

Construction – The Next Six Months

Since the Windsor-Essex Parkway construction started in August 2011, the Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) and Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC) have been working on an aggressive schedule. To minimize the length of time that the Parkway takes to complete, construction will be ongoing simultaneously throughout the project area. We want to work as quickly as possible to complete construction so that residents and travellers can start realizing the Parkway's many benefits.

Road Construction

There will be ongoing construction works throughout several sections of the project footprint. Over the next six months, the following main construction activities can be expected:

From Outer Drive to Cabana Road West:

- road construction between Bridge 10 (west of St. Clair College) to Sandwich West Parkway
- road construction between Bridge 10 to Cabana Road
- road construction between Cousineau Road to Montgomery Drive
- road construction between Howard Avenue to existing Highway 3, east of Outer Drive
- construction of new Highway 3 in the area between east of Howard Avenue to the intersection with existing Highway 3
- Highway 401 reconstruction from Howard Avenue to North Talbot Road.

In addition, PIC will carry out works on other municipal roads, including:

- Howard Avenue Diversion and Howard Connector
- Montgomery Drive
- Homestead Lane and Hearthwood Place
- Huron Church Line
- Sandwich West Parkway and Cousineau Road.

From Todd Lane/Cabana Road West to Ojibway Parkway:

- Highway 401 from Todd Lane/ Cabana Road West to E.C. Row Expressway
- Highway 3, between Pulford Avenue and Grand Marais Road West
- Single Laning of E.C. Row Expressway between Ojibway Parkway and Huron Church Road
- Huron Church Road between Grand Marais Road West and E.C. Row Expressway.

In addition, PIC will carry out works on other municipal roads, including:

- Grand Marais Road West
- Pulford Avenue
- Diversion 2 from Labelle Street to Grand Marais Road
- Diversion 3 from Pulford Avenue to Cabana Road West.

Tunnel and Bridge Construction

Work on the following tunnels and bridges will continue or start during the next six months:

- Spring Garden Tunnel (T-1)
- Labelle Tunnel (T-2)
- Grand Marais Tunnel (T-3)
- Pulford Tunnel (T-4)
- Oakwood Tunnel (T-5)
- Villa Borghese Tunnel (T-7)

- Bridge 7 (Labelle Street and Lambton Road)
- Bridge 8 (east of Pulford Street)
- Bridge 9 (between Cabana Road West and Geraedts Drive)
- Bridge 10 (west of St. Clair College)
- Bridge 11 (west of Howard Avenue).

Pile Driving

Tunnel and bridge construction requires steel piles to be driven in the ground down to bedrock for support. Pile driving is noisy and, in some instances, causes noise and vibration beyond the project limits. Pile driving will be limited to daytime hours. The schedule for upcoming pile driving includes:

Structure	Anticipated Start	Expected Duration
Bridge 9 (between Cabana Road and Geraedts Drive)	May 2012	To be completed early August
Bridge 11 (west of Howard Avenue)	May 2012	To be completed late August
Villa Borghese Tunnel (T-7)	July 2012	To be completed late August
Hearthwood Tunnel (T-10B)	August 2012	2 weeks
Oliver Estates Tunnel (T-11)	August 2012	2 months
Labelle Tunnel (T-2)	August 2012	1 month
Geraedts Tunnel (T-8)	September 2012	2 weeks
Spring Garden Tunnel (T-1)	September 2012	2 months
Oakwood Tunnel (T-5)	September 2012	2 months
Todd/Cabana Tunnel (T-6)	October 2012	2 months
Bridge 7 (Labelle Street and Lambton Road)	October 2012	1 month
Grand Marais Tunnel (T-3)	November 2012	1 month
Pulford Tunnel (T-4)	November 2012	1 month
Bridge 4 (Malden Road Overpass E.C. Row Expressway westbound)	January 2013	To be determined
Bridge 5 (Malden Road Overpass E.C. Row Expressway eastbound)	January 2013	To be determined
Bridge 6 (Eastbound E.C. Row Expressway Overpass, west of Spring Garden Tunnel)	February 2013	To be determined

Utility and Sewer Relocations

A major effort to relocate utilities has been underway since the beginning of construction and will continue over the next few months. The work is mainly being conducted by the utility companies with coordination from WEMG and PIC crews. You can expect to see work between Spring Garden Road and Cabana Road West, Ojibway Parkway, Matchette Road and Malden Road as well as work in several areas of LaSalle and Tecumseh.

Excavation and Road Base

Over the next six months, PIC will continue excavation activities which, when complete, will create the below-grade extension of Highway 401. Excavation will occur along the existing Highway 3/Huron Church Road corridor for construction of tunnels and bridges and for embankments.

Suitable material coming from excavation sites will be hauled and placed in the area from Cabana Road to Ojibway Parkway and in some located fill areas in the area from Outer Drive to Geraedts Drive. Excess earth will be managed for re-use at appropriate sites outside of the Parkway.

Drainage

Drainage work, including the excavation of temporary storm ponds, will continue with a focus on:

- the start of construction of the Lennon Drain and the Cahill Drain
- the realignment of the Wolfe Drain from west of Howard Avenue to Geraedts Drive
- the second stage of construction of Grand Marais Drain (Turkey Creek).

Who can I contact if I have a question or concern?

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).