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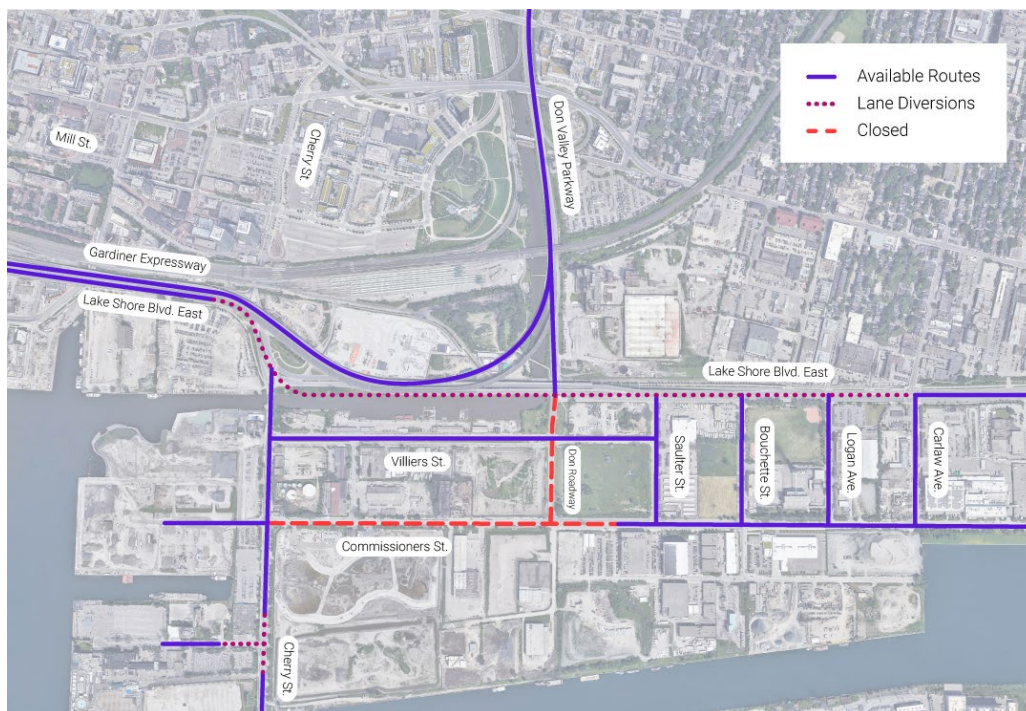
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### Traffic Update

**Upcoming Work: Don Roadway Closed south of Lake Shore Boulevard, November 30, 2021 – 2024**

Don Roadway will be closed south of Lake Shore Boulevard starting at 7am on November 30, 2021.

This section of Don Roadway is being rebuilt as part of our design for flood protection.



**Above:** This map shows the available routes through the Port Lands as of November 30, 2021. Recommended routes to and from the Port Lands and Don Valley Parkway are described below.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- To access the Port Lands from the Don Valley Parkway (DVP):
  - Turn left on to Lake Shore Boulevard eastbound
  - Turn right on Saulter Street (access is also available via Bouchette Street, Logan Avenue, or Carlaw Avenue, which intersect with Commissioners Street)
  - Turn right on to Villiers Street
  - Turn left on to Cherry Street
- Access to the DVP from the Port Lands will be via Lake Shore Boulevard East:
  - Take Villiers Street eastbound
  - Turn right on to Saulter Street
  - Turn left on to Commissioners Street
  - Turn left on to Carlaw Avenue
  - Turn left on to Lake Shore Boulevard westbound
  - Turn right on to the DVP

#### **Upcoming Work: Lane diversions on Lake Shore Boulevard East between Cherry Street and Carlaw Avenue, January 2022-December 2024**

