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Welcome to the Business Open House

*QEW Garden City Skyway
Bridge Twinning Project*

July 28, 2026

Project Overview

- The Queen Elizabeth Way Garden City Skyway (QEW GCS) is being delivered by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Infrastructure Ontario (IO). It is a key transportation link for Niagara Region, Ontario, and a critical economic corridor between Canada and the US. More than 100,000 vehicles cross the corridor each day, supporting a commercial value more than \$1.1 trillion in goods annually.
- The existing bridge, opened in 1963, is approaching the end of its service life and will require significant rehabilitation, including a full deck replacement, within estimated 5 years. Building the new twin bridge first means traffic can keep moving while the original bridge is taken out of service for necessary works.
- This work will set the stage for future expansion of the QEW in the Niagara.

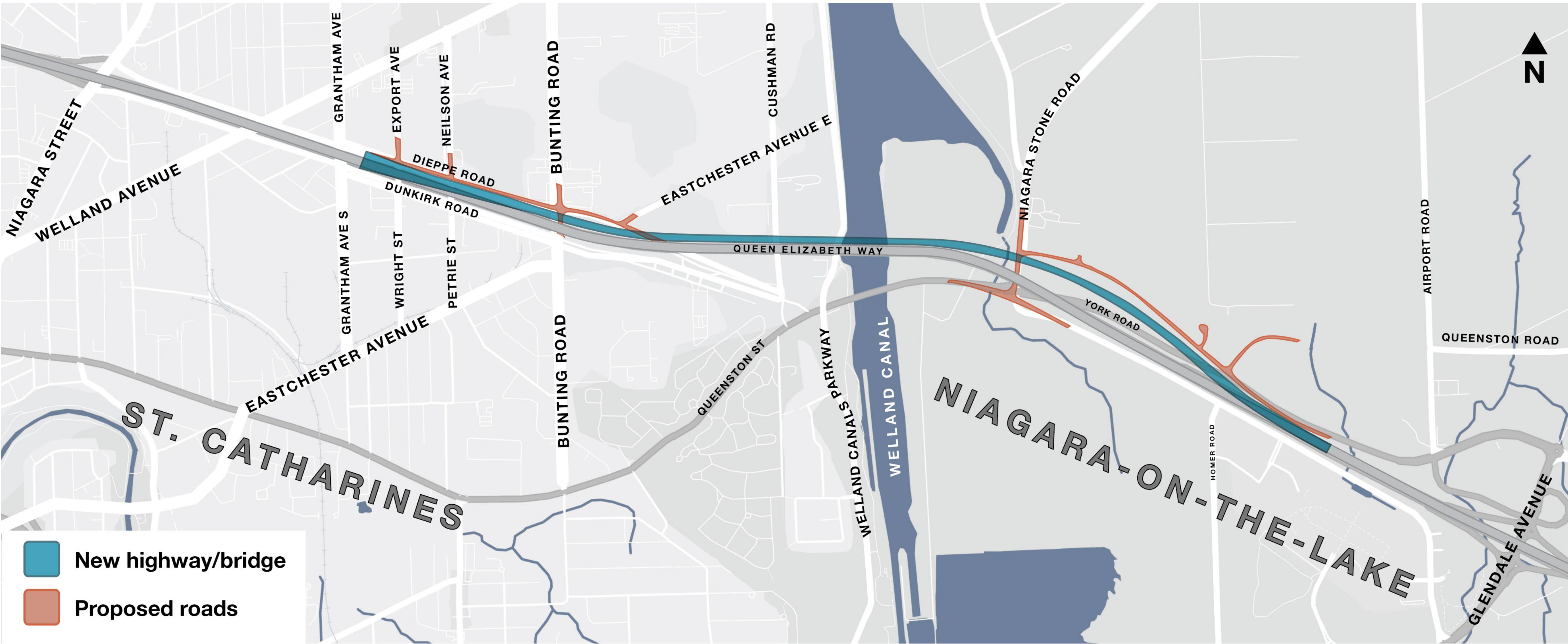


New Alignment



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Local Road Changes

Local Roads Being Realigned as Part of the Project:

Dieppe Road

The intersection with Bunting Rd. is shifting slightly north to make room for the new bridge approaches. The Eastchester Ave. intersection remains in its current location.

