



# Port Union Road Improvements

## Public Information Event

Wednesday June 28, 2023

# Land Acknowledgement

To commence this meeting we would like to first take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are meeting.

This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse Indigenous, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.



**This meeting is being recorded**

# Agenda

6:30 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions
6:40 p.m.	Presentation
7:10 p.m.	Questions
8:00 p.m.	Meeting ends

# Opening Remarks

**Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**  
**Scarborough-Rouge Park**  
**City of Toronto**





# Project Team

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## **Public Consultation**

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## **Transportation Services**

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# Code of Conduct

- **Be patient:** Virtual meetings don't always run as smoothly as planned.
- **Be brief:** Limit yourself to one question or comment when you are called on to speak.
- **Be respectful:** The City of Toronto is an inclusive public organization. Discriminatory, prejudicial or hateful comments and questions will not be tolerated and you will be removed from the meeting.



We want to hear from you – all questions are good questions!

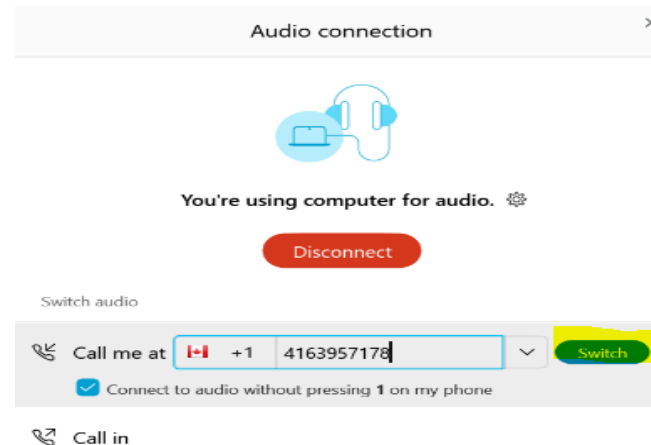
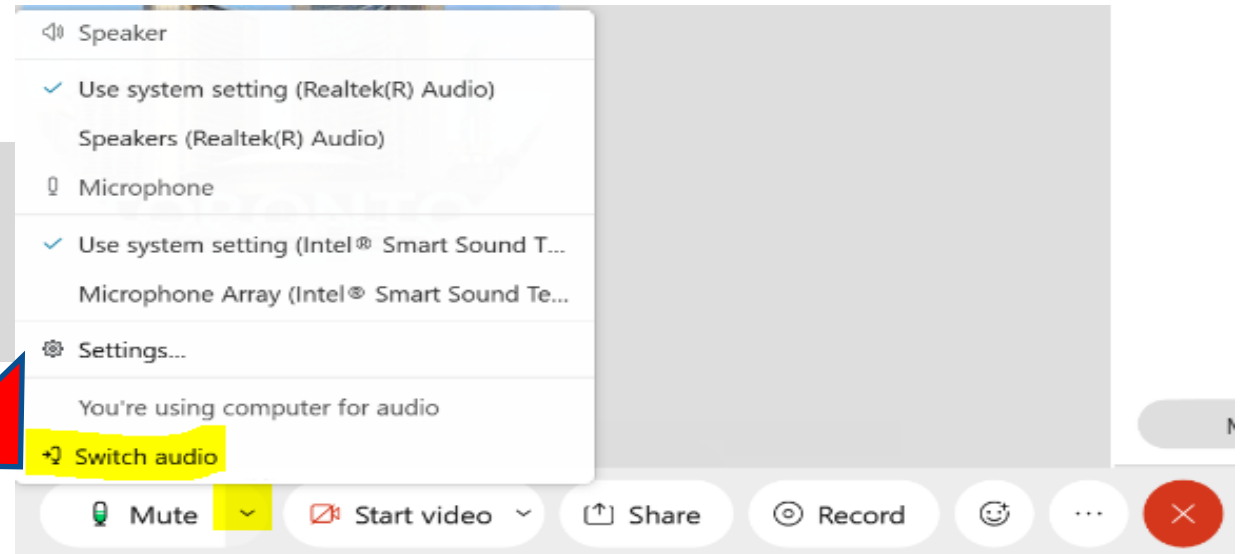
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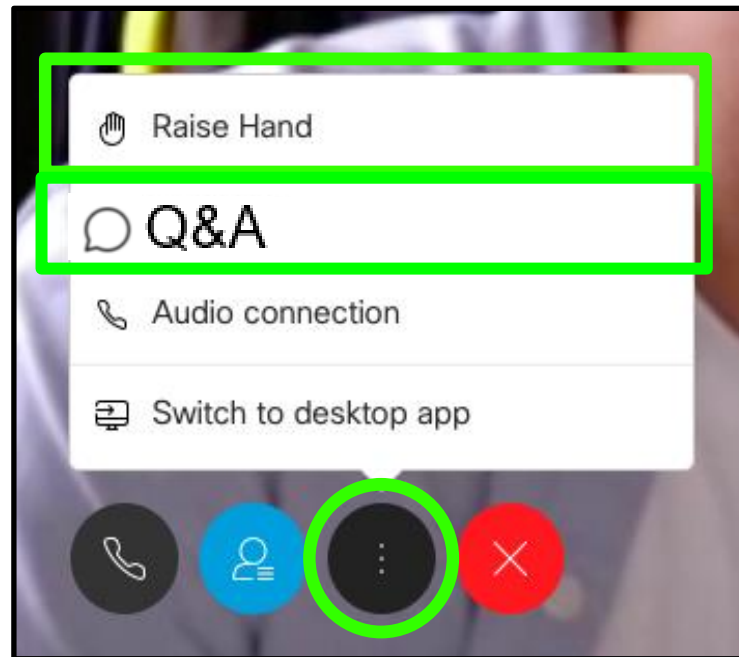
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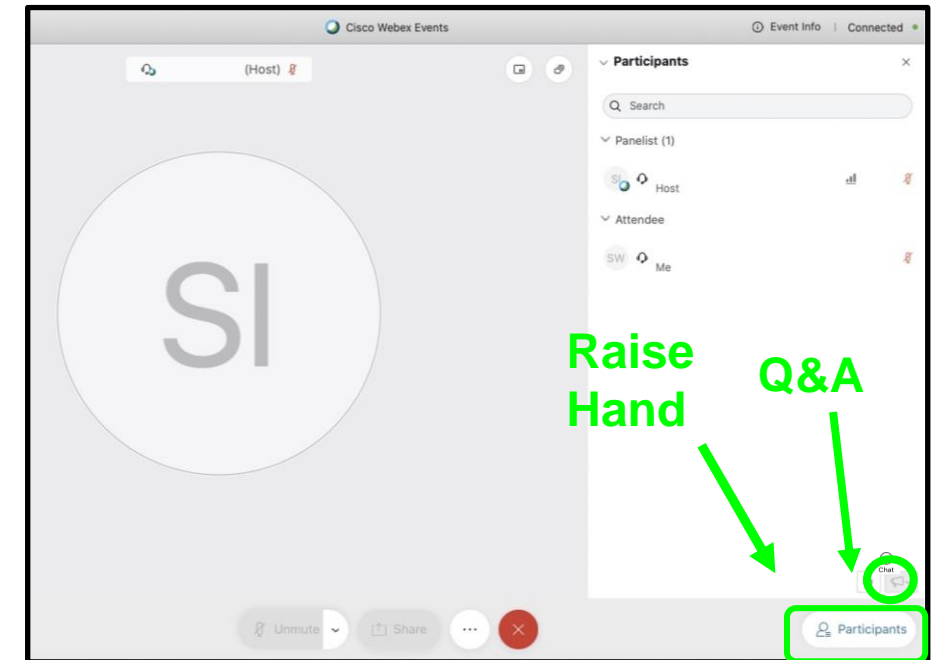


