



MEDIA RELEASE

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Essa Road/Highway 400 construction continues with ramp closures starting this weekend

(Barrie, ON) – The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is continuing work on constructing a new interchange at Essa Road and Highway 400, and requires two upcoming ramp closures as part of the Essa Road Interchange/Highway 400 Overpass Replacement project:

- **November 12 to 13: Northbound Highway 400 Off Ramp**
The northbound Highway 400 off ramp to Essa Road will be closed from 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 12 until 5 a.m. on Monday, November 13. Detour route: Mapleview to Veteran's to Essa.
- **November 20 to 25: Westbound Essa Road to Southbound Highway 400 On Ramp**
The westbound Essa Road to southbound Highway 400 on ramp will be closed from 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 20 until 5 a.m. on Saturday, November 25. The eastbound Essa Road to Highway 400 on ramp will remain open throughout. Detour route: Essa to Veteran's to Mapleview to southbound Highway 400.

No traffic or emergency services will be able to travel through the closures.

Pedestrian access under the bridge is still restricted. Pedestrians should use the free [Barrie Transit pedestrian shuttle service](#) to get through the construction zone.

The project includes significant roadwork on Highway 400, between Harvie Road and Tiffin Road, along with a widening of Essa Road to six lanes between Fairview Road and Bryne Drive/Ardagh Drive. The work will also add a multi-use path on the north side of the road, and a sidewalk on the south side. The project is expected to be complete in late 2025.

The City and MTO work collaboratively to incorporate transportation improvements that support the needs of both local residents and the travelling public at large. These improvements will enhance Barrie's transportation network and help mitigate traffic congestion.

For more information on this project, visit the City's webpage about this MTO project: [Essa Road Interchange & Highway 400 Overpass Replacement](#).

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