York Road

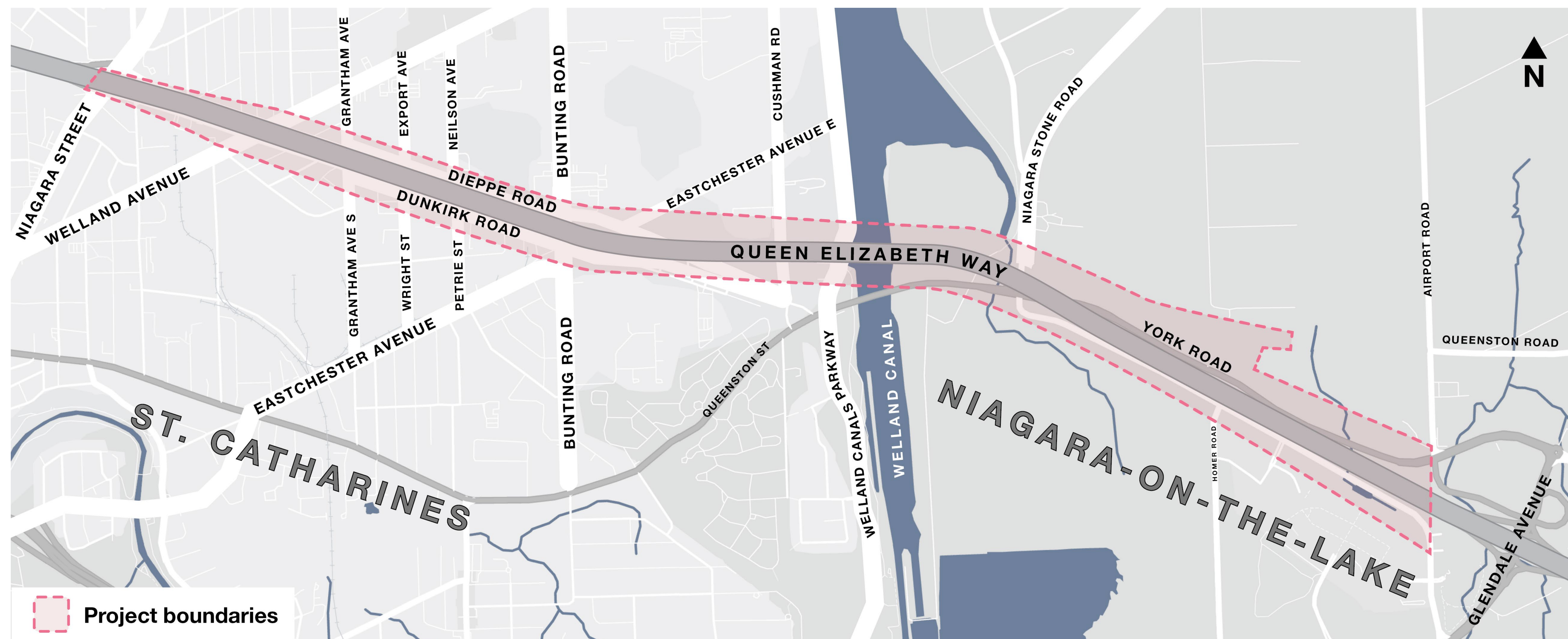
Realigned to the north of the existing location to accommodate the new bridge structure.

Niagara Stone Road/Taylor Road/Queenston Street

The intersection is being reconfigured to work with the new bridge approaches at the east end of the project.

Queenston Road and Coon Road

A section of Queenston Rd. and Coon Rd. between Airport Rd. and Niagara Stone Rd. has closed through the construction period to complete works to support the Project.



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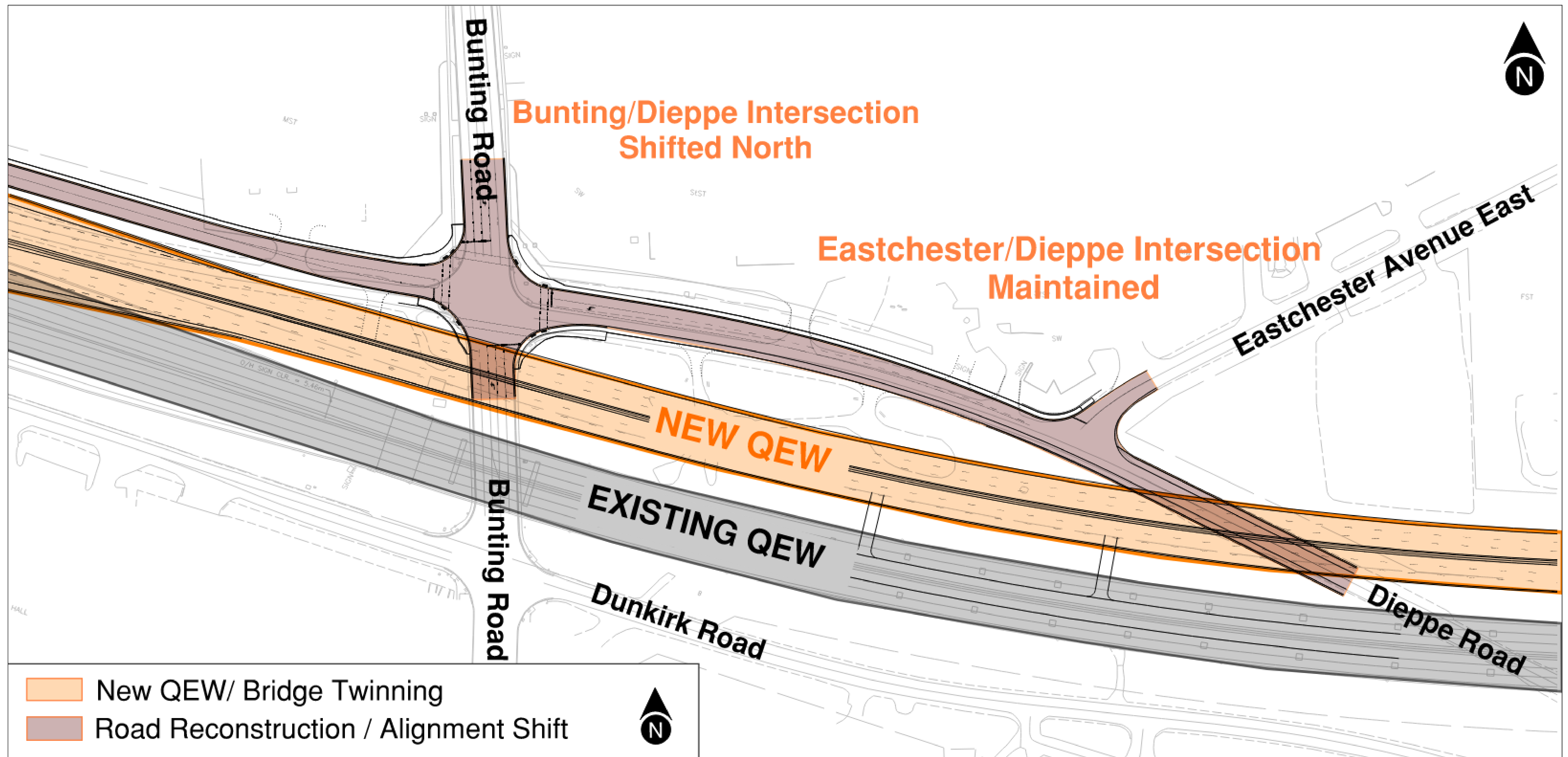


