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PLESSIS ROAD Underpass

NEWSLETTER

Project Update

Plessis Road has been closed between Dugald Road and Kernaghan Avenue since July 28, 2013. To mitigate construction impacts, the construction of a temporary road was considered in the early stages of the design process. The estimated cost to construct the road by-pass was \$7-10 million, and its construction was expected to add twelve to eighteen months to the project schedule. The City's primary goal was to have at least two lanes open to traffic on Plessis Road by the end of December, 2014.

Project Challenges - Moving Forward

However, the project involves the infrastructure of several major stakeholders and recent setbacks in relocating that infrastructure, namely oil pipelines owned by both Imperial Oil Limited and Shell Canada have made the December 2014 goal unachievable. The City anticipates that Plessis Road will fully re-open to traffic on September 1, 2015 and construction is expected to be complete by September 15, 2015. **We wish to thank you for your patience with this major construction project.**

The City and our engineering services providers continue to work with all stakeholders to complete the project. The City has requested that both Federal and Provincial governments approve an extension to the project completion date to allow flexibility in the schedule and reduce the City's costs in 2015 that would otherwise be ineligible for reimbursement. The City of Winnipeg has also included in its tender an incentive for the private sector to finish and open Plessis Road around the May long weekend, 2015.



Transit Routes

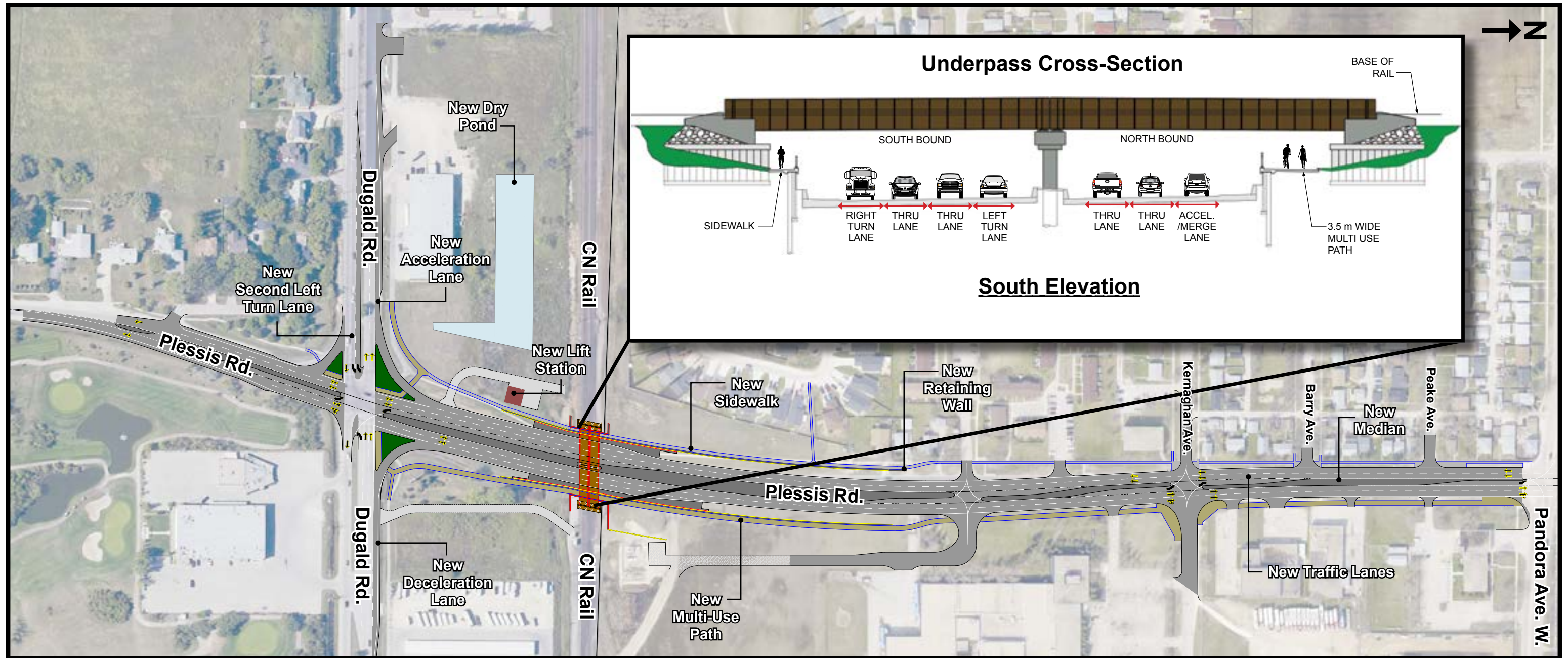
Transit routes "49 Dugald" and "87 South Transcona-Crossroads" have been temporarily relocated from Plessis Road to Bournais Drive. For additional information on transit routes, please visit the Winnipeg Transit website: <http://winnipegtransit.com/en>.

