

General

The project provides a link from Riverside Drive and the Transitway to the Hospital Link Road. Construction of the Hospital Link facility is open to vehicular traffic and emergency medical services. Read on for important construction updates.

Construction Forecast

Over the next few months, neighbours can expect the following impacts:



Level of dust will be low.



Level of noise will be low.



Level of vibration will be low.



Key Plan of Hospital Link



Level of construction traffic will be low.

Work Completed to Date

- The Alta Vista Hospital Link roadway facility is complete and all signals and streetlights are commissioned including the intersections at Hincks Lane, Alta Vista Drive, and the Hospital Ring Road.
- The Hospital Link Road, Alta Vista Drive, Riverside Drive, Hincks Lane, and Frobisher Lane are in the final configuration. All lanes of traffic are now open.
- Hospital Ring Road T-intersection roadway construction is complete and commissioned.
- The Riverside Structure and Transitway Structure are complete.
- Construction of the VIA structure and VIA culvert north of the structure is complete. The VIA Mainline Track is in service over the new VIA bridge.
- Frobisher Lane bridge modifications and construction of the multi-use pathway over Frobisher Bridge is completed.

- Construction of the retaining walls at Old Riverside Drive and adjacent to 1725 Old Riverside are complete, with pedestrian fencing to be installed in 2018.
- All pathways and sidewalks throughout the project facility have been constructed. **Pedestrian** facilities will be open in 2018.
- Installation of all guide rail is complete throughout the project.
- The north and south cul-de-sacs are constructed with fencing to be completed. Old Riverside remains permanently truncated where the Hospital Link crosses it with a pedestrian detour in place.
- All traffic plant and street lighting infrastructure have been installed throughout the project.
- New Hydro Ottawa plant has been installed with sections along the east side of Realigned Riverside Drive, along the Hospital Link from the substation on Old Riverside Drive to Ring Road, along the Hospital Link east of Alta Vista and along Alta Vista Drive.
- Removal of all overhead Hydro Ottawa power cables and relocation to the new underground duct bank on Old Riverside Drive is complete.
- All the new mainline storm sewers have been installed on the project.
- The 914 mm feedermain is commissioned.
- A new large diameter storm sewer was constructed from the Rideau River easterly toward Old Riverside Drive.
- Installation of the 2400 mm x 1800 mm box storm sewer between the Transitway and the Moses Pepper Drain inlet is complete.
- Storm sewer installation is complete at Frobisher Lane between Realigned Riverside Drive and Old Riverside Drive, between Alta Vista Drive and the Transitway, and on Old Riverside Drive east of the Transitway structure.
- Construction of the Moses Pepper Drain inlet headwall is completed and operational.
- Grading and maintenance of landscaping along Realigned Riverside Drive is complete.
- Maintenance shoulders are reinstated along the Transitway.

Key Activities for Winter 2018

The key activities anticipated for Winter 2018 include:

Retaining Walls

• Installation of pedestrian railing on the modular block retaining wall may be completed in 2018. Installation of chain link fencing at the north and south cul-de-sacs.

VIA Rail Structure and Track

- The slope paving in front of the south abutment wall will be constructed in 2018.
- Grading in the VIA corridor will continue in 2018, weather permitting.
- The three culverts located in VIA corridor will be adjusted; including lengthening and riprap where required. This includes the culvert behind Blood Services, the 700mm culvert from Abbey lane, and the 900mm culvert under the VIA mainline track.
- Gabion baskets will be reinstated at the west end of the large box culvert which passes through the VIA corridor.

Storm Sewer Installation

• Railing installations of the Hospital Link outlet will be completed in 2018.

Traffic Impacts

The project has been designed to mitigate lane closures along Riverside Drive and Alta Vista Drive as much as possible. The following activities summarize the anticipated traffic impacts expected over winter 2018:

Traffic Impacts

- There will be no **weekday peak period lane reductions** or **lane width reductions** on Riverside Drive or Alta Vista Drive.
- The Hospital Link roadway is open from Hincks Lane to the Hospital Ring Road, including the intersection at Alta Vista Drive.
- The designated bike lane on Alta Vista Drive is commissioned.
- There are no significant traffic impacts affecting vehicles, or cyclists expected on Riverside Drive.
- Old Riverside Drive is permanently closed to traffic, pedestrians and cyclists where the Hospital Link crosses it. Pedestrians are detoured on Realigned Riverside Drive. Access to all residents by motor vehicle is maintained through one access point at each end as follows:
 - 1541 to 1635 Old Riverside, access Old Riverside by Hincks Lane.
 - 1725 to 1841 Old Riverside, access Old Riverside by Frobisher Lane.

General Traffic Information

- Motorists are reminded to obey reduced speed limits within construction zones and exercise caution when driving through active construction sites. Motorists are notified of changes to traffic patterns using Portable Variable Message Signs.
- At the new Alta Vista and Link Road intersection, the southbound left turn and west bound right turn traffic movements are designated for emergency vehicles only.
- Protected left turn signals are installed for south-bound traffic at the intersection of Frobisher Lane and Realigned Riverside Drive, and at the intersection of Hincks Lane and Realigned Riverside Drive.
- Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting the work areas listed below. The access will be similar to any private access location and flag personnel will be posted as required if potential traffic issues are identified.
 - Alta Vista Drive;
 - East of Riverside Drive accessed through Hincks Lane traffic signals;
 - The Transitway work area accessed through Old Riverside Drive and Frobisher Lane;
 - The VIA work zone accessed through west of Alta Vista intersection.
 - Old Riverside Drive accessed from the north through Hincks Lane and from the south through Frobisher Lane.

Pedestrian Impacts

- The following sidewalks are now open to pedestrians:
 - Crosswalks through the intersection of Hincks Lane and Riverside Drive
 - Sidewalk along the west side of Alta Vista Drive
- Old Riverside Drive remains truncated where the Hospital Link crosses it, and is permanently closed to pedestrian traffic through this area. Pedestrians are detoured through Frobisher Lane, the new multi-use pathways along the east side of Realigned Riverside Drive, and the Lycée Claudel OC Transpo Transit Station.

Transitway Impacts

• There may be potential lane reductions during off peak hours on the Transitway for the construction of pedestrian railings.

Weekend and Night Work

All night work is subject to the approved Noise By-law exemption. Residents in close proximity to the work will be provided with advance notice when night work is required.

The following activities summarize the anticipated weekend or night work over winter 2018:

- No weekday night work is expected.
- No weekend night work is expected.

Project Pictures

The following pictures are provided for your information.



Hospital Link Road under VIA Structure toward the Transitway.



Hospital Link Road under VIA Structure.



Hospital Link Road bus westbound ramp to the Transitway.



Hincks Lane and Realigned Riverside Drive intersection.



Alta Vista and Hospital Link Road intersection.