

Sheppard Bridge Works Lane Closures update

Scheduled Start Date: August 2026

Scheduled End Date: May 2027

Working Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Figure 1: Map depicting the stretch of Sheppard Avenue West that will be impacted by this work. Any lane reductions will occur within the indicated area.

What Is Happening?

Metrolinx crews are constructing a new rail and pedestrian bridge over Sheppard Ave West as part of improvements to the Barrie GO Rail Line. This work will impact Sheppard Ave West lanes and sidewalks between Vitti Street and Chesswood Drive.

From August 2026 to May 2027, periodic closure of one (1) eastbound lane and / or one (1) westbound lane and / or one (1) sidewalk will be required. These closures will be limited to off-peak hours.

What to Expect?

- Construction lighting may be visible from the work site.
- Where possible, lights from equipment will be positioned away from residential homes to keep light pollution levels low.
- Trucks and construction equipment may generate dust during construction.
- Crews will take precautions to monitor and reduce dust.
- Increased presence of construction vehicles and equipment can be expected in the work area.
- Please exercise caution around active construction sites.
- Work may be delayed or rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances
- Trucks will stage inside the work site and will not stage outside of the site boundaries

Traffic Changes

- Sheppard Avenue West will be closed for periods of time during the work. Signage will redirect traffic around the work zones.
- Alternating lanes on Sheppard Avenue West will be reduced for periods of time during the work. Signage will redirect traffic around the work zones.
- A paid duty officer, flaggers and detour signs will be onsite to direct traffic as needed.

Pedestrian Access

- Temporary sidewalk closures or pedestrian detours will be in place while the work is underway, with signs in place to direct pedestrians as needed.

Noise & Vibration

- Residences and businesses in the area may experience noise and vibration caused by construction equipment related to this work.
- Crews will take measures to minimize disruptions to the surrounding area wherever possible.
- To minimize noise impacts on the community, noise and vibration monitoring equipment will be installed prior to construction. These devices will help to detect exceedances early to proactively conduct corrective actions as needed while crews work.
- Trucks accessing the site will be equipped with broadband backup alarms, which emit a less disruptive sound compared to traditional beeping backup alarms.

Transit Service

- There is no anticipated impact to transit services.
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About the Project

The project includes modifications and upgrades to the existing rail corridor, that will allow for a second set of tracks to be installed. The project area is within the City of Toronto between King Street West and Steeles Avenue West. This work will pave the way for future two-way, all-day GO train service on the Barrie Line.

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