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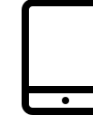
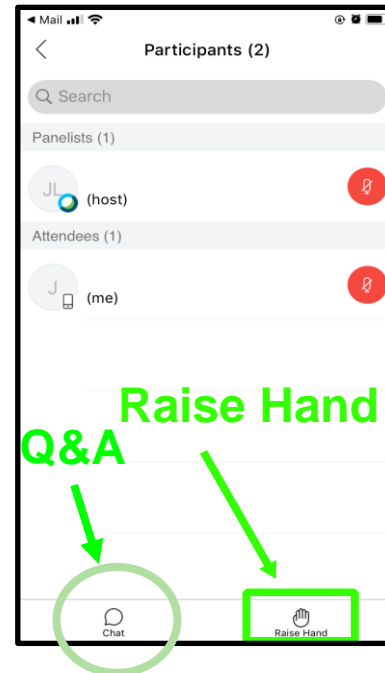
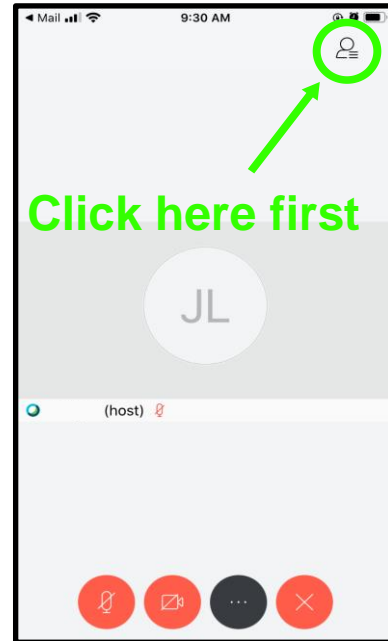
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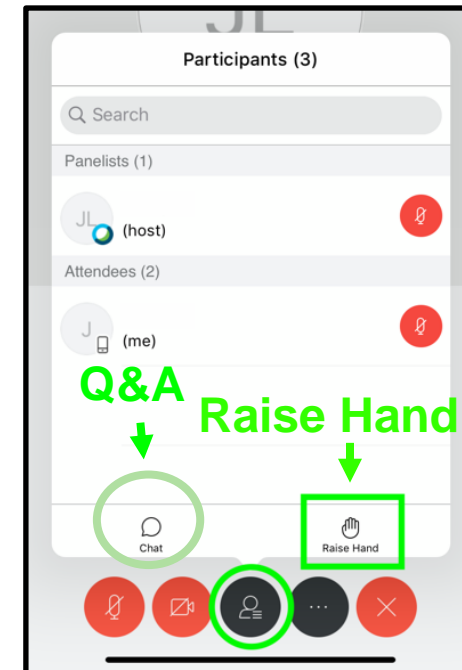
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# Raising your hand by Phone



- To raise your hand virtually, **key in \*3.**
- The Host will see a hand up beside the last four digits of your phone number
- During the Q&A period, the Host will unmute you and let you know that you can speak

# Port Union Road Infrastructure Improvements

# Improvements along Port Union Road

Starting in July 2023, the City of Toronto will be delivering a number of infrastructure improvements along Port Union Road:

- Widening of Port Union Road to allow a new northbound lane
- Adding dedicated centre-turn lanes and narrowing lane widths to improve road safety
- Raised cycle track on both sides of the street
- Bus stops with shelters integrated with the design of cycle tracks
- New and wider sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Replacing City-owned portion of substandard water service connections
- Replacing the road shoulder and ditches with curbs for improved stormwater drainage
- Updating street lighting and hydro poles
- Adding retaining walls to support the road widening
- Curb extensions to reduce pedestrian crossing distance
- Raised crossings for enhanced pedestrian visibility



# Port Union Road after Construction



Artistic Rendering – Port Union Road at Winter Gardens Trail looking south



# Separated Cycle Track after Construction



Artistic Rendering – Port Union Road at Blue Anchor Trail

# What to Expect During Construction

# Construction Timing

The contractor will begin work in early July 2023 and is expected to finish in December 2024\*

Work will be completed in two phases:

