

October 16, 2025

Dear Resident,

Subject: Upcoming Temporary Changes to Woodlawn Road East – October 2025

The City of Guelph is committed to enhancing infrastructure and maintaining a safe and efficient transportation network. As part of this commitment, the Speed River bridge on Speedvale Avenue is scheduled for replacement beginning in spring 2026. To accommodate this major construction project, a detour route will be implemented, which includes Woodlawn Road East. To support the detour and manage traffic flow effectively, temporary modifications will be made to Woodlawn Road East between the Speed River bridge (east of Woolwich Street) and Victoria Road North. These changes include:

- **Lane Reconfiguration:** The existing on-street bike lanes and center turn lane will be removed to allow for four vehicle lanes (two in each direction).
- **Traffic Signal Adjustments:** At the intersection of Woodlawn Road East and Inverness Drive, the current signal timing will be adjusted to support the change and optimize traffic flow.

Timeline of Changes:

- Signal operation improvements at Inverness Drive are expected to be completed by mid-October 2025.
- Pavement marking changes along Woodlawn Road East are anticipated to be finalized by the end of October 2025.

Duration and Impact:

These changes are temporary and will remain in effect until the Speedvale Avenue bridge replacement reaches a stage that allows for detouring less traffic. This is estimated to be approximately 18 months. Upon completion, the lane configurations will return to one lane each way with on-road bike lanes and a centre turn lane. Traffic signal operations will be restored to their previous set-up.

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Additional Notes:

- With the removal of the bike lanes, people wishing to cycle along Woodlawn Road will need to share the roadway with vehicles, in accordance with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. As an alternative, cyclists are advised to use local streets and trails to travel through the area. The Guelph Cycling Map can be used to plan alternative routes: <https://guelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/GuelphCyclingMap.pdf>
- No impacts are expected to Guelph Transit services, sidewalks, or waste collection.
- For more details on the Speedvale Avenue project, please visit: <https://guelph.ca/living/construction-projects/speedvale-avenue-construction-projects/speedvale-avenue-east-improvements/>

Please contact our project team if you have questions, comments or would like to be added to the project mailing list.

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