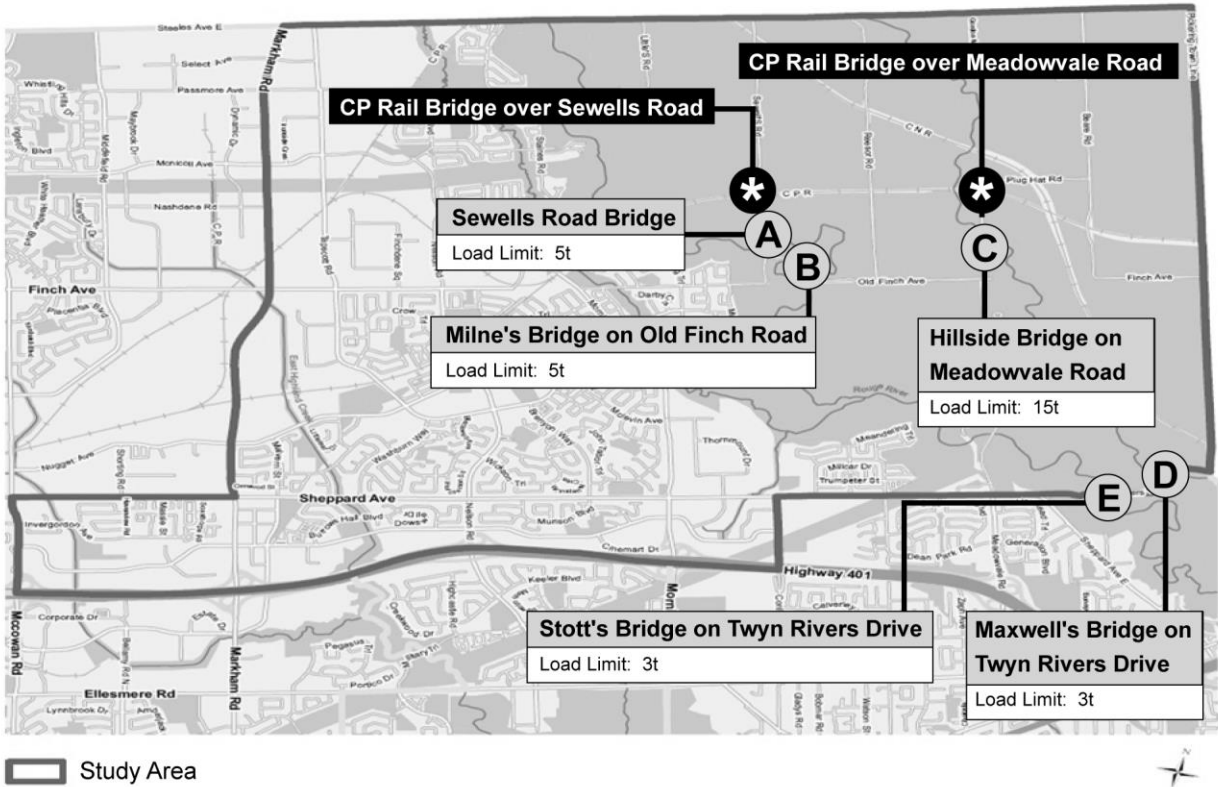


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Rouge Park Bridges Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

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Map of Rouge Park Bridges under study and CP Rail Underpasses under review



About the Bridges

Here's some information about each of the five bridges and their history.

A	Sewells Road Bridge ¹	1912	One of the oldest bridges in former Scarborough, it is believed to be the only remaining suspension bridge on a public road in Ontario.
B	Milne's Bridge on Old Finch Road ²	1988	A two-span Bailey Bridge, which replaced the previous structure from 1954.
C	Hillside Bridge on Meadowvale Road ¹	1917	The bridge is a Pony Warren Truss. It carries local traffic across the Rouge River to the Hillside community.
D	Maxwell's Bridge on Twyn Rivers Drive ¹	1927	Built over Little Rouge River for access to saw and grist mills and a woolen factory, 19 th century industries that reflect the historic rural environment.
E	Stott's Bridge on Twyn Rivers Drive ¹	1915	A one-lane wide, steel pony truss bridge. This bridge was temporarily closed for repairs in the summer of 2020.