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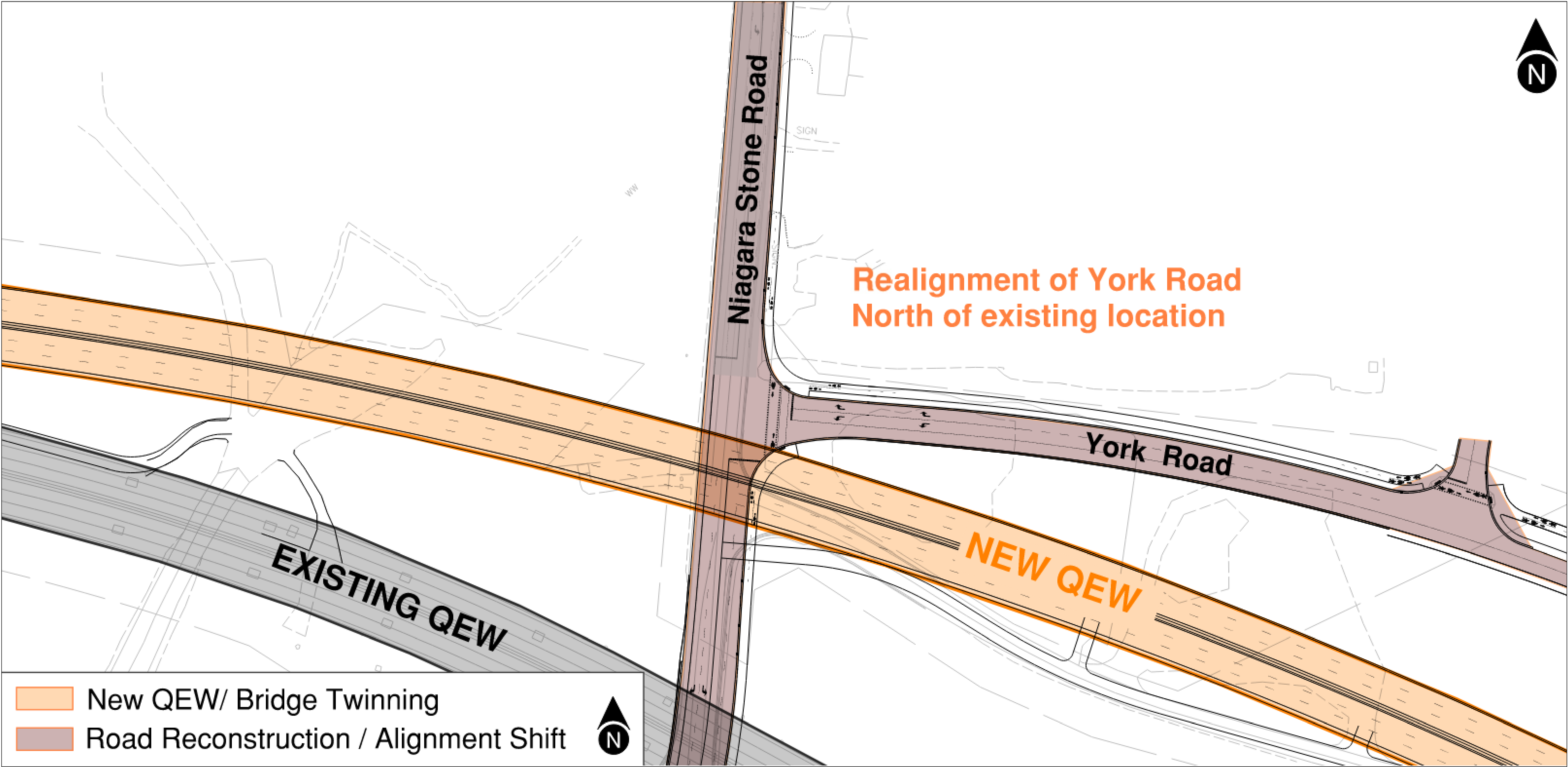
Bunting Rd./Dieppe Rd. and Dieppe Rd./Eastchester Ave. E. Locations



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York Rd. - Realigned North of New Bridge



