

Memo

To: Mayor Burton and Members of Council
From: Jill Stephen, Director, Transportation & Engineering
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Phoebe Fu - Commissioner, Community Infrastructure
Date: June 12, 2024
Subject: 14 Month Closure of Burloak Drive

This memo provides Council with an update on the Burloak Drive Grade Separation project and future closure of Burloak Drive (between Wyecroft Road and Superior Court, south of the QEW).

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.

14-Month Road Closure

Staff provided an update on the upcoming 10-day closure of Burloak Drive in a Memo to Council dated April 25, 2024. New information that was not available at the time of writing the April 25 memo, regarding the future 14-month road closure, has since been provided by Metrolinx and their contractor.

The 14-month closure was originally scheduled to commence later this summer is now expected to start in the spring of 2025. As the result, Burloak Drive is expected to be closed to traffic from spring 2025 to mid-2026, and the completion date for the project has been pushed back to late 2026 (change of approximately six months).

During the closure, detour routes, similar to those used for the 10-day closure (see below), shall be established and properly advertised using the same methods employed

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for the upcoming 10-day closure. During the 10-day closure traffic counts will be made at key intersections along the detour routes. This information will be utilized to adjust signal timing prior to the start of the 14-month closure in an effort to reduce traffic impacts.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed about the project status by monitoring the websites of both the town and Metrolinx. Prior to the start of the 14-month closure Council can expect a follow up memo with additional details regarding project timing and mitigation measures.



Figure 1: Detour Plan provided by Metrolinx

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.