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Lower Don Trail Cycling/Pedestrian Bridge, Permanent Closure starting December 9, 2021 As part of our plans for flood protection, we need to widen the Don River north of where it meets the Keating Channel. To do this, we need to remove the cycling/pedestrian bridge over the Don River. The new Lake Shore Bridge will include a multi-use trail and separate cycling facility.

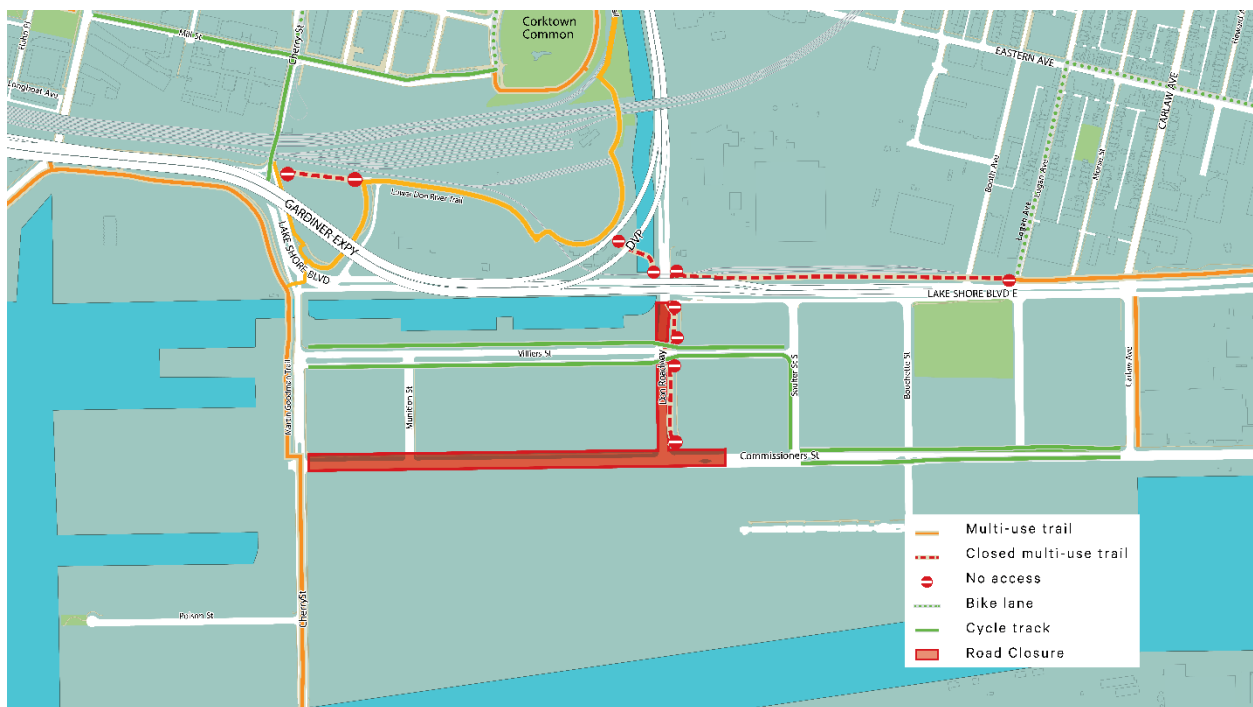
Starting Thursday, December 9, the bridge over the Don River will be closed. We're also rebuilding the cycling facilities along Lake Shore Boulevard east of Don Roadway, so the multi-use trail along Lake Shore Boulevard will be closed between Don Roadway and Logan Avenue on December 9th.

A detour route will be in place along Carlaw Avenue, Commissioners Street, Saulter Street, Villiers Street, and Cherry Street. The detour route is still undergoing some minor construction that is scheduled to be complete before the December 9th closure.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- For cyclists going westbound on the multi-use trail along Lake Shore Boulevard:
 - Turn left on to the multi-use trail on the east side of Carlaw Avenue.
 - Turn right on to the bike lane on Commissioners Street on the westbound green light.

- Turn right on to the bike lane on the west side of Saulter Street.
- Turn left on to bike lane on the north side of Villiers Street.
- Turn right on to the multi-use trail on the west side of Cherry Street.
- For cyclists going eastbound from the Martin Goodman Trail:
 - At the intersection of Cherry Street and Villiers Street, turn left on to the bike lane on Villiers Street.
 - Turn right on to the bike lane on Saulter Street.
 - Turn left on to the bike lane on Commissioners Street.
 - Turn left on to the multi-use trail on the east side of Carlaw Avenue.
 - Cross Lake Shore Boulevard using the bike signal and turn right on to the multi-use trail on Lake Shore Boulevard.
- The portion of the Lower Don Trail that runs south from Corktown Common and connects to Cherry Street will remain open until December 31, 2021. A further construction notice will be issued in advance of that closure.



Above: A map showing the cycling detour route around the closure of the bridge over the Don River on the Lower Don Trail.

We know this detour is replacing a critical east-west connection for cyclists, and we have heard a lot of feedback from the cycling community about making the detours as safe as possible.

Here are some of the changes we made in response to feedback we received:

- Physical protection: the design was adjusted, replacing jersey barriers with concrete curbs to separate the bike lanes in some places. We are now reverting to the original design, and will use concrete jersey barriers everywhere for more robust physical separation.
- Clear signage: we have installed additional wayfinding signage to help cyclists navigate the detour.
- Puddles and mud: sections of Villiers Street are being repaved to improve the grade of the road around catch basins and reduce the puddling and mud that was building up. It is a standard construction practice to use water on the roads to suppress dust, which will inevitably create some mud, even between frequent cleanings. Crews are assigned to keep the detour routes clear of mud and debris.
- Winter maintenance: City of Toronto Transportation Services will be providing winter maintenance on the cycling facilities as per City Council approved [Levels of Service \(https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/90a6-Table-5_Cycling_2015_2022.pdf\)](https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/90a6-Table-5_Cycling_2015_2022.pdf). The detour will fall under the 'cycle track' bike lane category. For any issues regarding winter maintenance, please contact 311.

Traffic Notice

Upcoming Short-Term, Temporary, Closure: Cherry Street between Commissioners Street and Polson Street

The Cherry Street South Bridge is scheduled to arrive in Toronto this weekend. To offload the bridge, we need to close Cherry Street and the Martin Goodman Trail between Commissioners Street and Polson Street for a short duration, most likely on Sunday afternoon and/or evening.

The exact time of the closure can only be established once the bridge has arrived. Paid Duty Officers and/or flagpersons will direct and control both cycling and vehicular traffic.

We will send updates through social media, check out our twitter profile:

<https://twitter.com/WaterfrontTO>

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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