

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2023

Meeting Type: Virtual

Start time: 5:30 p.m. **End Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Project Overview:

Due to recently identified damage on the Dufferin Street Bridge over the Metrolinx Rail Corridor, the City of Toronto has closed the northbound and southbound lanes of the bridge until repairs can be made.

Meeting Objectives:

The City presented a historical overview of the Dufferin Street bridges and their need for rehabilitation. Additionally, they discussed the background on the current emergency closure, and provided an update on emergency repairs, coordination and planning of other upcoming work in the vicinity, the current traffic management plan, and the methods the City plans to use to keep the community informed.

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Mark De Miglio, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator facilitated the meeting. Councillor Gord Perks performed the land acknowledgment and introduced the presentation. The presentation was delivered by Jodie Atkins, Director, Design and Construction for Bridges & Expressways, Chris Loader, Manager of BSE Asset Management and Stand Alone Bridges, and Eric Jensen and Jay Gill, Senior Project Managers for Transportation Services’ Construction Coordination.

Questions & Comments

The following questions and answers were provided during the meeting.

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Q. Will the closure affect the timeline for the reconstruction of the Dufferin Loop station?	The closure for the emergency remediation will not impact the planned reconstruction. The design for the ultimate replacement and reconfiguration of the bridge is still proceeding.
C. The emergency closure negatively impacts businesses in Liberty Village. Hoping the City prioritizes this repair work and that it doesn’t take six months to repair.	We understand the disruptions caused by this emergency closure and are working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. Factors like the fabrication of materials and delivery may affect timelines.
Q. Will the future bridge work accommodate TTC streetcar expansion connecting TTC service south of Dufferin Street over to the Exhibition Place Loop?	As part of the full bridge replacement, we will be widening the bridge deck to accommodate future TTC expansions.
Q. Will pedestrian access on the bridge continue as it is right now?	The intent is for pedestrian access to be maintained. Depending on the remediation plan, temporary closures may be required. Any closures will be communicated to the community in advance.
Q. Traffic rerouting is causing extreme delays on Springhurst Avenue. What is the mitigation plan for this?	We’ve posted signage to discourage cut-through traffic in residential areas. Green light times have

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	been adjusted on arterial roads, and non-emergency construction on King Street is being delayed until the bridge is fixed.
Q. Are there plans for streetscape improvements in the future bridge project work?	Yes, there will be a community meeting to discuss the long-term project. The community will be notified when further details about the meeting are available.
Q. How will TTC service changes affect those with mobility issues on Springhurst Avenue?	TTC is aware of these challenges due to the changes in service. Please contact us so we can put you in contact with the TTC to address the concerns.
Q. Is there a plan for the bridge replacement and is it part of the current project?	In advance of the full bridge replacement, some emergency work is required on the Dufferin Street Bridge over the Metrolinx Rail Corridor. Completing this emergency work over the next three to six months will allow the City to reopen the bridge in the interim. The full replacement of the Dufferin Street Bridges over the Gardiner Expressway and the Metrolinx Rail Corridor is a separate project with construction to be coordinated with future work on the Ontario Line.

Project Team and Panelists

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