

Pickering to see road closures at Brock and Hwy. 401

Work delayed until Pan Am Games are over

PICKERING -- Some road restrictions at Hwy. 401 and Brock Road that were scheduled to begin around the start of the Pan Am Games have been postponed.

The Brock Road bridge over Hwy. 401 is about to get a makeover, and road closures will be in place starting later this month.

According to www.401brockroad.ca, the left turn lane on the eastbound off-ramp from Hwy. 401 to Brock Road northbound will be closed. The detour route will direct drivers to exit at Whites Road, and to take Kingston Road to Brock Road. Also, the left turn lane from southbound Brock Road to Hwy. 401 eastbound will be closed, closing access to Hwy. 401 eastbound from Brock Road southbound. Drivers will be detoured to continue south on Brock Road to take Bayly Street to Westney Road in Ajax to enter Hwy. 401.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor David Pickles was concerned when the work was scheduled to start the weekend of July 11, as the Pan Am Games launch. "With only Whites Road and Brock Road interchanges in Pickering, the closure of the northbound lanes for a month or more will create major congestion on Whites Road, Port Union Road, Kingston Road and Bayly (Street)," he said in an e-mail.

He raised concerns about this with the Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca, asking the ministry to postpone the closure until after the Pan Am HOV lanes are open again, or suggesting the lanes could at least open during rush hour.

A representative from contractor AECOM recently confirmed the work will now begin on July 27.

More work is scheduled in 2016.

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