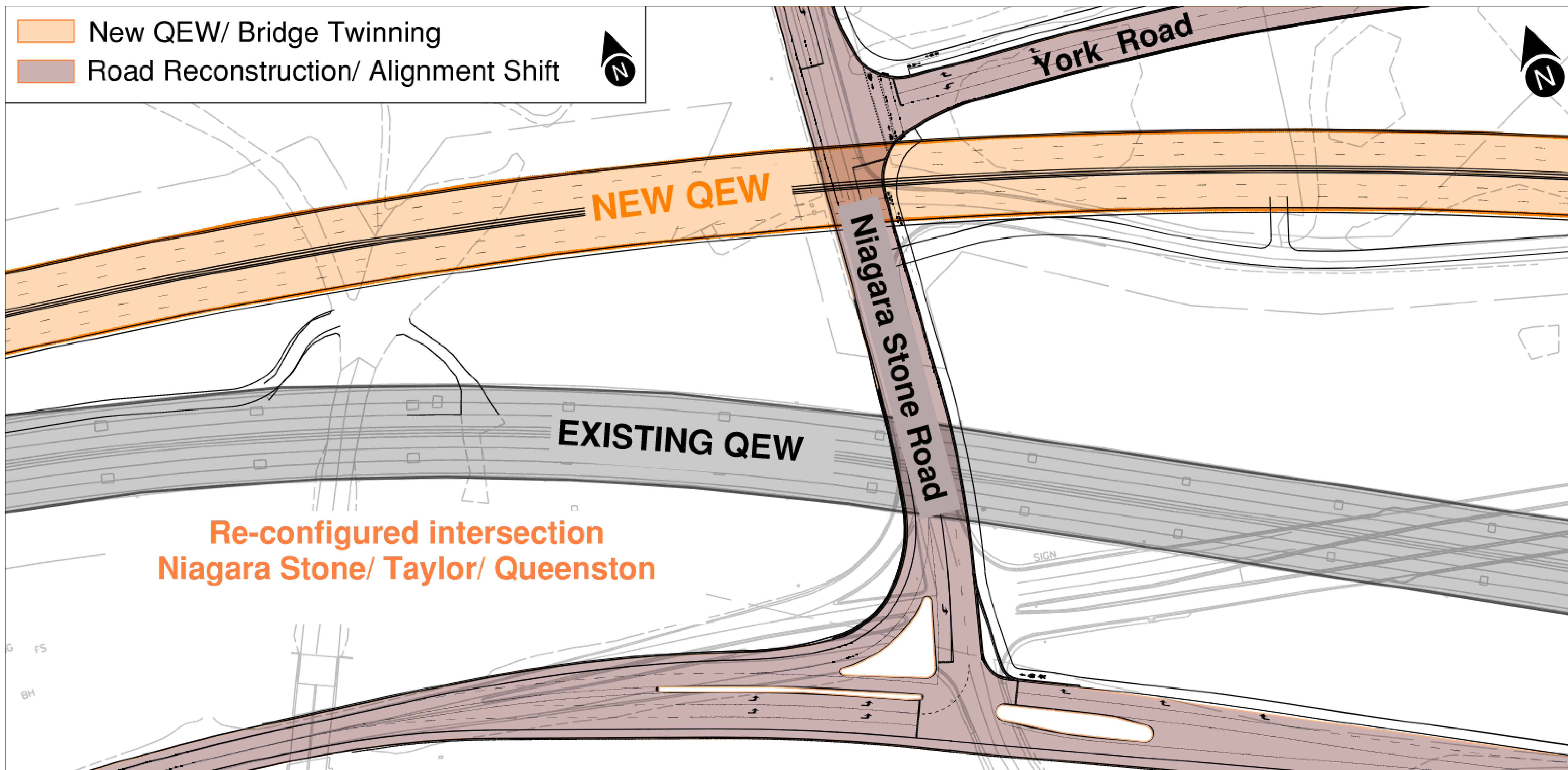
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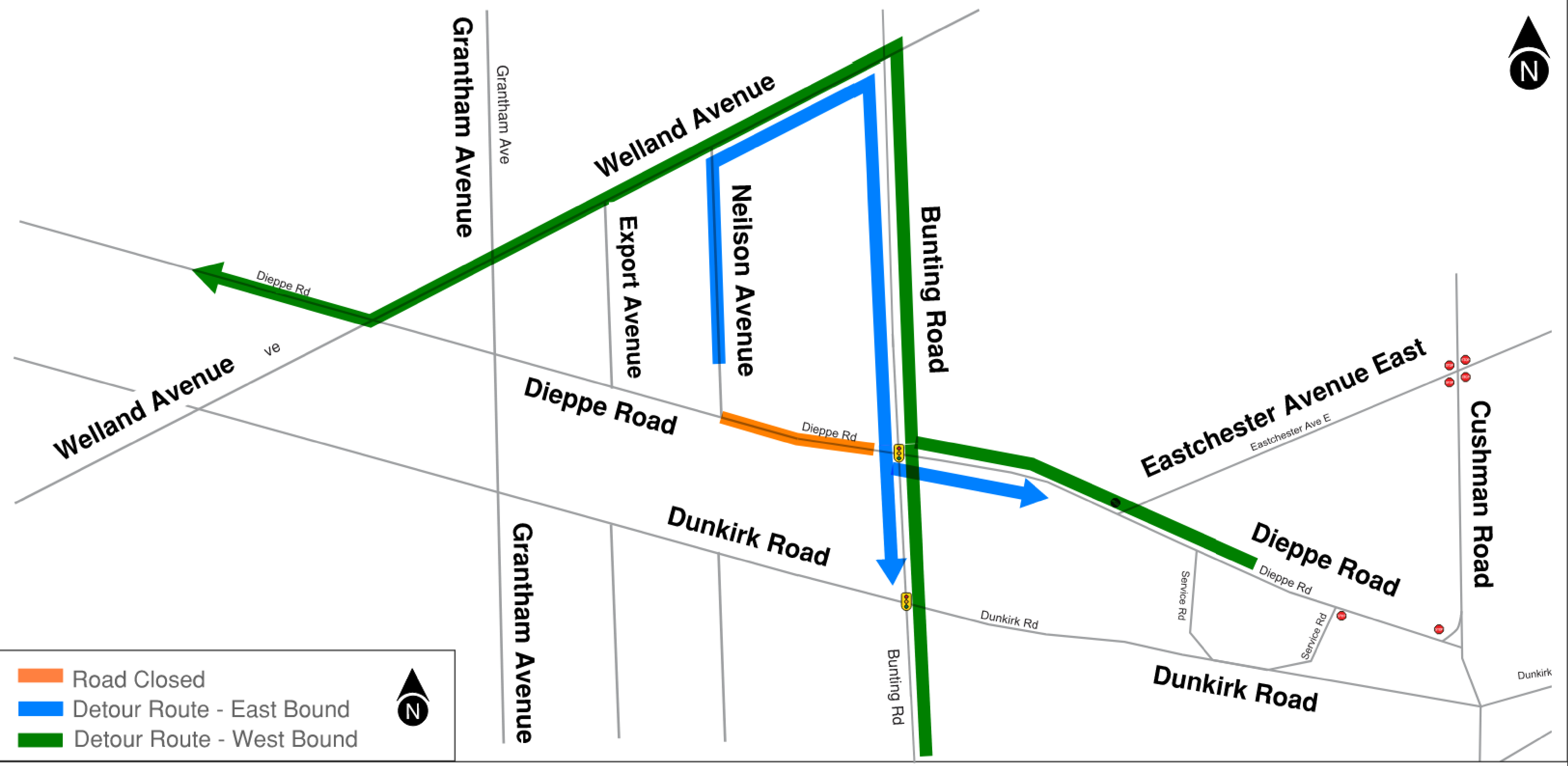


