

WINDSOR-ESSEX PARKWAY

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION START

Including Temporary Closure of Portions of Highway 401 and North Talbot Road and Demolition of North Talbot Road Bridge Over Highway 401

The Project

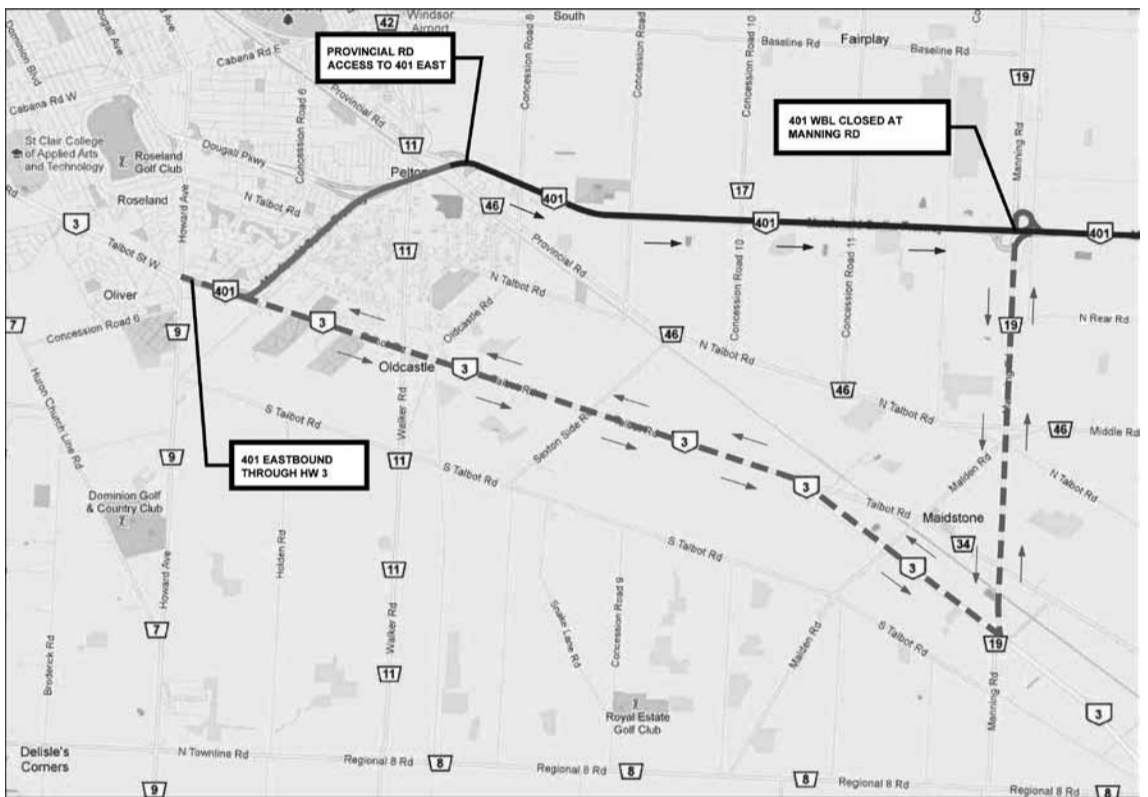
The **Windsor-Essex Parkway** is part of a long-term transportation solution that will ensure the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services through Canada's premier trade corridor, the Windsor-Detroit gateway. The completed 11 km Parkway will feature the separation of local and international traffic, the elimination of stop-and-go traffic in residential areas, more than 300 acres of green space, 20 km of recreational trails, and new community connections.

Construction of the Windsor-Essex Parkway is scheduled to begin on August 20, 2011, pending completion of the Design and Construction Report #1 public review. The Parkway will be open to traffic in the fall of 2014 with landscaping and other related works being finished by the summer of 2015.

The first works, as outlined in Design and Construction Report (DCR) #1, are:

- installation of wick drains and placement of advance fill (at west end of study area)
- construction of the Howard Avenue diversion and roundabout
- replacement of the North Talbot Road Bridge
- widening of Highway 401 from 720 m south of North Talbot Road to North Talbot Road
- advance relocation of the sanitary sewer between Labelle Street and Lambton Road

An estimated seven additional Design and Construction Reports documenting design and construction and environmental assessment requirements associated with the remaining components of the Windsor-Essex Parkway will be completed and available for public review. Further public consultation will be held in relation to the development of the design for the remaining portions of the Windsor-Essex Parkway.



Detour route options in relation to closure of Highway 401.

North Talbot Road Bridge Replacement

The North Talbot Road Bridge needs to be replaced to accommodate widening of Highway 401 from four to six lanes. It is anticipated that work on the North Talbot Road Bridge will begin on August 20 and last up to nine months.

Notice of Temporary Closure and Demolition

Highway 401 eastbound between Highway 3 and Provincial Road, and Highway 401 westbound between Manning Road and Highway 3, will be closed for a 50-hour period, beginning at 3 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, until 5 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2011. The temporary closure is required to accommodate demolition of the North Talbot Road Bridge over Highway 401.

Motorists headed eastbound are advised to use the detour route via Highway 3 or Provincial Road. Westbound traffic will be re-directed through a detour route via Manning Road. See the map above for additional detour information. Signs will be in place to advise motorists of the closure. Motorists may experience periodic delays during this time.

Portions of North Talbot Road (on each side of the bridge over Highway 401) will be closed for up to a nine-month period, beginning 3 a.m., Saturday, August 20, 2011. This temporary closure is required to accommodate the widening of Highway 401 from four to six lanes and to build a wider North Talbot Road Bridge. A detour route for North Talbot Road traffic, which follows Howard Avenue, Highway 3, and Walker Road, will be used as the primary detour route during the temporary closure. A route via Concession Road, Provincial Road, and Walker Road will also remain available throughout the closure. A map detailing this detour is available on the Windsor-Essex Parkway website, www.weparkway.ca.

Pedestrians and cyclists will not be allowed access to the construction area during the closure. Property access will be maintained at all times. Signs will also be in place advising motorists that all access to businesses have been maintained.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding traffic or these construction activities, please contact the Windsor Essex Mobility Group Public Liaison Office at **1-877-WE-PKWAY (937-5929)** or via e-mail at wep-plo@wemg.ca. We appreciate your cooperation throughout this project. Every effort will be made to reduce inconvenience to drivers, residents and the business community. For project updates or inquiries, please visit www.weparkway.ca or contact:

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