



Work activity, bat houses, in-person engagement and a bird's eye view of the project

Major work activity for June

Work continues on the west and east shores in building two major activities – a temporary rock causeway and a temporary trestle bridge. 50 per cent of the temporary rock causeway is complete on the west shore and 100 per cent complete on the east shore. The temporary trestle bridge is being built in the Cataraqui River over the navigation channel. The temporary trestle bridge will maintain public marine access through the navigation channel during the boating season with the bridge raising up and down to allow boats to pass underneath.

Four wildlife passages have been installed for the care and protection of wildlife in the Cataraqui River. These passages allow for the safe and active passage of turtles and wildlife through the temporary rock causeway during construction. The fifth and final wildlife passage is currently being installed. Once the bridge is complete, the wildlife passages and the temporary rock causeway and

temporary trestle bridge will be removed.

PHOTOS: Bird eye's view of the construction site.

Top clockwise: temporary rock causeway on the west shore, drone view, building the temporary trestle bridge near the east shore and the temporary rock causeway wildlife passages in pink.

Active construction site: no trespassing

We know that as work continues on the site people are curious about what's happening. This is a friendly reminder that we have major work activity happening on both shores and the fences are set up to keep the public safe from the construction site. Some residents have ventured through the fences and are putting themselves in an active project site. We appreciate the curiosity however please respect the project limits and stay out of the active construction site for your safety and that of the crews working.

Update on bat houses

As part of our work with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry four bat houses were installed on April 30, 2019, on the east shore of the Cataraqui River. Although the installation of further bat houses is not required, the project team plans to install more bat houses at a future date. Due to unforeseen impacts related to COVID-19 on the public and the normal operations of business and industry, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has granted us an extension up to May 1, 2021, for the installation of the other bat boxes.

In-person engagement update

On March 16 when COVID-19 began to impact the City, in-person public engagement was cancelled and there have been no in-person engagement sessions since mid-March for any City projects. The Third Crossing team recognizes the importance of communicating with you during this challenging time and will continue to communicate and engage with residents in other ways, including a monthly digital newsletter which provides project updates, issuing targeted emails to the east and west shore near neighbours, providing construction work notices, having up-to-date information on the project website, and responding to a dedicated Third Crossing email address. We're committed to a good line of communication with residents throughout the project so any concerns or questions are addressed as quickly as possible. Thank you for the understanding as we navigate this situation.

New drone footage

View the latest work as we fly over the east and west shores in a new drone video highlighting work on the wildlife passages and the temporary bridge over the navigation channel.

TRIVIA: Test your Third Crossing Knowledge

As a fun way to engage residents on the bridge we have a few trivia questions for you. Answers to be provided in the next newsletter.

Q1: What is the total length of the bridge?

A. 2.3km B. 1.2km C. .9km

Q2: What is the navigation clearance of the bridge?

A. 7.7m

B. 6.7m

C. 5.7m

About The Third Crossing Bridge

Once completed, the new 1.2 km bridge will connect the east and west sides of Kingston over the Cataraqui River. The two-lane bridge will improve emergency services, increase active transportation through a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, create greater business connectivity and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kingston. The bridge is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

Keeping You Connected

Learn more about Third Crossing at our website:

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Your comments and participation continue to be important to the project team and to the success of the overall project. Please contact us or join our newsletter.

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