¹ Designated as heritage for historical and structural reasons.

² Listed for possible heritage designation.

Each bridge has a load limit in place, which limits their use by heavy vehicles, such as trucks and emergency vehicles.

What is a Transportation Master Plan?

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What will the study include?

The study will look at opportunities to improve access, conditions, and safety for all road users. Key features of the study include:

- Improving pedestrian and cycling accommodation
 - Supporting safe connections for vulnerable road users
 - Measuring traffic volumes, future demands and capacity
 - Maintaining the heritage character of the bridges
 - Identifying narrow crossings, safety concerns and other key structural conditions
- Maintaining access to the park to continue accommodating park functions
 - Coordination with plans for future park facilities
 - Considering service/emergency vehicle access
 - Balancing the needs of local, regional and tourist access
 - Maintaining access to private properties
 - Minimizing archaeological and natural heritage impacts

For each bridge, the study will look at four possible options.

Do Nothing Continue to maintain the bridge with load limits.	Rehabilitate Make repairs to strengthen the structures and increase posted load limits.	Replace Put in a new structure that meets today's bridge code requirements.	Close Retire the existing structure and either remove or repurpose for recreational use.
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Recent Emergency Bridge Work

As a result of an inspection, the City of Toronto temporarily closed the Twyn Rivers Drive over Rouge River in July 2020. The emergency repairs were completed in August 2020. As a result of another inspection, the City of Toronto temporarily closed the Hillside Bridge in November 2020. The emergency repairs are expected to be completed in early 2021.

We would like to hear from you

Public participation is an important part of this study. We welcome your feedback by phone, mail and email. Opportunities for public feedback into the study will be provided in the coming months.

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The City of Toronto holds public consultations as one way to engage residents in the life of their city. We invite you to get involved.

Rouge Park Bridges Transportation Master Plan

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Study Commencement

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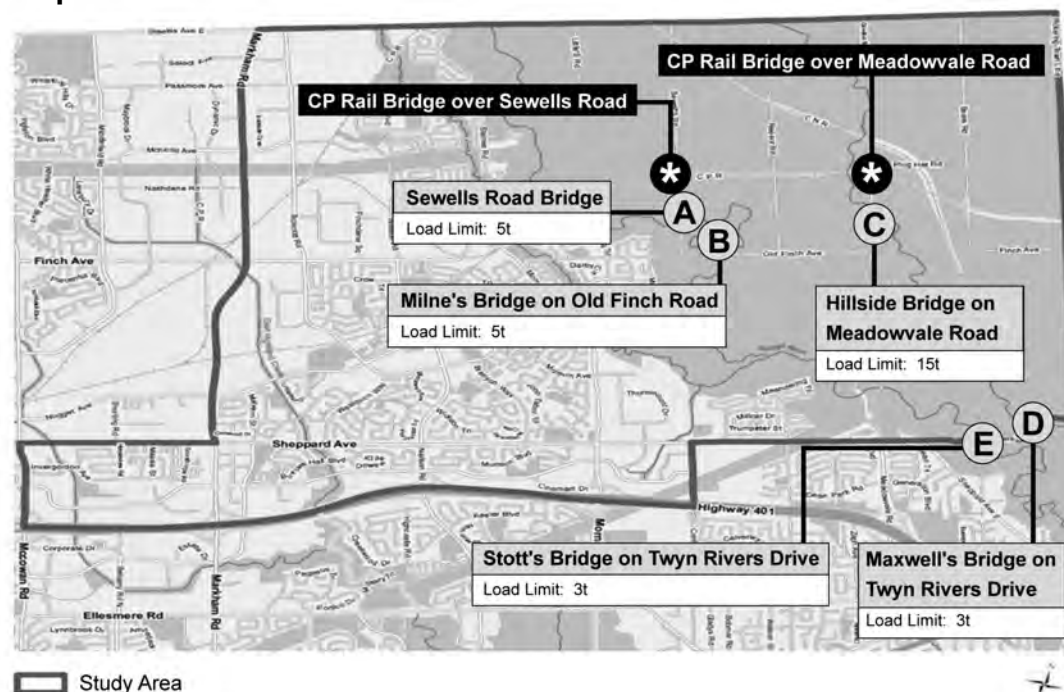
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Map



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