

UPDATE: Weekend Concrete Pours in the Don Yard

Expected dates: The weekends of July 11, 2026, to August 7, 2026 (excluding the Civic Holiday weekend)

Duration: Approximately one month

Hours of work: Concrete pours can start as early as 3 a.m.



What is happening?

- The concrete base slab and wall pours are now complete for the Don Yard tunnel.
- Crews are preparing to start the next phase of construction, which includes pouring large volumes of concrete to form the portal and backfill over the permanent tunnel structure.
- Weekend permanent concrete works are currently scheduled as follows:
 - **Completed**-Saturday, July 11 – Concrete pouring for the portal base slab: Starting at 3 a.m. with completion mid-day on the 11.
 - **Completed**- Saturday, July 18 – High-density concrete backfill over the tunnel: Starting at 3 a.m. with completion in the evening of July 19.
 - **Completed**-Saturday, July 25 – High-density concrete backfill over the tunnel: Starting at 3 a.m. with completion in the evening of July 26.
 - **Upcoming**-Friday, August 7 – Concrete pouring for the bridge deck placement: Starting at 5 p.m., site preparation and equipment setup will take place. Concrete pouring will begin at 8 p.m., with all activities expected to be completed by 7 a.m.
 - Concrete trucks will be entering and exiting the site approximately every 20 to 30 minutes during this time. No significant noise impacts are expected beyond normal vehicle movements.
 - **Contingency Date**- If weather conditions prevent the work from proceeding as planned, the concrete pour will be rescheduled to Saturday, August 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Sunday, August 9.
- Weekend concrete pours will begin as early as 3 a.m.
- Early morning start times are required to ensure the integrity of the concrete and allow enough time for the pours to finish.
- About 600 cubic metres of concrete will be poured for the portal base slab, and up to 3000 cubic metres will be poured to cover the tunnel.
- Ready-mix concrete trucks and concrete pumps will be used to deliver and place concrete.

What to expect

- Noise from construction equipment, including concrete trucks, pumps, cranes, loaders, and other machinery, can be expected.
- Residents can expect concrete trucks arriving to site and pouring as early as 3 a.m.
- During large backfill pours, up to 10-15 concrete trucks may access the site per hour. Backfill pours will permanently cover the underground tunnel structure.
- Trucks will enter and exit the site via Mill Street and will only use main roads to travel to and from the site.
- Site lighting will be positioned downward and away from residences.
- Noise, vibration, and air quality monitoring are in place to minimize disruption and help ensure regulatory levels are maintained.
- Construction equipment and materials will be properly secured within the work zone.
- Work may be delayed or rescheduled due to inclement weather and/or unforeseen circumstances.

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