

Construction Update: March 31, 2025

Gardiner Expressway Strategic Rehabilitation: Section 3 Early Works on Five Bridges | Community Update

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Project Overview:

The City is set to undertake critical repairs on five bridges along or over the Gardiner Expressway. Construction will take place in phases, and beginning in April 2025, work will take place at the following locations:

- Gardiner Expressway Bridge over Park Lawn Road
- Gardiner Expressway Bridge over Mimico Creek
- Kipling Avenue over the Gardiner Expressway
- Islington Avenue over the Gardiner Expressway

In November 2025, once construction is completed on Kipling Avenue over the Gardiner Expressway and Islington Avenue over the Gardiner Expressway, work will begin at:

- Westbound Gardiner Expressway On-Ramp from Park Lawn Road over Mimico Creek

This work is part of the planned rehabilitation for Section 3 of the Gardiner Expressway, which spans from Highway 427 to the Humber River. While full rehabilitation for this section is currently scheduled to start in 2027, condition assessments identified these five bridges as requiring repairs on a more urgent basis in advance of 2027.

Lane Reductions Begin April 7, 2025:

Starting **Monday, April 7**, the first phase of work will begin, which includes lane reductions on the westbound Gardiner Expressway between Park Lawn Road and Grand Avenue.

Traffic Impacts

The City has worked to minimize traffic impacts on the Gardiner Expressway, Kipling and Islington Avenues and Park Lawn Road through a phased approach to construction as well as acceleration and congestion management measures.

The following lane and ramp restrictions are planned during phases of this project:

Gardiner Expressway - Grand Avenue to east of Park Lawn Road

- April 2025 – May 2026: Westbound lanes will be reduced from four to three.
- April 2025 – December 2026: Eastbound lanes will be narrowed (no lane closures).

Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue over Gardiner Expressway bridges

- April 2025 – November 2025: Lanes on Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue over the Gardiner Expressway will be reduced from three lanes in each direction to two lanes in each direction where they pass over the Gardiner Expressway.

- There will be occasional temporary overnight lane and ramp closures on the Gardiner Expressway beneath Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue.

Park Lawn Road

- There will be single lane reductions on Park Lawn Road, with three lanes maintained at all times.
- Lane reductions on Park Lawn Road will not overlap with the closure of the Park Lawn Road on-ramp to the westbound Gardiner Expressway.
- Exact timing of Park Lawn Road reductions is to be determined and will be communicated in advance.

On-Ramp from Park Lawn Road to Westbound Gardiner Expressway

- November 2025 – May 2026: The on-ramp will be fully closed to traffic to replace the single-lane bridge that carries ramp traffic over Mimico Creek.
- Construction on the on-ramp will only begin after work on the Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue is completed.

FIFA World Cup Construction Pause

- To accommodate increased traffic during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, there will be no lane reductions or closures in the construction area from May 2026 – July 2026.

Minimizing Traffic Disruptions:

The City will implement congestion management measures including traffic monitoring on the Gardiner Expressway and diversion routes, real-time adjustments to traffic signal timings and deploying Traffic Agents at key intersections during busy periods to help keep traffic flowing. Prior to construction starting, signage will be installed to advise motorists of the upcoming closures.

For more information:

For ongoing project updates, please visit the project's dedicated webpage: toronto.ca/GardinerS3.

Thank you for your patience!

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work towards a safer and more efficient Gardiner Expressway.

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If you have any questions or have any suggestions for what you would like to see in this community update, please contact the issues management coordinator for this project, Karolina Kluska at gardinerrehab@toronto.ca or 416-392-9026.

Stay tuned for the next update!