located in an environmentally sensitive area as well as in close proximity of Bishop Allan Academy. Accordingly, respective regulatory authorities such as TRCA, RNFP and TCDSB have been consulted along the way, and all the necessary permits/agreement are being obtained from these authorities to carry out the rehabilitation work in the current construction season. Doing the bridge repairs now will avoid conflict with the planned replacement of the Reid Manor Park Pedestrian Bridge scheduled for 2023, as well as any future reconstruction works at the Bishop Allan Academy.

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WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE 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.
- Affected properties will receive a Construction Notice approximately two weeks before work begins with more information about the work.



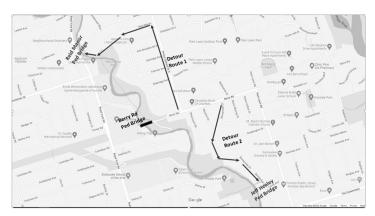
Project Timeline: Rehabilitation of pedestrian bridge will begin once the current school year adjourns in late June. To minimize impact, the City has compressed the construction schedule to maximum within current scope of work. The new end date is November 2022, which means work will continue when school reopens in September.



Pedestrians: The bridge will remain closed to pedestrians for the duration of construction.

Detour: The City's Contractor will put up signage and direct students/pedestrians to take following detour route to cross Mimico Creek:

- At South, cross Mimico Creek through Jeff Healey Park bridge at Bonnyview Drive
- At North, cross Mimico Creek through Reid Manor Park bridge





No Temporary Crossing: The City explored the option to build a detour bridge beside the existing one to lessen the inconvenience to pedestrians; however, due to rough terrain, significant elevation difference between Royal York and Mimico Creek shore line at the noted location, TRCA environmental requirements and the presence of a large amount of trees, constructing a temporary crossing would not only be damaging to environment and Mimico Creek's natural habitat but also time consuming and cost prohibitive to the City. Thus, a temporary crossing was not a feasible option at this location.



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, contact the **Field Ambassador** listed below.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote 22ECS-BE-11BSE.

Field Ambassador	Maria Lippa, 416-495-4207 BerryRdParkMimico@morrisonhershfield.com
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