

Farewell Street pedestrian bridge demolition and construction of replacement bridge

As early as Monday, March 16, 2026* for approximately two years

Work hours: Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Subject to municipal approvals.



Project Overview

The Bowmanville Extension will extend Lakeshore East GO rail service nearly 20-kilometres east of the Durham College Oshawa GO Station to Bowmanville, serving the Region of Durham. Expanded rail service will provide Durham Region with direct connections to the larger GO Transit network, helping to reduce congestion in the region while better connecting customers to education, family, entertainment, and jobs.

What is happening?

Metrolinx has begun construction for the Bowmanville Extension. As part of preparatory works, Metrolinx will be conducting a demolition of the pedestrian bridge at Farewell Street that runs over the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) rail corridor. This removal precedes the construction of a new accessible pedestrian bridge. The demolition works will begin as early as Monday, March 16, 2026, and there will be no pedestrian access where the current bridge is located for approximately two years while we construct the replacement bridge.

This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of both the public and crews as we work on multiple associated construction activities including the full demolition and removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of new foundations to support a new pedestrian bridge, and execution of associated roadway reconstruction and utility adjustments required to accommodate and integrate the new bridge infrastructure.

A detour pedestrian route will be implemented, and wayfinding will be in place (see Figure 1 for detour route). We understand this may be disruptive to the surrounding community and will do our best to mitigate impacts to residents. Metrolinx will communicate further updates and major work blocks as we progress in the construction of this new accessible pedestrian bridge at Farewell Street

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Work to prepare the site for bridge demolition will begin as early as March 9, 2026. Preparatory work includes establishing laydown areas and site fencing. The bridge will remain open during this work. **The bridge will close once demolition work begins as early as March 16.**
- Farewell Street Bridge will be demolished to make way for the construction of a new accessible pedestrian bridge.
- Work will be carried out in stages, including:
 - Utility protection and relocation of existing utilities.
 - Demolition and removal of the existing bridge structure in a controlled sequence.
 - Foundation work to support the new bridge.
 - Construction of new bridge sub-structures and elements, including accessible ramps.
 - Finishing works including paving, line painting, and final landscaping.
- New construction activities and major blocks of work will be communicated to residents and businesses as we progress through the project, as well as associated timelines, impacts, and mitigation measures.
- Residents should expect noise and vibration from construction equipment including trucks, excavators, skid steers, and cranes.
- **Noise:** Residents and businesses near the work zone may hear noise caused by trucks, heavy equipment and material delivery and other construction equipment required for this work. Work will be conducted as efficiently as possible to minimize disturbances in the area.
- **Light:** Lights will be directed into the work site to minimize light pollution into nearby buildings and businesses.
- **Vibration:** Vibration monitors will be used as needed to ensure levels stay below allowable limits.
- Dates subject to change as a result of unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather.

WORK HOURS

- Work hours will be between Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Farewell Street bridge will be closed at all times throughout this construction project.

LOCATION

- Work will occur at Farewell Street Bridge.

TRAFFIC DETAILS:

- There are no anticipated vehicle traffic impacts.

TRANSIT INFORMATION

- There are no impacts to GO or Durham Region Transit service.

PEDESTRIAN DETAILS

- Pedestrian access to Farewell Street Bridge will be unavailable for approximately two years.
- Suggested pedestrian detours (see Figure 1):
 - **North of Farewell Street Bridge:** use Olive Avenue to connect to Wilson Road. Use Wilson to access Shakespeare Avenue.
 - **South of Farewell Street Bridge:** use Shakespeare Avenue to connect to Wilson Road. Use Wilson Road to access Olive Avenue.
- Wayfinding and detour signage will be in place to guide pedestrians around the closed bridge.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Metrolinx has dedicated community engagement teams available to connect with residents and businesses.
- If you have any questions, please email us at DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com or call us at 416-202-3900.

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