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Past construction notices, and information about all ongoing construction can be found on the [construction page on the project website \(https://portlandsto.ca/construction/\)](https://portlandsto.ca/construction/).

Traffic Notice

Lower Don Trail South of Corktown Common Closed starting January 16, 2021

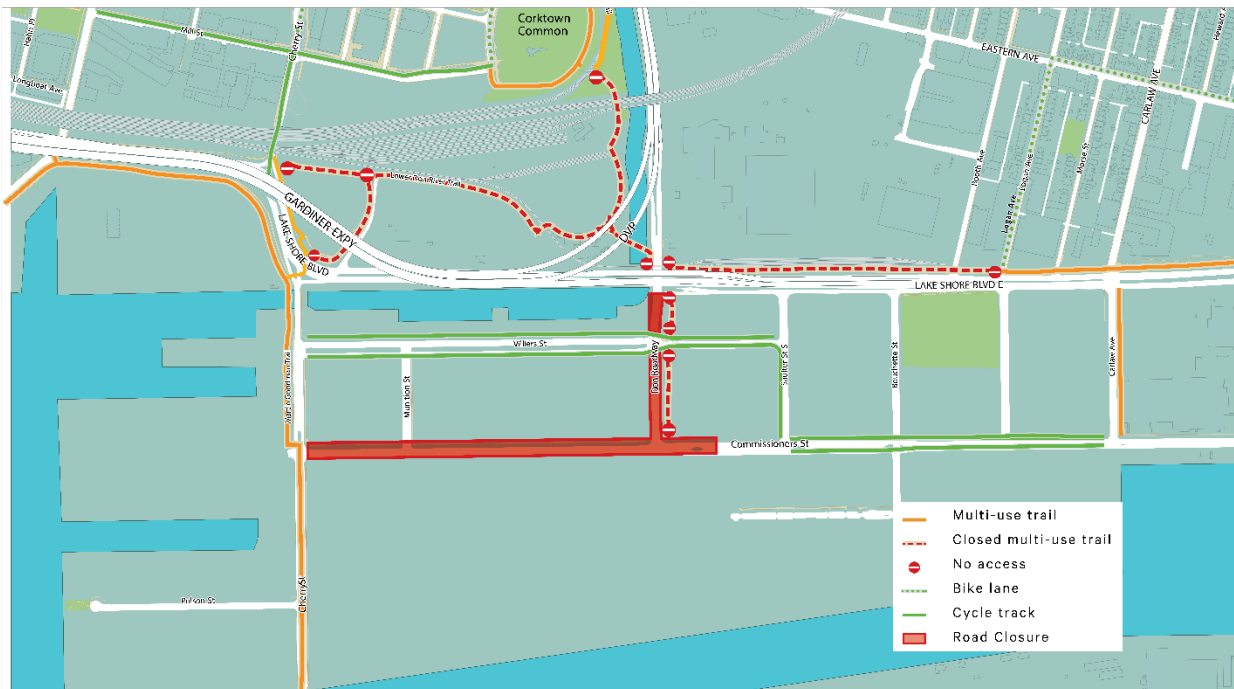
As part of our plans for flood protection, we need to widen the Don River north of where it meets the Keating Channel. We're building an area to manage sediment and debris that comes down the river in the area south of Corktown Common. As construction activities increase in this area, the potential for conflicts between cyclists and construction equipment traffic will be a safety concern. When the Port Lands Flood Protection project is complete in 2024, the trail will be ready to reopen.

Starting Sunday, January 16, the Lower Don Trail will be closed between Corktown Common and Cherry Street. This closure is in addition to the temporary closure of the multi-use trail on Lake Shore Boulevard between Don Roadway and Logan Avenue and the permanent closure of the cycling/pedestrian bridge over the Don River.

A detour route is in place along Mill Street.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- For cyclists going southbound on the Lower Don Trail destined east or west along the Martin Goodman Trail:
 - Turn right to enter Corktown Common via the underpass
 - Continue west on the bike lane on Mill Street
 - Turn left on to Cherry Street
 - Cross Lake Shore Boulevard to access the Martin Goodman Trail
- For cyclists going eastbound or westbound on the Martin Goodman Trail, destined north along the Lower Don Trail:
 - Cross to the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard as usual. Instead of keeping right towards the Don Rail Yard, keep left towards Cherry Street.
 - Turn right on to the bike lane on Mill Street
 - Continue through Corktown Common
 - Access the Lower Don Trail via the underpass in the southeast corner of Corktown Common
- The Cherry Street and Lake Shore Boulevard intersection is being reworked to simplify movements east and west for cyclists. Those upgrades will be complete by early February and the crossing will be controlled by flagpersons until then. A simplification of the north and south crossing of Lake Shore Boulevard at Cherry Street will be complete in the spring.



