

## **FAQs – G8 & G20 Summits Traffic Impacts**

June 16, 2010

**1. How will the summits affect traffic in Huntsville and Toronto and where can I find more information on road closures?**

- A. ***For the G8 Summit in Huntsville***, Highway 60 will be restricted, allowing access only to accredited persons from Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>. The extent of restriction will be from Deerhurst Drive/Canal Road easterly to just west of Hidden Valley Road

Additional information on traffic access and restrictions is available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g8/commun-eng.htm>

***For the G20 Summit in Toronto***, the public should expect closures and restrictions on the highways in and around Toronto from Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> due to G20 security operations. These measures will have a significant impact on traffic flow on the Gardiner Expressway, QEW, Highway 427, Highway 401, the Don Valley Parkway and connecting arterial roads.

Motorists should expect delays and should avoid these routes during the identified periods if possible. The use of public transit is strongly recommended during that time. Signs will be posted along the highway corridors to advise motorists of the closures, restrictions and the anticipated significant delays.

Details of the anticipated traffic impacts are as follows:

***Thursday June 24 to Saturday June 26***

Lane reductions on Highway 401 eastbound collectors to Highway 427 southbound at Renforth Drive: expect significant delays.

No access from Highway 427 southbound express to Holiday Drive and Burnhamthorpe Road.

Highway 427 southbound collector lanes: expect periodic full closures and significant delays.

Highway 427 southbound express ramp to the eastbound Gardiner Expressway: expect periodic full closures and significant delays.

Southbound Highway 427 express lane traffic will be required to exit to westbound QEW during these periods.

The eastbound QEW/Gardiner Expressway: expect periodic full closures of the QEW and the Gardiner Expressway at Highway 427 resulting in significant delays during these periods. During these closures, all eastbound QEW traffic will be re-routed to Highway 427 northbound. The eastbound York, Bay, and Yonge Streets exit will be closed.

Highway 401 eastbound exit ramp to Renforth Drive and the on-ramp from Renforth Drive to Highway 427 southbound will also experience periodic closures.

Highway 27 southbound will be periodically closed at the Highway 401 overpass during periods when Highway 427 southbound collector lanes are closed. During these periods there will be no access to Highway 427 collector lanes from Highway 27. Highway 27 will be forced to exit at Eglinton Avenue: expect significant delays.

### ***Sunday June 27***

Gardiner Expressway westbound: expect periodic full closures and significant delays which may also affect the Don Valley Parkway southbound. The westbound York Street on-ramp will also be closed.

Highway 427 northbound collector lanes from Browns Line to Highway 401 will be closed from early morning Sunday until late evening: expect significant delays. During this period there will be no access to the Highway 427 northbound collector lanes from any ramps.

Eglinton Avenue West will be closed between Highway 427 and Renforth Drive.

Prior to the Summit, traffic related information is available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g20/traff-circ-eng.htm>

During the June 24 to 27 period, motorists are encouraged to visit the MTO Traveller's Road Information Portal at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/> or listen to local media for additional road information.

## **2. Will this affect travel to and from Toronto Pearson International Airport?**

- A. People living, working or traveling to and from Toronto Pearson International Airport, should expect significant traffic delays.

### 3. Why is it necessary to close these highways?

- A. Ontario is working with federal and municipal counterparts and agencies to take proactive measures to ensure the safety of Ontarians and international dignitaries during the G8 and G20 Summits.

Support has been requested of MTO to assist with the G8 and G20 security operations. MTO is working with the Integrated Security Unit (ISU) to provide expert advice to minimize traffic disruptions and will provide extensive signage to notify motorists of the anticipated impacts.

Additional information on traffic management during the Summits is available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/>

### 4. Will I be able to access the “restricted” highways to get to my destination?

- A. Information on access and accreditation is available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/>

### 5. When will these highways be reopened to traffic?

- A. MTO is providing the ISU with advice to minimize traffic disruptions and recognizes the impact that highway closures have on the traveling public. Closures will take place at the request of the ISU and will remain in place as required for the ISU to meet their Summit security objectives.

MTO will update our website, changeable message signs and local media of highways reopening.

### 6. What are the alternate routes?

- A. ***For the G8 Summit in Huntsville***, alternate routes have been identified for motorists by the ISU and are available on their website at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g8/resources/alternative-route-circulation-10-04-eng.pdf>

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**7. What times will these highways be restricted and/or closed?**

- A. In Huntsville, Highway 60 will be restricted to authorized traffic only, from 7:00am on June 23 until midnight June 26<sup>th</sup>. The extent of restriction will be from Deerhurst Drive/Canal Road easterly to just west of Hidden Valley Road.

In Toronto, 400-series Highways, the Gardiner Expressway, the Queen Elizabeth Way and Lakeshore Boulevard - will be impacted by security operations from June 24 to June 27.

**8. Why are the alternate routes not posted on the ISU website?**

- A. For the G8 Summit in Huntsville, alternate routes have been identified for motorists by the ISU and are available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g8/resources/alternative-route-circulation-10-04-eng.pdf>

For the G20 Summit in Toronto, motorists are encouraged to consider alternative transportation routes and options during the Summit meetings to suit their specific needs and destinations.

**9. Will the G20 summit affect public transit?**

- A. The Toronto Transit Commission will be operating regularly scheduled service during the G20 Summit, with only minor surface route diversions planned. GO Transit is planning to operate regular service during the G20 Summit. If any changes are required to be implemented to either TTC or GO Transit service during the Summit, these changes will be communicated as soon as possible.