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Gardiner Expressway Ramp Reconstruction & Improvements to Harbour Street between Lower Simcoe Street and Bay Street

Contract # # 16ECS-TI-06BE.

Expected Start Date: Mid-July, 2016

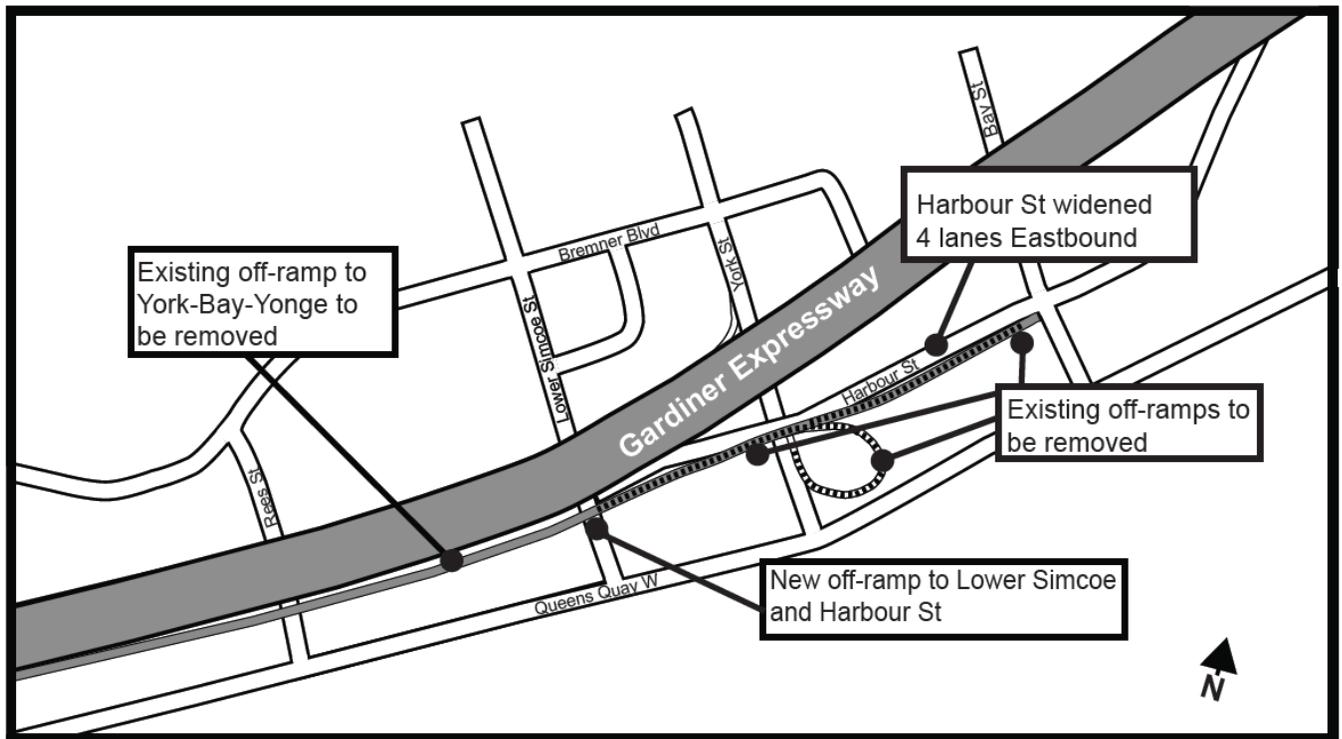
Expected End Date: January, 2018

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This summer, the City of Toronto will begin preparatory work for the construction of a new off-ramp from the eastbound Gardiner Expressway to Lower Simcoe Street. The existing off-ramp to York, Bay and Yonge Streets will be demolished in 2017 followed by construction of the new off-ramp to Lower Simcoe Street and improvements to Harbour Street between Lower Simcoe and Bay Streets.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2016 Capital Works Program.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

This project involves demolishing the existing York-Bay-Yonge off-ramp from the eastbound Gardiner Expressway and building a new, shorter and wider off-ramp that ends at Lower Simcoe Street. The new off-ramp will feed into a wider Harbour Street, with improvements to streetscaping. The work will occur in two phases, with a winter shut-down between.

Phase 1: Mid-July 2016 to December 2016 - involves constructing part of the foundations and substructure of the new ramp at Lower Simcoe. Work will take place under the existing ramp with no long-term closures of the Gardiner Expressway or Lake Shore Blvd. Temporary lane closures during off-peak hours on eastbound Lake Shore Blvd. will be required.

Phase 2: Mid-April 2017 to December 2017 - involves completing the foundations and substructure of the new ramp, demolishing the existing York-Bay-Yonge ramp and widening Harbour Street. During Phase 2, lanes on the Gardiner Expressway around the York-Bay-Yonge ramp and Harbour Street will be reduced.

Restoration of the York Street Park will take place in May 2018.