

# The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway

## Highway 3 Shift

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is being delivered using an alternative financing and procurement approach – a public-private partnership delivery model. The Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) is under contract with Ontario to deliver the Parkway. The design and construction of the project is being performed under contract to WEMG by Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC). The project team is working in partnership with the communities of Windsor, LaSalle, Tecumseh and Essex County, and the travelling public who rely on the existing transportation infrastructure.

During the week of March 25, 2013, traffic will shift onto a permanent section of the Parkway between Howard Avenue and Huron Church Line. This traffic shift marks a significant achievement in the construction of the Parkway as traffic will now travel on several permanent features of the Parkway—Bridges 10 (west of St. Clair College) and 11 (west of Howard Avenue), and the southern branch of the Hearthwood Tunnel (T-10B). This shift includes the reopening of the former alignment of Sandwich West Parkway and the opening of Diversion 11 west of Geraedts Drive to accommodate traffic in and out of St. Clair College.

Through the Highway 3/Huron Church Road corridor, WEMG and PIC are required to maintain four lanes of traffic at all times with limited exceptions during the overnight hours when traffic volumes are lower. Shifting traffic onto this section of the Parkway provides for the construction of the Geraedts Tunnel (T-8), the Cousineau Tunnel (T-9) and the other side of the Hearthwood Tunnel (T-10A). In addition, it provides for the construction of the below-grade freeway and associated infrastructure like retaining walls, noise walls, stormwater management, and utilities in this area. Road diversions at each end of this section of Parkway provide a smooth transition between Highway 401/Highway 3 and local roads without impacting construction.

Once the Parkway is completed, this section of road will carry local traffic from Howard Avenue, Highway 3 traffic from Essex County through the roundabout, and local traffic exiting Highway 401 east of Howard Avenue.

## How is safety being ensured?

The project team has coordinated with municipalities, police and local emergency services during the construction phase and opening of permanent sections of the Parkway. Police and local emergency services are recipients of all electronic mailings regarding Parkway traffic operations and are regularly kept informed of ongoing traffic details. Keeping these groups aware of changes in roadway layouts and aware of traffic restrictions is important to ensure that they can respond quickly and safely to emergencies.

The project team also asks the public to make safe driving a priority when travelling through the Parkway construction zone including new sections of the Parkway as well as diversions.

- ✓ Be aware of road closures and traffic restrictions before getting on the road.
- ✓ Obey the traffic control person's signs.
- ✓ Expect the unexpected like changes in road surfaces and traffic patterns.
- ✓ Pay attention at all times.
- ✓ Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.

If you plan to travel through the corridor, visit the *What's Happening* section of the project website or check out our Twitter feed before you head out to find the latest traffic information.

If the public has any concerns regarding this traffic shift, or other aspects of construction, please contact or visit the Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929, 2187 Huron Church Road Suite 340, or [hgp-plo@wemg.ca](mailto:hgp-plo@wemg.ca).

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