

Simcoe Street road closure due to bridge replacement

Beginning as early as Monday, January 12, 2026 for approximately 2 years

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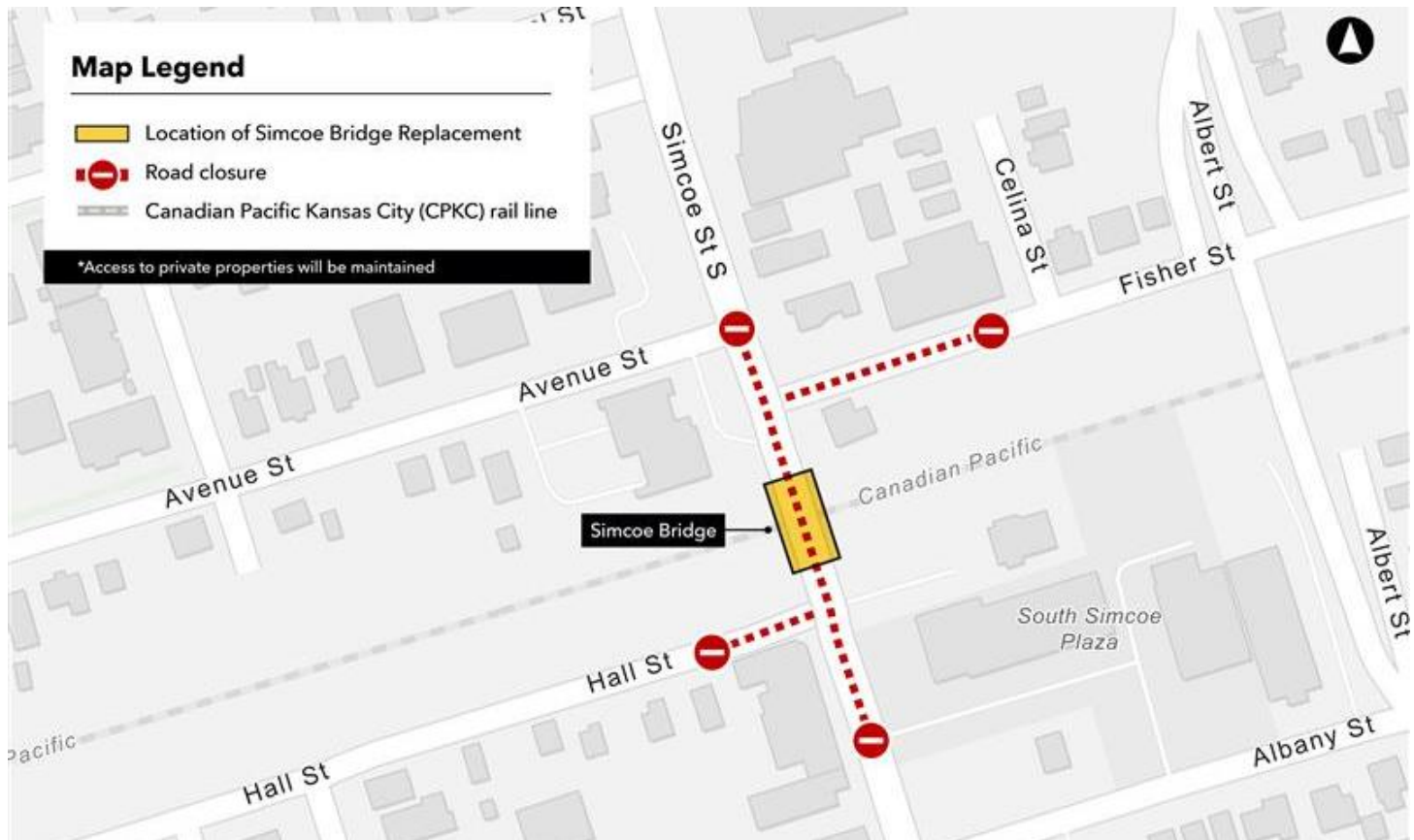


Figure 1: Map depicting work area. Metrolinx image. Not to scale.

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 early works construction for the Bowmanville Extension. As part of this project, Metrolinx will be replacing the Simcoe Street Bridge located over the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) track. This work will require a full road closure of Simcoe Street between Avenue and Albany streets, either side of the CPKC track (see Figure 1), beginning as early as January 12, 2026. This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of both the public and crews as they work on multiple associated construction activities: the demolition and removal of the existing bridge structure, installation of new foundations and piling to support the replacement bridge, and associated roadworks and utilities.

This road closure will be in effect for approximately two years. We recognize this is a significant disruption and we are working with Regional and Municipal partners to mitigate impacts as much as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and are working closely with Durham Region and the City of Oshawa to ensure traffic flow is managed effectively around the site. Throughout the closure, Metrolinx will monitor traffic conditions and adjust traffic mitigation measures as needed.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- 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.
 - 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.
- 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.
- Lights: 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.

WORK HOURS

- Work will be between Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TRAFFIC DETAILS:

- Traffic will be detoured via Stevenson Road.
- A traffic management plan will be in place to ensure traffic flows safely around the road closure, and to maintain local access for residents and businesses in the area.
- Wayfinding and detour signage will be in place to communicate alternate routes.

TRANSIT INFORMATION

- GO bus routes 52, 56 and 92 have been detoured via Gibb Street and Stevenson Road. Please visit the GO Transit website at www.gotransit.com to plan your trip.
- Durham Region Transit (DRT) routes 901 and N2 are on detour. Please visit the DRT website at www.durhamregiontransit.com for more information.

PEDESTRIAN DETAILS

- Pedestrians will be detoured via the Michael Starr Trail.
- Wayfinding and detour signage will be in place to guide pedestrians around any closed sidewalks or pathways.

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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