

News Release

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Gardiner Expressway closures in May for road and bridge maintenance work

The Transportation Services Division will be performing road resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation work on the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard from May 2 to 22. In order to undertake this work safely, a series of full and partial closures for the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard will be required.

The closures are as follows:

The westbound express lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed on May 2 and May 3 from Royal York Road to west of Kipling Avenue starting at 9 p.m. and in effect through the night until 5 a.m. the following day. The collector lanes will remain open to traffic during these express lane closure periods.

All westbound lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed on May 4, 5 and 6 from Kipling Avenue to Highway 427, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on each of those three dates. All westbound traffic must exit the expressway at Kipling Avenue during the closures.

A series of closures will take place on the westbound lanes of the Gardiner Expressway on Saturday, May 8 from Islington Avenue to Highway 427 from 2 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. The collector lanes will remain open when work is taking place in the express lanes between Islington Avenue and Kipling Avenue.

The eastbound express lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed May 10 from Kipling Avenue to Royal York Road from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. The collector lanes will remain open during this period. On May 11, a series of closures will take place on the eastbound lanes of the Gardiner Expressway from Kipling Avenue to the Lake Shore Boulevard off-ramp from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Intermittent closures will occur on the collector lanes which will result in traffic being forced to exit the expressway at Park Lawn Road.

All eastbound lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed on May 12 and 13 from Royal York Road to the Lake Shore Boulevard off-ramp from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each day. All traffic must exit the expressway at Park Lawn Road.

All lanes of the Gardiner Expressway, in both directions, will be closed from the Don Valley Parkway to the Humber River from Saturday, May 15 at 4 a.m. to Monday, May 17 at 5 a.m. This closure is necessary for annual spring maintenance work and for bridge rehabilitation at Lake Shore Boulevard and Jameson Avenue.

The eastbound express lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed on Saturday, May 15 from Kipling Avenue to Royal York Road from 2 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. The collector lanes will be open during that period, but traffic will need to exit the expressway at Park Lawn Road (due to the full Gardiner Expressway closure from the Humber River to the Don Valley Parkway that is noted above).

The eastbound collector lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed May 17 and 18 from west of Kipling Avenue to Royal York Road, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. both days. The express lanes will remain open during this period, but there will be no access to the eastbound on-off ramps at Kipling Avenue, Islington Avenue and Park Lawn Road.

All eastbound lanes of Lake Shore Boulevard will be closed on May 19 and 20 from Windermere Avenue to Colborne Lodge Drive from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. each of the two days.

The eastbound collector lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed at night on Saturday, May 22 from west of Kipling Avenue to Royal York Road, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. The express lanes will remain open during this period, however, there will be no access to eastbound on-off ramps at Kipling Avenue, Islington Avenue and Park Lawn Road.

Transportation Services staff determined that to do this work safely, more effectively and with less disruption to the travelling public, much of the work could be done during the overnight hours and during some weekends when traffic volumes on the road are reduced, said Gary Welsh, General Manager, Transportation Services.

Alternative routes available for motorists during these closures include the Queensway, Evans Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard. Whenever possible, the public is encouraged to consider using public transit as a convenient alternative.

For further information about other road closures, visit the City's website at <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation>.

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