

Overnight Works

Following consultation with local municipalities, some work on the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is able to proceed in accordance with exemptions to municipal noise by-laws. This means that crews are on the construction site during night-time hours preparing sites and making sure work can continue the next day. Over the coming months, this work will include activities for landscape work, asphalt paving during low traffic periods, concrete pours, equipment refueling and moving equipment in and out of sites, and the operation of generators for pumping activities. Lighting is in place for safety during work at night.

This year, the focus of construction is on re-opening municipal cross-roads. This requires construction activities to complete tunnel tops and roadbeds. In several areas, the public will experience asphalt paving during the night and all-day concrete pours beginning as early as 4:00 a.m.

Asphalt paving at night occurs in areas where there are high volumes of traffic or lane restrictions. Due to the high volume of traffic, lane closures are limited to overnight in this busy corridor. To complete paving, crews must work overnight. These crews are aware of the potential noise impacts and work as quickly and quietly as possible. However, there will be noise with trucks backing up and other construction activities.

Concrete work on tunnel tops is required to begin at 4:00 a.m. to meet specific criteria for concrete construction. Concrete pours usually occur during 12 and 16 hour periods. This requires an early start to keep the concrete pours within strict construction compliance. In these areas the noise is limited to trucks accessing the sites, concrete pumps, and generators powering other equipment.

Overall, once daytime work crews are finished on the site each day, supervisors of each area of construction take note of the work completed for the day, inspect plans and schedules, and take information back to their supervisors to discuss work that will happen the next day. This information is fed back into the project scheduler for each contractor and they determine what machines and employees are needed the next day.

During the night, crews move from site to site on either a maintenance truck, a fuel truck, or a float truck. The maintenance truck visits the sites where repairs or inspections are needed. Fuel trucks visit the construction site to refuel all the heavy equipment and ensure they are in running order for the next day. Float trucks carry machines from site to site depending on what is needed the next day.

We apologize for any inconvenience during these activities and are working quickly to have the Parkway open for residents and travellers. If you have any concerns regarding construction of the Parkway, please contact or visit the Windsor Essex Mobility Group's Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929, 2187 Huron Church Road Suite 340, or email hgp-plo@wemg.ca.

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