Niagara Stone Rd./Taylor Rd./Queenston St. – Reconfigured Intersection



Traffic Detour

Dieppe Rd.– Construction Duration – Up to Three Construction Seasons

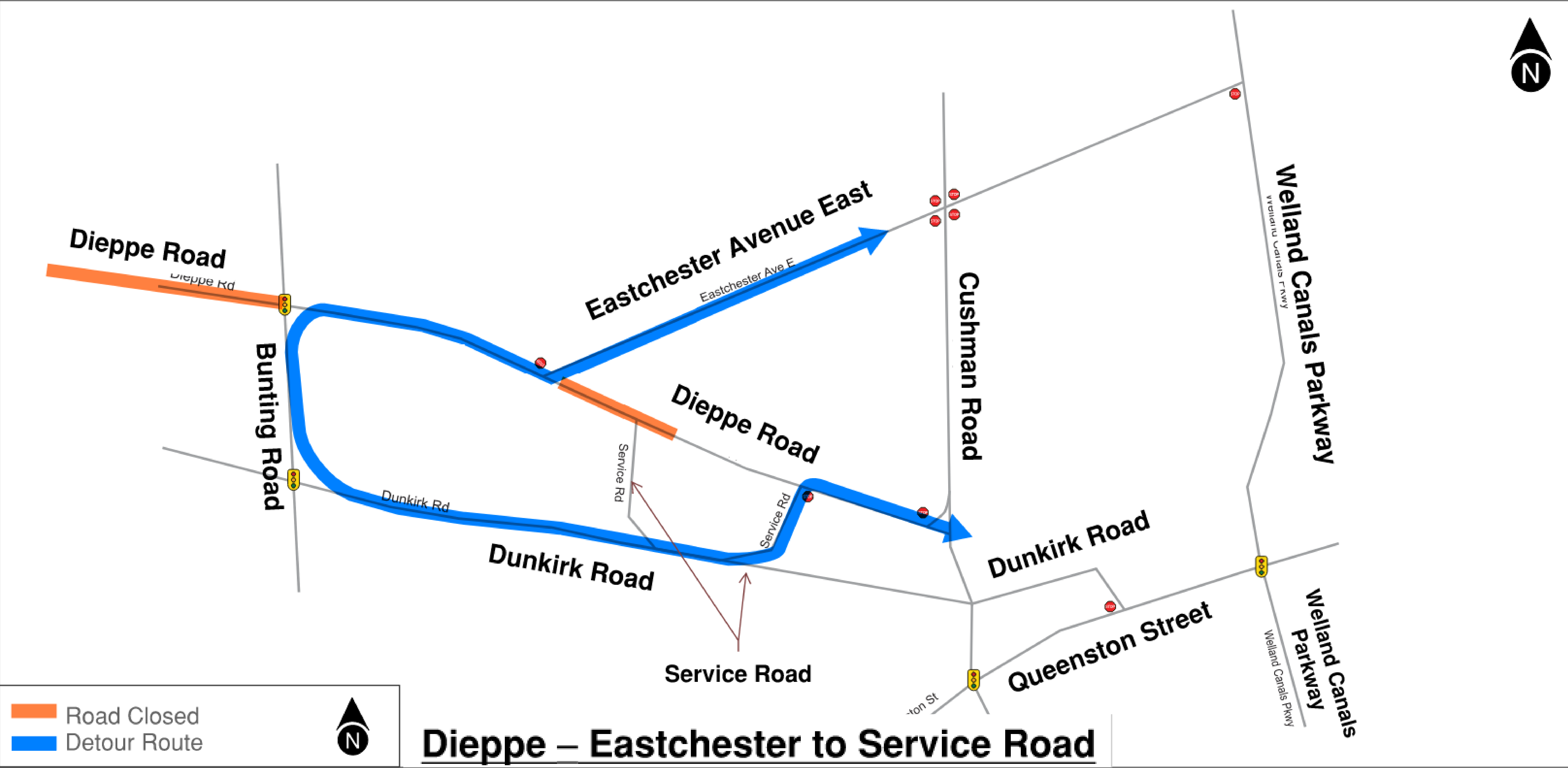


