

Traffic Notes

Construction of the Windsor-Essex Parkway is ongoing simultaneously throughout the project area. The roadways in the project area that you are familiar with are changing. To carry out certain construction work, Highway 3/Huron Church Road may be reduced at times from six to four lanes (two in each direction). Reductions to one lane in each direction will be required for certain operations and only carried out during late night hours. Some municipal roads, or portions of them, are being permanently closed and portions of some municipal roads may be temporarily closed for anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks or longer to allow for specific construction works. Diversions will open soon to carry traffic while the tunnels and bridges are being built.

If you plan to travel through the corridor, visit the *What's Happening* section of www.weparkway.ca or check out our Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/WEParkway before you head out to find the latest traffic information and links to diversion maps.

Please make safe driving your priority when travelling through construction areas.

- ✓ 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.

Permanent Road Closures

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) applied to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) under the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* for approval to close roads along the Parkway. A hearing was held November 23, 2011. As a result of this hearing, the OMB approved the closure of 83 municipal roads. Of the 83 roads, the following are the only travelled road allowances:



- Outer Drive
- Surrey Drive
- Seventh Street
- Sansotta Court
- Broadway Street
- Beech Street
- St. Clair Avenue
- Northway Street

These road closures will take effect on **February 15, 2012**, and access to impacted roadways will be restricted. It is necessary to close municipal roads that intersect or run into the Parkway, which is a Controlled-Access Highway, to protect the safety of the travelling public and traffic flow of the corridor.

The need for road closures was documented in the approved Environmental Assessment (EA) Report prepared as part of the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study. A full listing of the roads that will be closed can be viewed at www.omb.gov.on.ca/english/eDecisions/eDecisions.html.

Upcoming Temporary Road Closures

The following anticipated road closures are subject to further consultation with stakeholders.

When	Where	Why
Winter 2012	Bethlehem Avenue	To construct the tunnel situated north-west of the intersection at Bethlehem Avenue and Highway 3. This closure is proposed to last one year.
	Montgomery Drive	To allow construction of the portion of the Parkway between the intersection of Highway 3 with Cousineau Road and the intersection of Highway 3 with Howard Avenue. This closure is proposed to last nine months.
Spring 2012	Pulford Avenue	To complete the new section of Highway 3 between Geraedts Drive and Pulford Avenue. This closure is proposed to last one month.
	Grand Marais Road	To complete the new section of Highway 3 between Geraedts Drive and Pulford Avenue. This closure is proposed to last two months.
Summer 2012	Lambton Road	To construct the tunnel situated at the intersection of Lambton Road with Highway 3. This closure is proposed to last one year.
	Geraedts Drive	To construct the tunnel at the intersection of Highway 3 and Geraedts Drive. Access to St. Clair College from Geraedts Drive and Highway 3 will be temporarily moved to the west. This closure is proposed to last one year.
	Cabana Road/Todd Lane	To construct the tunnel at the intersection of Todd Lane and Cabana Road with Highway 3. Traffic from Cabana Road/Todd Lane and the intersection at Highway 3 will be shifted to the west side via Diversion 10 which will be located adjacent to the west side of existing Highway 3. This closure is proposed to last nine months.
	Highway 3 at Highway 401	To allow for removal of the existing bridge carrying Highway 3 over Highway 401. This closure is proposed to occur over a weekend.
	Intersection of Howard Avenue/ Laurier Parkway and South Talbot Road	To build the intersection of the Howard Avenue Diversion and connect it with Howard Avenue. Traffic will be diverted along County Road 8 to Walker Road toward Highway 3. This closure is proposed to last two weeks.
Fall 2012	Sandwich West Parkway	To complete the portion of the future Highway 3 at Sandwich West Parkway. Access to Sandwich West Parkway will be through Diversion 14 via Heritage Drive. This closure is proposed to last six to eight weeks.

Diversions

The use of temporary diversions (on-site temporary roads built to move traffic around construction activities) will assist in maintaining traffic flow. Road diversions are being built north and south of the existing Highway 3/Huron Church Road corridor between Howard Avenue and E.C. Row Expressway.

Temporary traffic diversions are being constructed over the next year. For additional information about the diversions please see the attached maps. The diversion locations are:

Diversion	Between	To connect	To allow
1	Bethlehem Avenue and Lambton Road	Spring Garden Road and Lambton Road	Construction of the Labelle Tunnel (T-2)
2	New Highway 3 to the east	New Highway 3 to the east	Construction of the Grand Marais Tunnel (T-3) and Bridge B-7 (west of Grand Marais Road)
3	New Highway 3 to the east	New Highway 3 to the east	Construction of the Oakwood Tunnel (T-5) and Bridge B-8 (east of Pulford Avenue)
4	New Highway 3	New Highway 3	Construction of Bridge B-9 (between Cabana Road and Geraedts Drive) and Bridge B-10 (West of St. Clair College) and the Todd/Cabana Tunnel (T-6)
5 and 7	New Highway 3	New Highway 3	Partial construction of the Hearthwood Tunnel (T-10B) and construction of the Oliver Estates Tunnel (T-11) and Bridge B-11 (west of Howard Avenue).
6	New Highway 3	New Highway 3	Future construction of Bridge B-12
8	Huron Church Line to New Highway 3	Huron Church Line to New Highway 3	Construction of the Villa Borghese Tunnel (T-7)
10	Cabana Road and Todd Lane	Cabana Road to Todd Lane	Construction of the Cabana Tunnel (T-6)
11 A	Geraedts Drive to existing Highway 3	Geraedts Drive to existing Highway 3	Construction of the Geraedts Tunnel (T-8)
11 B	Geraedts Drive to new Highway 3	Geraedts Drive to new Highway 3	Construction of the Geraedts Tunnel (T-8)
14	Heritage Drive to existing Highway 3	Sandwich West Parkway to existing Highway 3	Construction of the Cousineau Tunnel (T-9)

Methods We Use To Communicate

If you have any concerns regarding construction of the Parkway, please contact or visit the Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929, 2187 Huron Church Road Suite 340, or wep-plo@wemg.ca.

Please visit www.weparkway.ca to learn more about the Windsor-Essex Parkway. Updates will be posted on Twitter (www.twitter.com/WEParkway) and photos and videos will be posted on Flickr (www.flickr.com/weparkway) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/weparkway).