

December 11, 2012

Dear Resident,

We are writing to follow up on a number of inquiries regarding the configuration of Diversion 2 (temporary roadway between Labelle Street and Grand Marais Road West) and associated construction work in your area.

The Government of Ontario, the Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) and Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC) are delivering the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (formerly Windsor-Essex Parkway) in partnership with the communities of Windsor, LaSalle, Tecumseh, Essex County, First Nations, and the travelling public who rely on the existing transportation infrastructure.

Through the Highway 3/Huron Church Road corridor, WEMG and PIC are required to maintain four lanes of traffic, two in each direction, at all times with isolated exceptions between midnight and 5:00 a.m. The Parkway team has constructed temporary diversions to accommodate this traffic during construction.

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

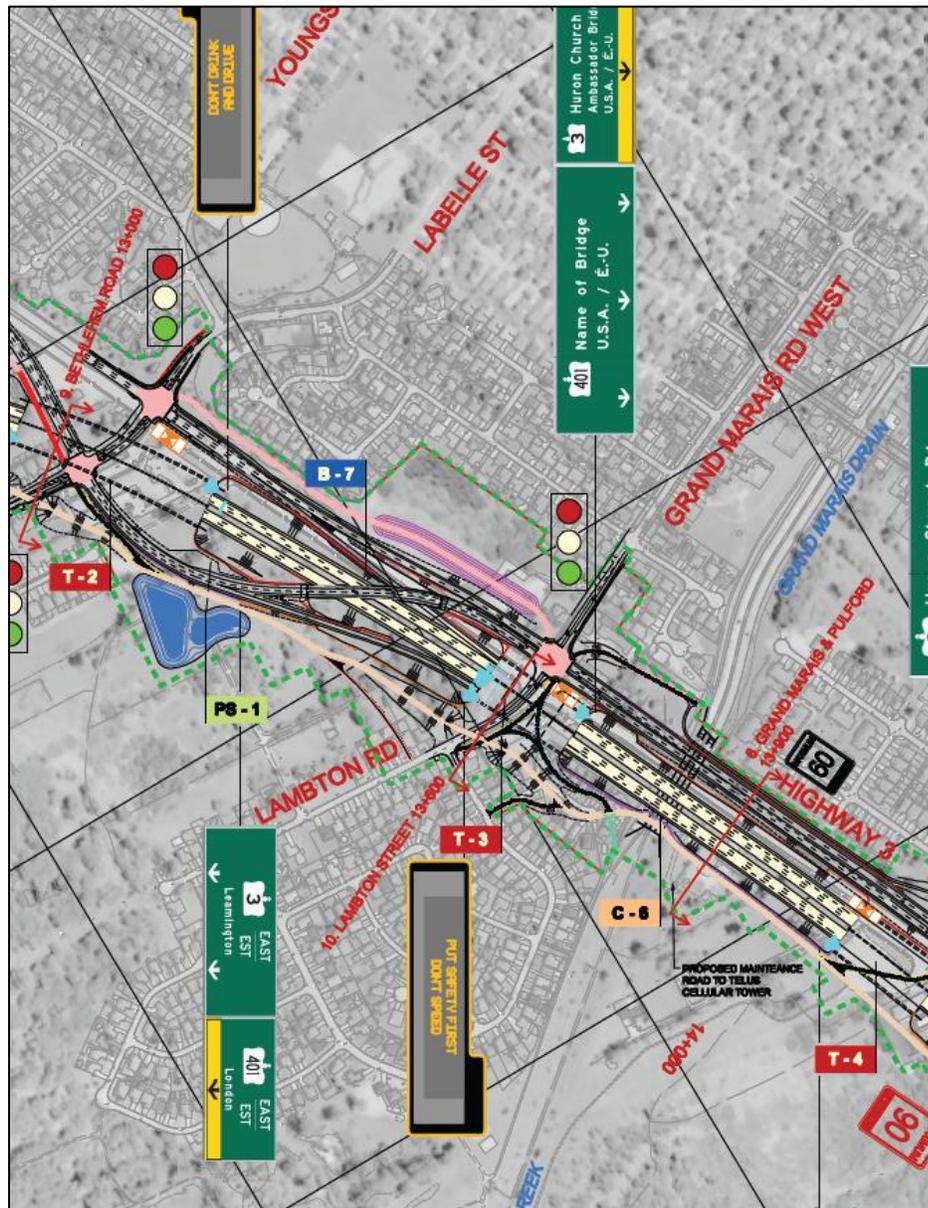
Temporary diversion roads were first introduced to the public in July 2011 at Public Information Open House #2 and provided an opportunity for further public review and comment in relation to Design and Construction Report #2.

Diversions are built to the same standards as Ontario Highways and to a threshold that can handle anticipated traffic numbers. The speed limit on the diversions is strictly enforced by the OPP.

In your area, Diversions 2 and 3 were opened in September 2012 between Cabana Road and Labelle Street. The future Highway 3 is located between the two diversions (Pulford Street to Grand Marais Road West).

Diversion 1 and the D-1/D-2 connection were put in place to provide vehicular and pedestrian access for Spring Garden Road, Bethlehem Road, and Lambton Road. Diversions 1 and 2 allow for the construction of the Labelle Tunnel (T-2), the Grand Marais Tunnel (T-3) and Bridge 7. It is anticipated that construction of these structures will be complete in 2013.

Diversions 2 and 3 and the new Highway 3 alignment are approximately 1.8 metres higher than the previous road height. This height is required to get above the Grand Marias Drain. Parts of Diversion 2 are also located up to 12 metres to the east of the former Huron Church Road alignment. Once the Parkway is completed, the road will be permanently moved west with Highway 401 traffic travelling below grade in the Grand Marais Tunnel (T-3) and local traffic on the Highway 3 service road alignment shown on the attached map.



We understand the concern residents in the area of this work have and we appreciate your patience. It is one of the project team's goals to work with the community throughout the construction of this project.

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 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 Facebook (www.facebook.com/weparkway) and photos and videos will be posted on Flickr (www.flickr.com/weparkway) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/weparkway).

Best regards;

Windsor Essex Mobility Group, Public Liaison Office