## **Phase 1 – July 2023 to June 2024:**

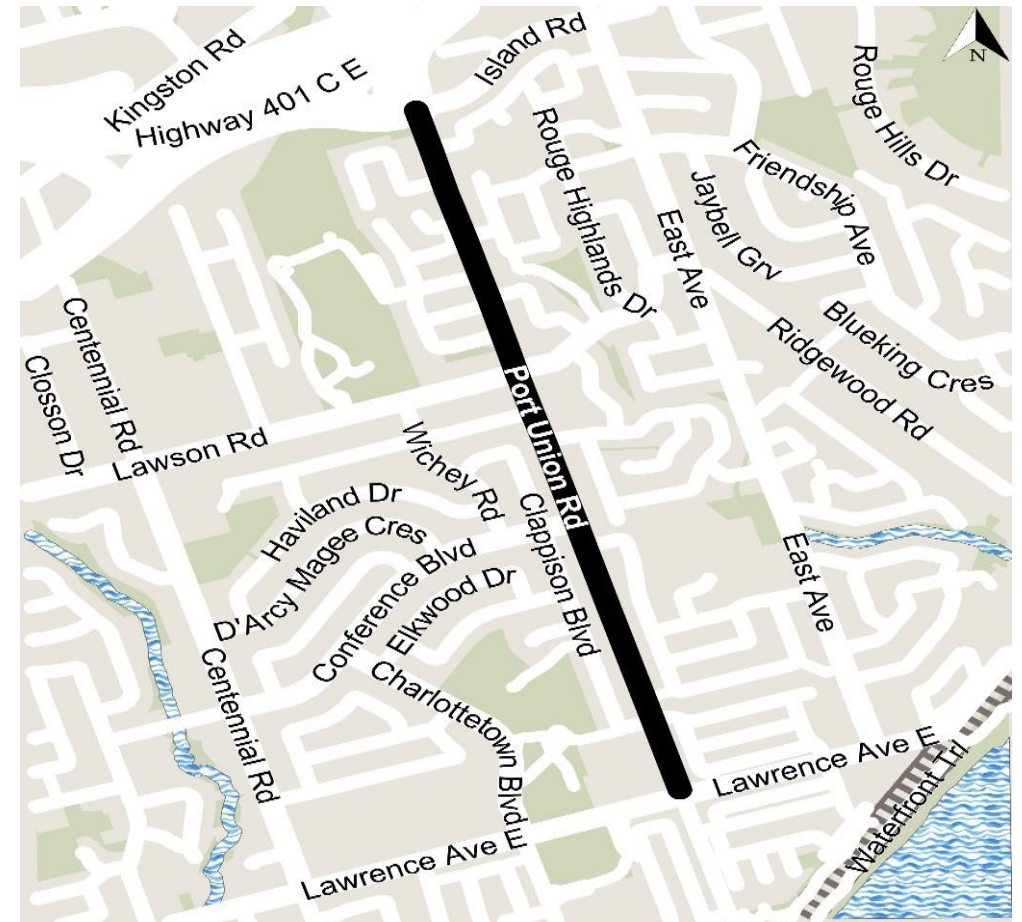
Island Road to Lawson Road

This phase includes a winter shut-down period between the end of 2023 and Spring 2024.

## **Phase 2 – June 2024 to December 2024:**

Lawson Road (south) to Lawrence Avenue East

*\*subject to weather conditions, supplies and materials*





# Preparing for Construction

## Pre-condition Inspection

- DBA Services Inc. will carry out inspections of properties adjacent to the road work to document the condition of private properties prior to construction.
- The inspector will record the exterior and interior conditions using photographs and notes.
- Inspection is voluntary but recommended.
- Results may be useful to substantiate claims for damage caused by construction.

## Objects in the City's Right-of-Way

- Landscaping features, fencing, or other physical objects located in the City's right-of-way, may need to be removed before construction to avoid damage.
- Advance notification will be provided.