Dieppe – Bunting Road to Neilson Avenue

Traffic Detour



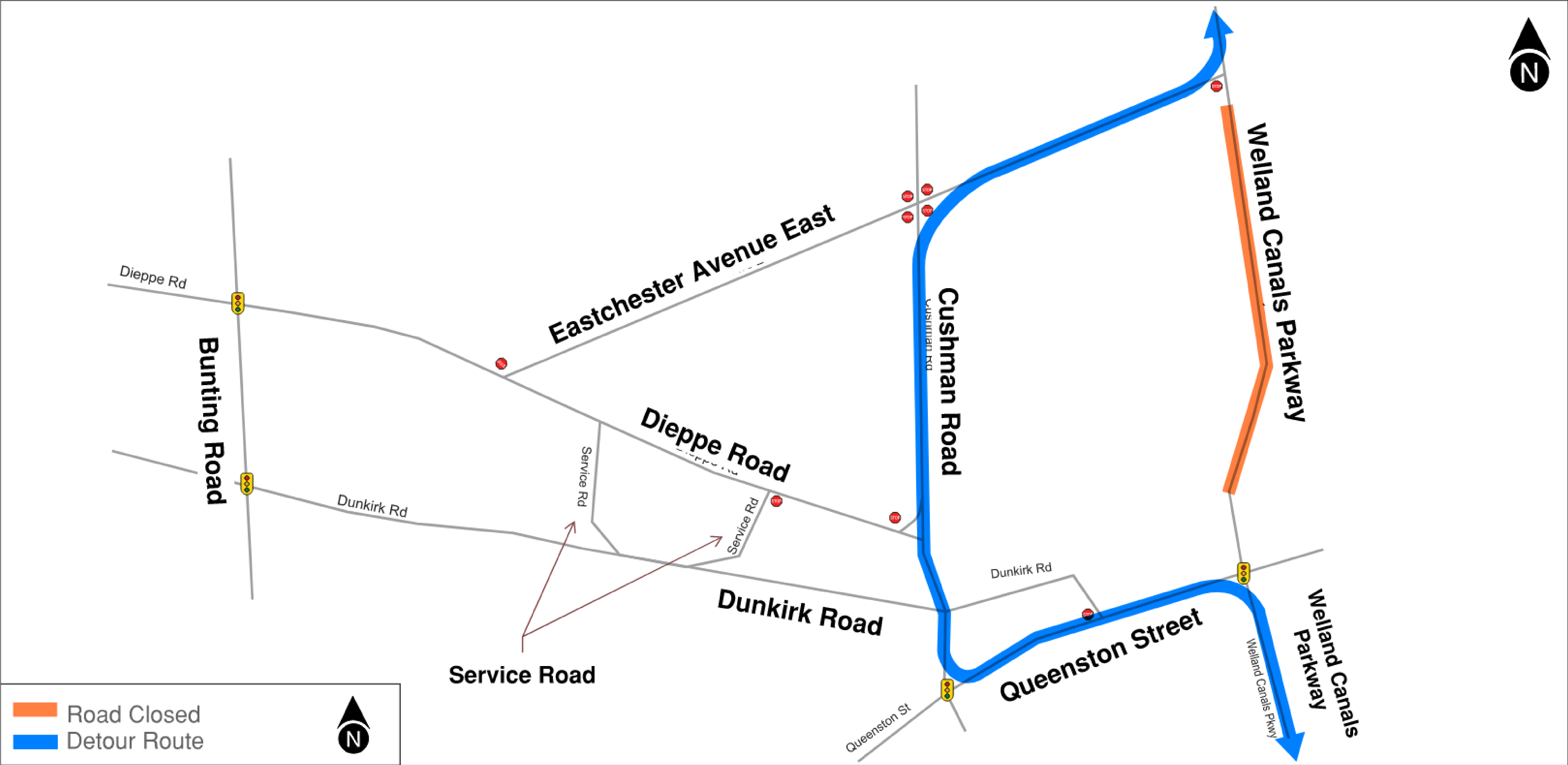
Dieppe Rd. Construction Duration – Up to Two Construction Seasons