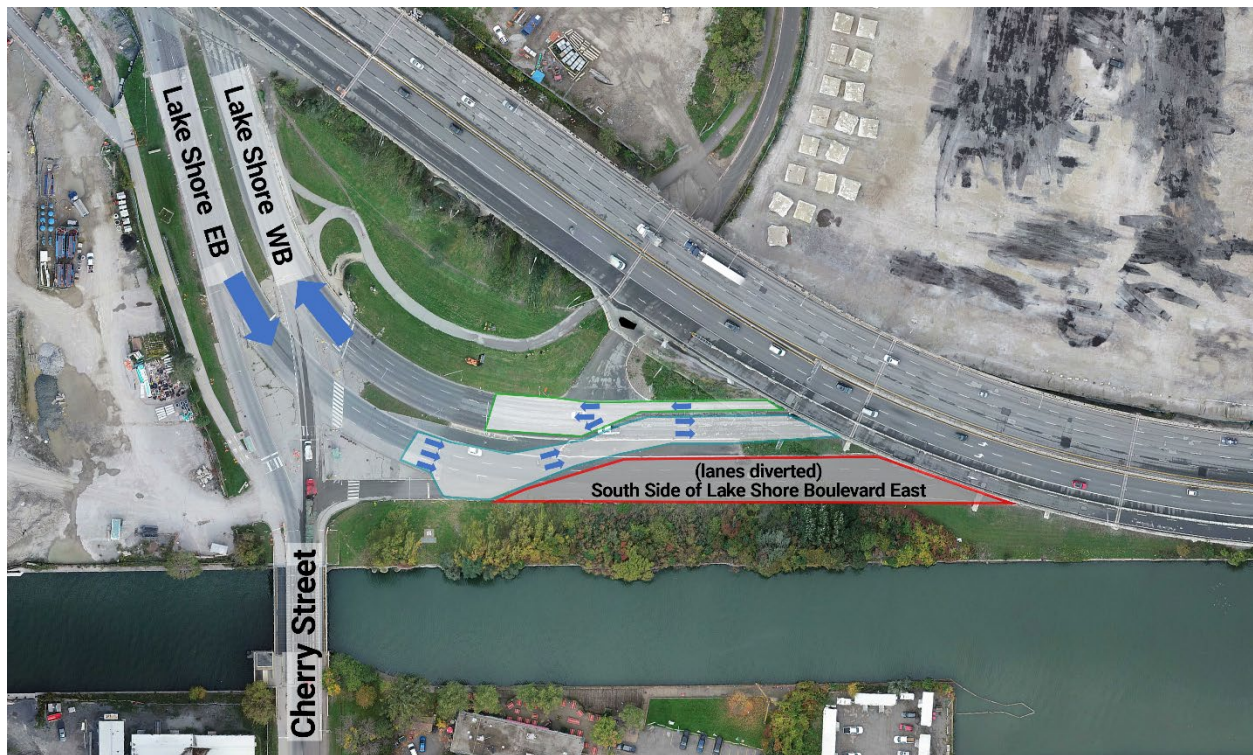
Starting in January 2022, traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard East between Cherry Street and Carlaw Avenue will be diverted to the north side of the road, and in the median east of Don Roadway. This lane configuration will change a few times over the next two years to enable works. Updates will be provided 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, including upgraded sidewalk and bike facilities. Lengthening the Lake Shore Bridge is a critical element of our design to protect this area from flooding. Widening the bridge makes more room for people who cycle and walk and new green space while still moving vehicular traffic.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Starting in January, Lake Shore Boulevard East will be reduced to two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound between Cherry Street and Don Roadway.

- Lanes will be marked using traffic barrels and signage.
- 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.

### **Ongoing Work: Lane Reductions on Lake Shore Boulevard East at Cherry Street**

To realign Cherry Street, we began work at the intersection of Cherry Street and Lake Shore Boulevard East in October 2021. This work at the Lake Shore Boulevard East and Cherry Street intersection is expected to be complete in early 2022.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

- One lane eastbound and one lane westbound at the intersection of Cherry Street and Lake Shore Boulevard East.

## Update: Bike Detours

**Upcoming Work: Lower Don Trail Cycling/Pedestrian Bridge, Permanent Closure starting December 6, 2021**

The last construction notice stated that the bridge over the Don River on the Lower Don Trail and the multi-use trail between Don Roadway and Logan Avenue would start on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. These closures have been pushed to December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A more detailed notice will be sent next week, in advance of the closures.

## Construction Update

### Cherry Street South Bridge



*Above: The Cherry Street South Bridge is almost ready to head to Toronto, where it will be installed over what is currently the Polson Slip. Eventually it will span the new mouth of the Don River into Lake Ontario. The bridge is scheduled to be installed in December. Follow along on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/WaterfrontTO) (<https://twitter.com/WaterfrontTO>) or with the hashtag #BridgeWatchTO.*

## 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](mailto:plfp@ellisdon.com).

For urgent construction related issues, please contact Cameron Coleman, EllisDon, at 416-594-2198.