Traffic Calming Measures in Mission Gardens

We ask motorists to avoid using Bournais Drive as a detour. The City continues to monitor traffic in the area, and the following measures have been implemented to address pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Bernie Wolfe Community School:

- ✓ Enhanced traffic enforcement
- ✓ Speed management
- ✓ Signage
- ✓ Realignment Bournais Drive sidewalk at Rougeau Avenue to increase visibility and safety
- ✓ Additional adult crossing guards
- ✓ New traffic calming measures





Project Highlights

- Underpass grade separation at the Plessis Road crossing of the CN Redditt Subdivision
- Twinning of Plessis Road Between Dugald Road & Pandora Avenue
- Geometric improvements at the intersection of Plessis Road & Dugald Road
- Active Transportation - multi-use path (shared pedestrian and cycling facility) connecting the existing facilities on Dugald Road and Pandora Avenue West

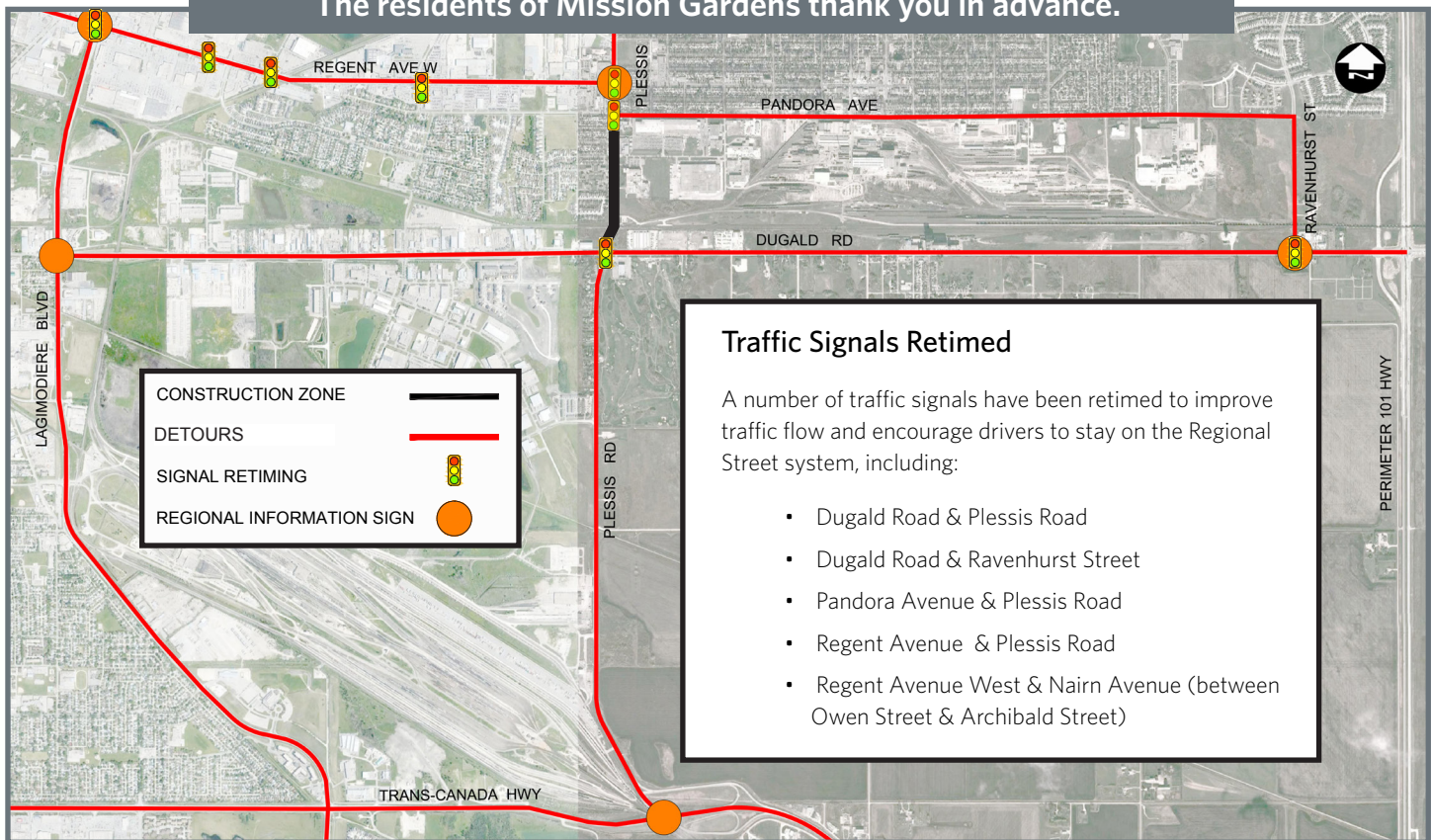
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Temporary Traffic Delays

Detours designated for traffic during the closing of Plessis Road include Lagimodiere Boulevard and Ravenhurst Street (north-south traffic) and Regent Avenue West/Pandora Avenue and Dugald Road (east-west traffic). The City plans to move traffic as efficiently as possible on Regional Streets in order to minimize the incentive to shortcut through neighbourhoods.

Regional information signs have been installed at key intersections to encourage motorists to use alternative Regional Streets before entering the area. A number of traffic signals have been retimed and the Transit Diamond Lanes on Regent Avenue West have been temporarily suspended between Plessis Road and Rougeau Avenue to improve traffic flow and encourage drivers to stay on the Regional Street system.

Please use the official City designated detours outlined in red.
The residents of Mission Gardens thank you in advance.



The City recognizes that the extended closure of Plessis Road may cause you some inconvenience and apologizes for this. Your patience and cooperation with posted detours is greatly appreciated.

Further Information

For inquiries, please contact: **311** or email 311@winnipeg.ca

For detailed project information and project updates, visit: <http://winnipeg.ca/plessisunderpass>

