

Memo

To: Mayor Burton and Members of Council
From: Jill Stephen, Director, Transportation & Engineering
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Phoebe Fu - Commissioner, Community Infrastructure
Date: April 25, 2024
Subject: Upcoming 10-day Closure of Burloak Drive – June 14 to 23, 2024

This memo provides Council with an update on the Burloak Drive Grade Separation project and upcoming closure of Burloak Drive (between Wyecroft Road and Superior Court, south of the QEW) scheduled for June 14 to 23, 2024.

Background

The Town of Oakville and the City of Burlington have entered into a cost sharing agreement with Metrolinx for the construction of the Burloak Grade Separation, with Metrolinx taking the lead on the project. The new underpass on Burloak Drive will separate vehicle traffic and rail movement and will enhance public safety in advance of GO Transit's planned 15-minute all-day service on the Lakeshore West GO line.

Early works for the grade separation began in 2023 and included utility relocation works. The project is scheduled to be complete in 2026.

Upcoming 10-day Road Closure

From June 14 to 23, there will be a full closure of Burloak Drive from Wyecroft Road to Superior Court (see map below). There will be no vehicular or pedestrian access during that time. The road closure is required to complete track relocation and the construction of temporary rail lines and level crossing that are required prior to the construction of the grade separation itself.

During this time, Prince William Drive (in Burlington) will also be closed while the contractor installs a storm sewer across the western leg of the Burloak/Prince William intersection. Two temporary lanes – one going in each direction, starting at Prince William will be open to allow access to the Burloak Plaza and the Hydro One corridor.

Oakville Transit Route 14/14A Lakeshore West will be detoured during the 10-day closure, as this segment of Burloak Drive will not be accessible by public transit (including care-A-van). Detour information will be communicated prior to the closure to provide transit riders with advance notice of the changes to Route 14/14A through social media, on oakvilletransit.ca and through bus stop notices in the impacted area.

Detour Routes

Detour routes will be established and signed, routing traffic primarily around the site via Bronte Road and Appleby Line (see map below). The town and City of Burlington will be conducting traffic counts at various intersections during the 10-day closure in order to gather data that can be used to adjust signal timing plans for the planned 14-month closure scheduled as part of a future phase of the project. These adjustments are intended to reduce traffic congestion during the planned 14-month closure at the busiest intersections. Intersection modifications (lane configurations and turning lane lengths) are also being considered at key intersections in order to minimize traffic impacts.

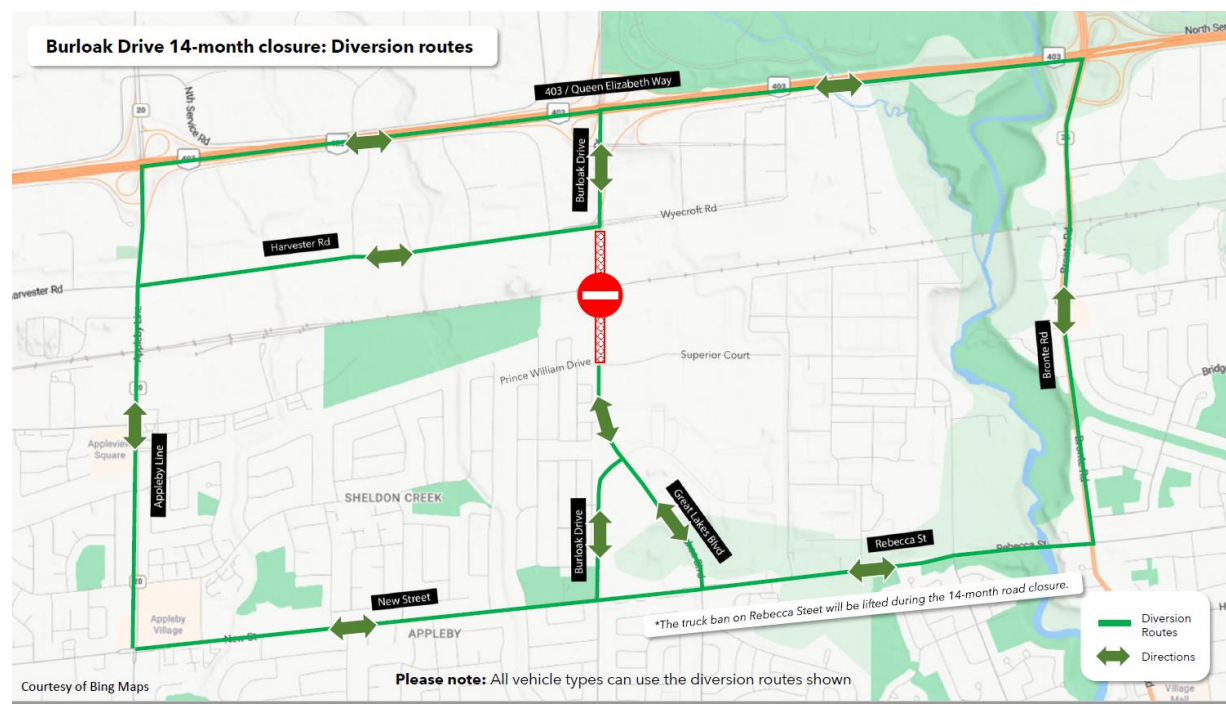


Figure 1: Detour Plan provided by Metrolinx

Public Notification

The public will be advised of the upcoming road closure using a number of tactics:

- Direct mailouts will be sent by Metrolinx to properties owners in the vicinity of the road closure. The distribution area is the area bounded by Bronte Road, Rebecca St/New Street, Appleby Line and Upper Middle Road.
- Variable message signs will be posted in advance of the closure to advise drivers of the dates of the closure
- Information will be posted on the Metrolinx, town and City of Burlington websites.
 - [Metrolinx.com/lakeshore west](https://www.metrolinx.com/lakeshore-west)
 - [Burloak Drive Grade Separation \(oakville.ca\)](https://www.burloakdrivegrade.com)
- Detour route signage will be installed in accordance with approved traffic management plan.
- Metrolinx, Oakville and Burlington will share information advising residents of the 10-day closure via their social media channels.

Please contact Jill Stephen – Director, Transportation and Engineering, or Paul Cripps – Manager, Design and Construction (Special Projects), with any questions regarding the Burloak Drive Grade Separation Project.