Above: A map showing the cycling detour route around the closure of the Lower Don Trail between Corktown Common and Cherry Street.

Upcoming Work

Lane diversions on Lake Shore Boulevard East between Cherry Street and Carlaw Avenue – Late January, 2022-December 2024

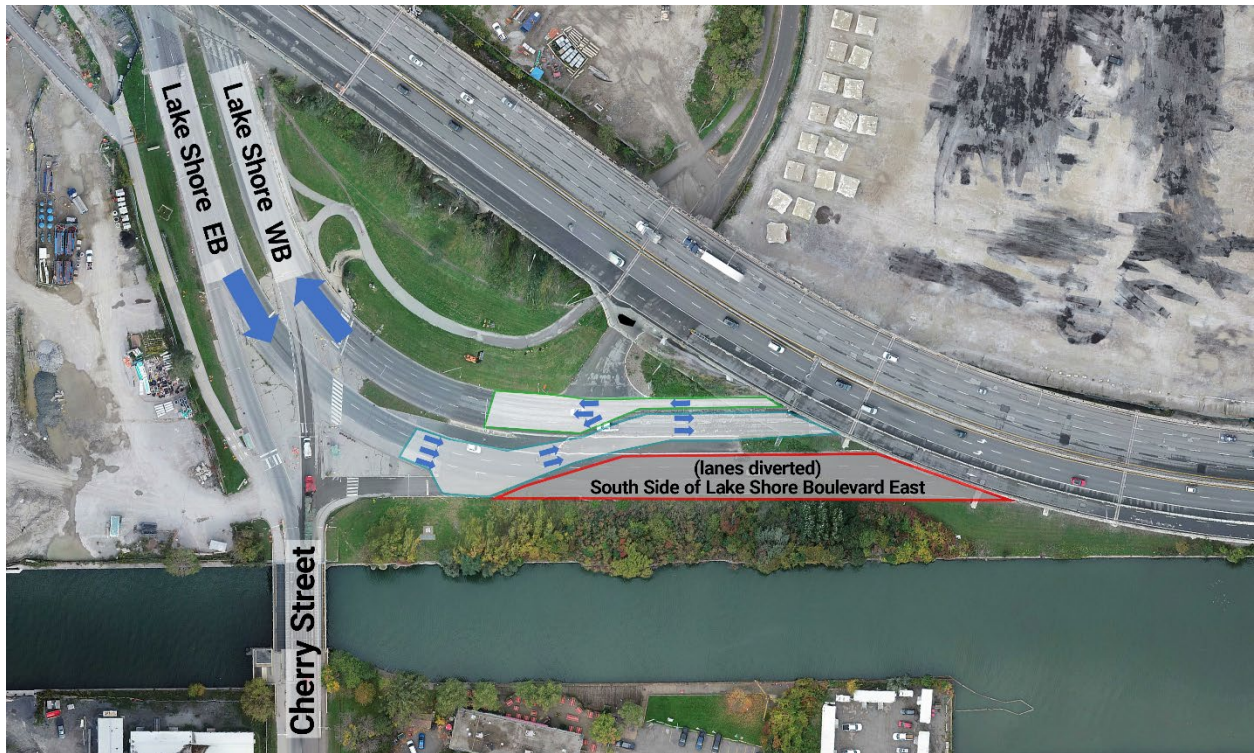
Starting in late January, 2022, traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard East between Cherry Street and Carlaw Avenue will be diverted to the north side of the road and the median east of Don Roadway. See diagrams below. This lane configuration will change a few times over the next two years. Updates will be provided through future construction notices.

These lane diversions are needed while we rebuild the Lake Shore Bridge over the Don River, and rebuild Lake Shore Boulevard East between Don Roadway and Carlaw Avenue. This is part of a much larger, long-term plan that will bring major transformation to the east end, making space for new communities and protecting existing neighbourhoods from flooding. When it's done, this stretch of Lake Shore Boulevard will be more pleasant and efficient for people who drive, bike and walk.

