

## Ontario Line

# Closure of Beth Neelson Drive for underpass construction

**Expected start date:** March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Duration:** Approximately two (2) years

**Hours of work:** Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Occasional extended hours and weekend work may be required



## What is happening?

- Starting as early as March 23, 2026, Beth Neelson Drive will be fully closed in both directions between Wicksteed Avenue and Pat Moore Drive for approximately two years to build the Beth Neelson underpass.
- The underpass will lower the existing roadway, enabling Ontario Line trains to travel at grade, while cars, cyclists and pedestrians maintain access through the lowered roadway.
- A road closure is required to accommodate utility relocation, deep excavation, construction of retaining walls and building of the new underpass structure.
- Clear wayfinding signage will guide drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and TTC users around the closure.
- This work will take place Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours and weekend work as required.

## What to expect

- Residents will notice an increase in construction-related vehicle traffic, including dump trucks, concrete trucks, mobile cranes, and other heavy equipment entering and exiting the site.
- Traffic controls, including pylons, signage and safety barriers, will be installed to guide drivers, cyclists and pedestrians safely through the area.
- Work zones will be clearly marked to keep residents, businesses, and visitors safe.

## Noise/Vibration:

- Residents and businesses may hear noise from heavy equipment, trucks, and material deliveries.
- Noise and vibration levels will be monitored using specialized equipment.

## Dust:

- Dust will be controlled through watering soil on-site and wet sweeping nearby streets to limit spread and maintain cleanliness.

## Transit:

- TTC bus routes and school bus routes in the area will be affected and detoured.
  - Routing of the **88 South Leaside** will be adjusted, and a new temporary **156 Millwood** route will be introduced starting **March 15, 2026**.
- Riders are encouraged to check the **TTC website** for the latest route updates and trip planning.

## Traffic:

- Area-wide traffic signs will be in place to keep traffic moving safely and maintain local access for residents and businesses.
- Emergency access routes affected by the closure have been replaced by alternate routes that ensures safety for residents and businesses within the affected areas. Businesses in the area and Thorncliffe Park Community Gardens will remain open and accessible during construction.

## Project Overview

- The Ontario Line will be a 15.6-kilometre subway line that will make it faster and easier to travel within Toronto and beyond. The line will bring 15 new stations to the city, including Thorncliffe Park, and will run from Don Valley Station through the heart of downtown, all the way to Exhibition Place.
- The new subway line will bring faster, reliable rapid transit to Thorncliffe Park and the surrounding area, reducing travel times from Thorncliffe Park to downtown Toronto from about 40 minutes to 25 minutes and bringing 12,800 people within walking distance of a subway station for the first time.
- As part of this project, Metrolinx is building a new underpass on Beth Nealson Drive. The underpass will separate road traffic from train tracks, allowing cars, pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely and uninterrupted.

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