Example of road reconstruction



# Before Construction

**Before construction begins, the City's contractor will:**

- Arrange for utility locates to be marked on the ground
- Saw-cut portions of the pavement and sidewalk
- Install tree protection zone fencing



Example of road reconstruction



# During Construction

**In each phase of work, the City's contractor will:**

- Remove and replace sections of sidewalk and install missing sidewalks
- Replace substandard water services
- Remove the asphalt surface, concrete road base and curbs
- Install new curbs and cycle tracks
- Pour a new road base and lay base asphalt
- Place top asphalt and add pavement markings
- Restore all areas after construction is complete



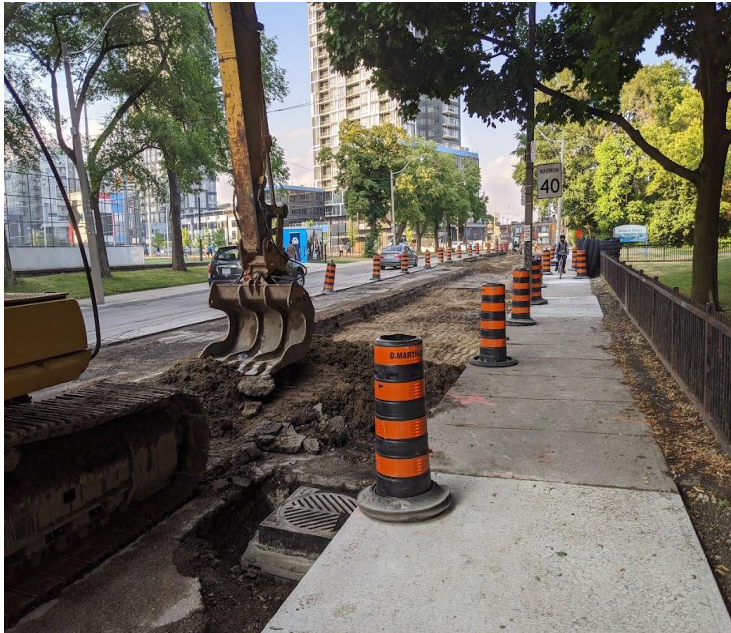
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# Road Reconstruction

The contractor will:

1. Remove the asphalt surface and concrete road base and clear all shrubs, trees and bushes



2. Lay down new road base material to support the road surface



3. Lay new asphalt surface, restore and re-open the road to traffic/parking





# Tree Assessment and Impacts

- A tree assessment was completed during the design phase to assess the health, size and species of each tree in the project area.
- 189 trees will require removal to accommodate the construction work and planned improvements. Approximately 50% of these trees have been identified as low quality or invasive.



# Tree Removal, Protection & Replacement

- Tree removal will take place at the start of each phase of work.
- If a tree identified for removal is adjacent to your property, advance notification will be provided.
- Trees located close to the work area that do not need to be removed will be protected with fencing.
- The City's Urban Forestry Division plants three trees for every one City tree that is removed as a result of City construction.
- After construction is completed, new trees will be planted on streets where there is space in the boulevard, in parks or ravine areas.
- The City's Urban Forestry Division and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) were consulted on the required tree removals and replacement plantings.



# Travel Impacts

## TTC Service:

- Bus services will be maintained during construction. Temporary bus pads will be provided as required.




## Bus Stops

During Phase 2 (June 2024 to December 2024) existing bus shelters will be removed and updated at:

- Lawrence Avenue East and Port Union Road (northbound)
- Port Union Road and Conference Boulevard (southbound)
- Port Union Road and Clappison Boulevard (southbound)
- The existing east side bus stop at Winter Gardens Trail will be relocated approximately 100 meters north