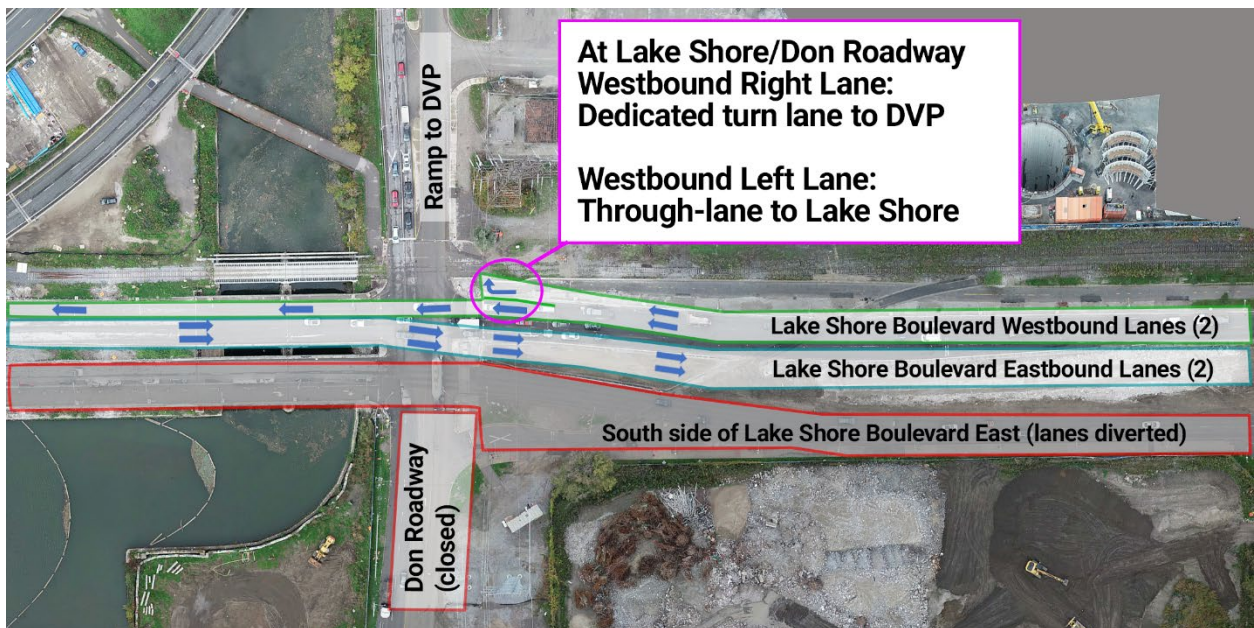
Learn more about plans for Lake Shore Boulevard East on [the project webpage](https://portlandsto.ca/construction/lake-shore-boulevard-east-project/) (<https://portlandsto.ca/construction/lake-shore-boulevard-east-project/>)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Starting in late January, Lake Shore Boulevard East will be reduced to two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound between Cherry Street and Don Roadway.
- West of Carlaw Avenue to Don Roadway, there will be two westbound lanes. Driving west on Lake Shore Boulevard, approaching Don Roadway, the right lane becomes a dedicated turn lane onto the Don Valley Parkway.
- Between Don Roadway and Carlaw Avenue, lanes shift to the north, using part of the westbound lanes and the median to provide two eastbound lanes.
- Lane diversions will be marked using traffic barrels and signage and flagpersons will help direct traffic where necessary.



Above: a map showing the lane configuration on Lake Shore Boulevard East, on the east side of the intersection with Cherry Street.



Above: a map showing the lane configuration on Lake Shore Boulevard at the intersection with Don Roadway.

We recognize the challenges and inconveniences construction presents to local communities. While not all impacts can be completely alleviated, we have a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to help address congestion and other construction impacts.

The studies that inform this plan showed that there is a higher demand for eastbound lanes on Lake Shore Boulevard East. For this reason, two eastbound lanes are being left open.

The plan is a live document that is being evaluated and revised as the project progresses. Adjustments we can make include changes to traffic signal timing, traffic signal coordination, and turning restrictions.

Questions?

To learn more about this project, please visit the [Port Lands Flood Protection project website \(https://portlandsto.ca/\)](https://portlandsto.ca/).

To send us questions or concerns about construction, use this [online inquiry form \(https://portlandsto.ca/contact-us/\)](https://portlandsto.ca/contact-us/).

You can also email us at plfp@ellisdon.com.

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