# Travel Impacts

	<b>Pedestrians</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times</li><li>• No crossing within the work zone. In the event that sidewalks require closure, signs will be installed directing pedestrians where to cross</li><li>• During sidewalk repairs, signs will be installed directing pedestrian where to walk.</li></ul>
	<b>Traffic Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times within the work zone</li><li>• Travel lane restrictions between Island Road and Lawson Road/Fanfare Avenue will reopen after Phase 1 is complete</li><li>• Portable variable messaging and advisory signs will be installed at numerous locations from Kingston Road to Sheppard Avenue</li><li>• Paid Duty Officers may be deployed, if required, to direct traffic</li></ul>
	<b>Deliveries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The City will work with affected businesses and area property managers to accommodate delivery, loading and passenger drop off/pick up activities during construction. Please call us to discuss your delivery needs as soon as possible</li></ul>



# Expected Impacts to Residents

	<b>Work hours and excavation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work will take place from 7 a.m.to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with weekend or after hours work as required</li><li>• Excavation and heavy concrete breaking will occur at various times throughout the day.</li></ul>
	<b>Driveway access</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The contractor will notify residents of any temporary restrictions to driveway access in advance and provide alternate parking arrangements.</li></ul>
	<b>Vibration and dust</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-site vibration monitoring will be in place.</li><li>• Contractor will take necessary steps to reduce dust caused by construction, i.e. concrete wetting</li></ul>
	<b>Restoration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work area will be restored with 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</li></ul>

# Maintaining City Services



## Emergency Services

- Access for Paramedics, Police and Fire Services, will be maintained at all times



## Garbage & Recycling Collection

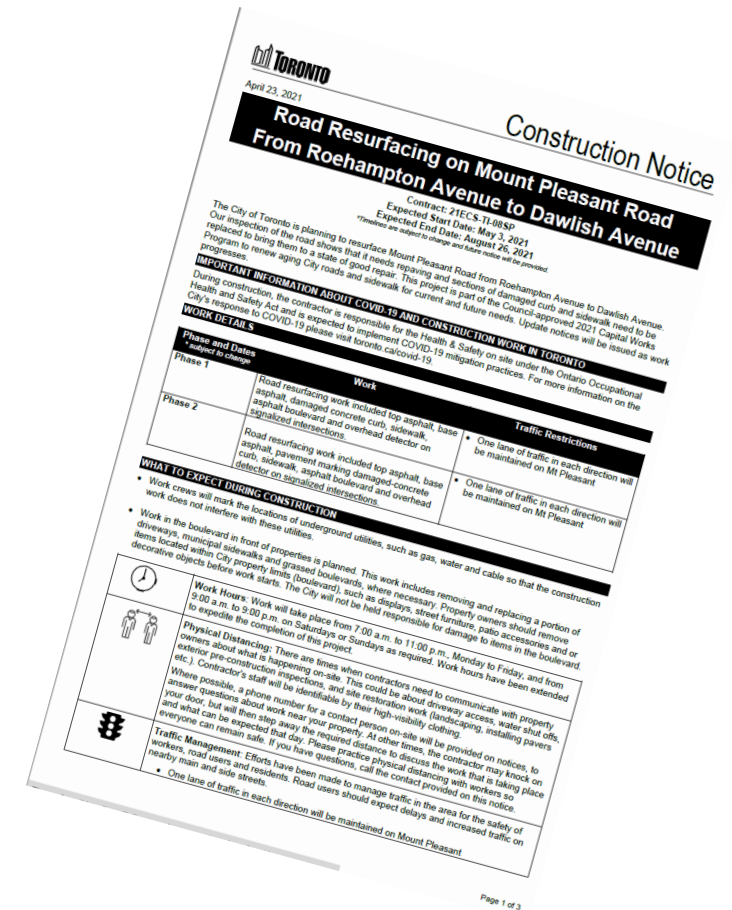
- The City will continue to collect garbage and recycling on the usual day of the week
- Where necessary, the contractor will bring waste bins to a designated spot for collection and return the empty bins to the appropriate address each week. Please label bins with your address.

# Keeping You Informed

Throughout the construction, the City will:

- Issue Construction Update notices for any major changes
- Send regular email updates on the project's progress
- Regularly update the project webpage at [toronto.ca/PortUnionRoad](https://toronto.ca/PortUnionRoad)

Sign-up for email updates on the webpage



# Questions?

If you have any questions please contact:



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