Traffic Detour



Welland Canals Pkwy. Construction Duration – Up to Three Construction Seasons

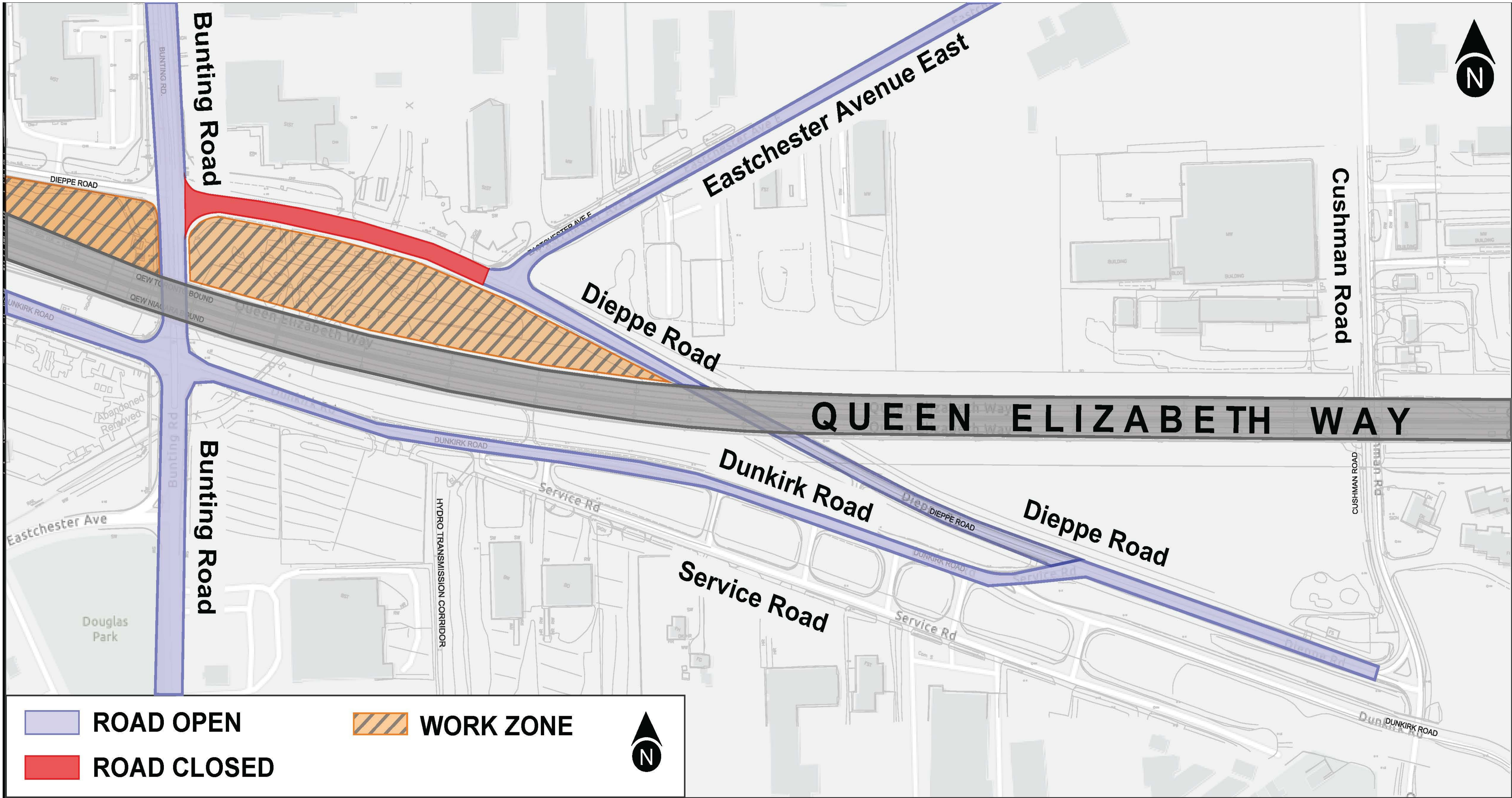


Welland Canals Parkway – Eastchester to Queenston

Traffic Staging



Dieppe Rd. Construction – Short Duration

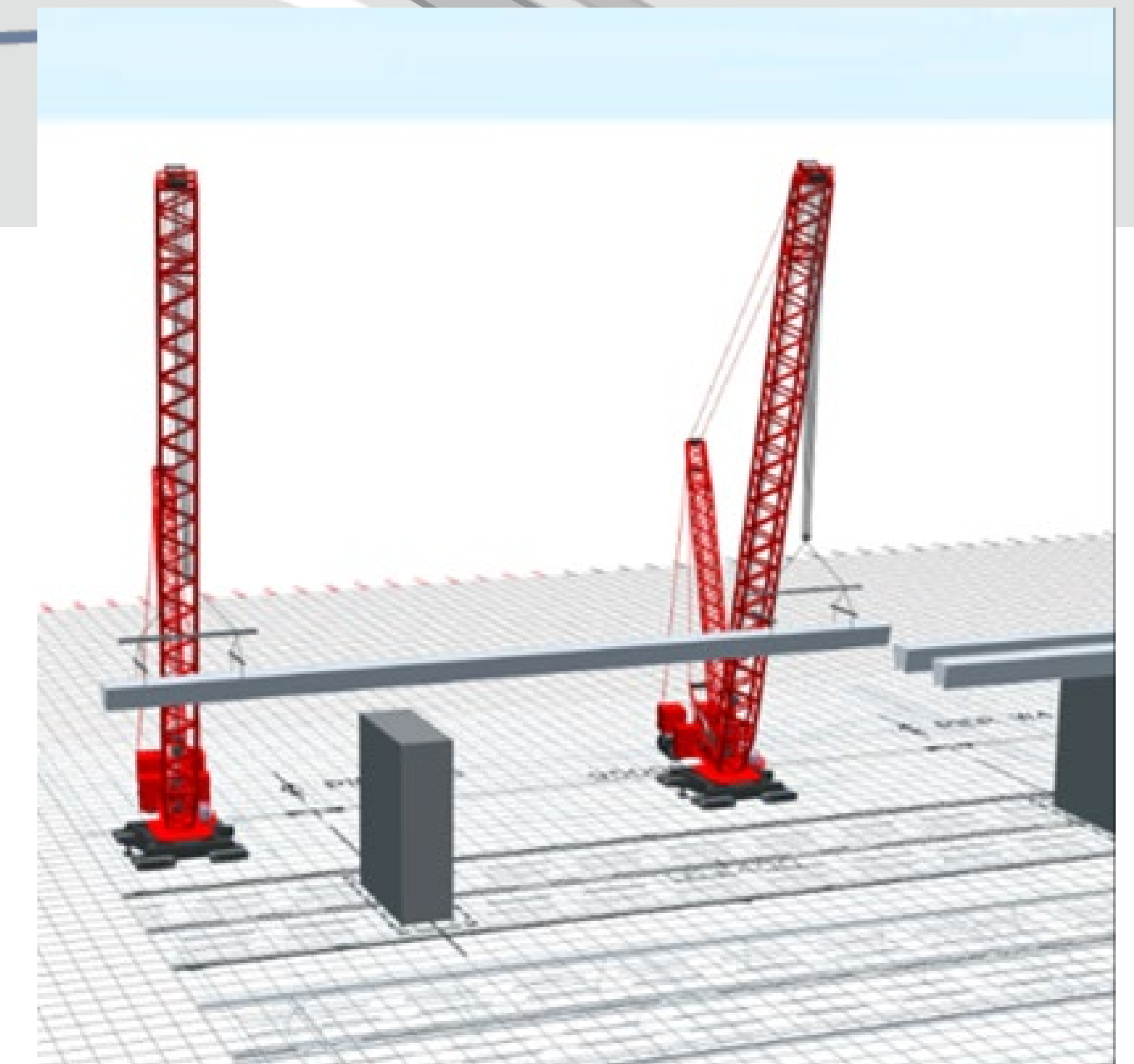


STAGED CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
Dieppe Road between Eastchester and Service Road
STAGE TBD

Access Roads and Crane Pads



To construct the bridge, it will be necessary to temporarily close local roads so cranes can lift steel beams and other materials into place.

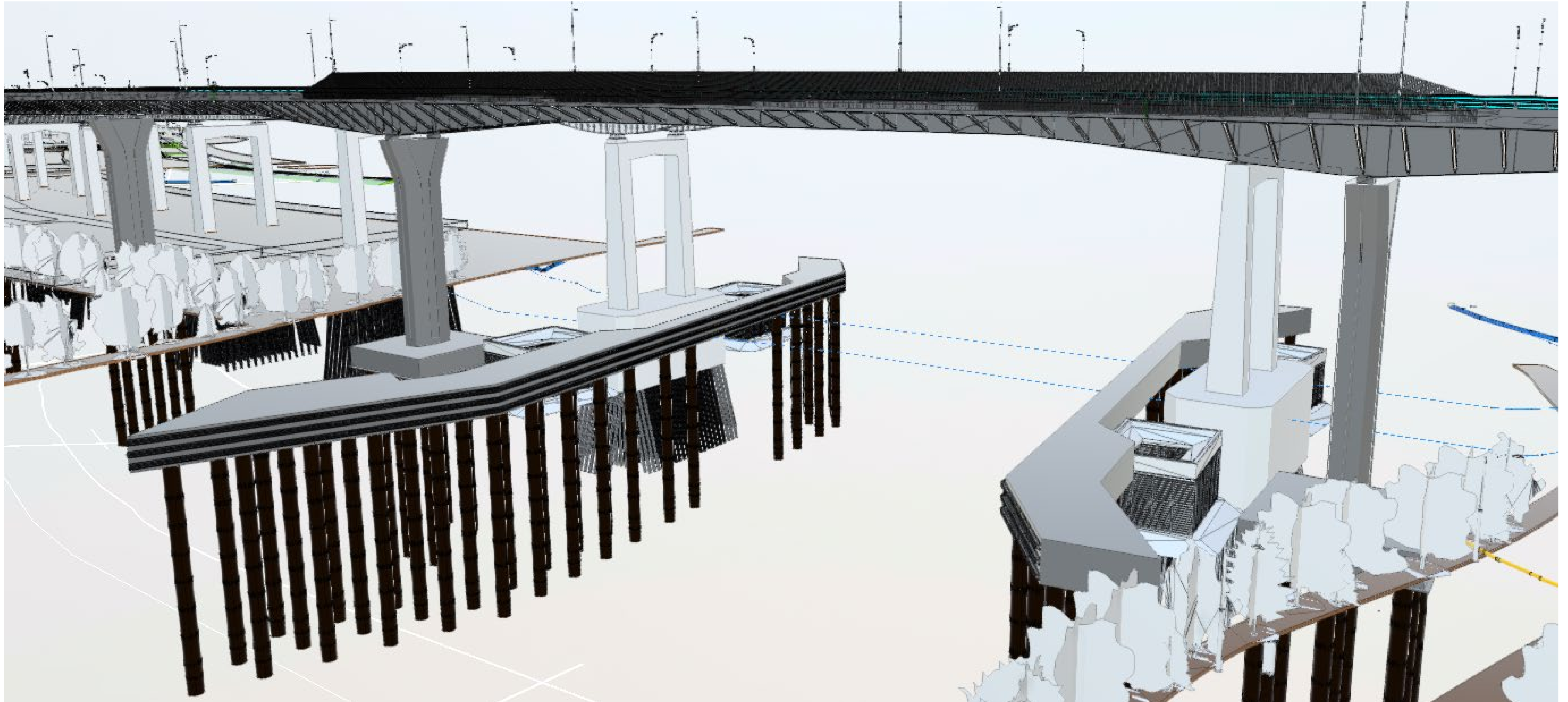


Bridge Pier Protection System



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Bridge Renderings



View of the expanded QEW Garden City Skyway with the new structure to the north. Image displays bridge design. Landscaping is conceptual.

Bridge Renderings



Looking east, the new QEW Garden City Skyway Twin Bridge is seen in the foreground. Image displays bridge design. Landscaping is conceptual.

Project Actions to Maintain Access to Businesses and Homes



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MTO, IO and SBP have worked with municipal staff to develop plans that will maximize the amount of construction that can be performed while minimizing the impacts on businesses and residents as much as possible. The Project Agreement requires SBP to meet the following best practices

- Advance signage for detours will be provided
- Additional lane closures cannot occur during peak hours
- Early notification for lane closures will be provided
- Access to properties must be always kept open
- Pedestrian access to always be available where current access exists
- Blocking entrances not permitted
- Sightlines from driveways cannot be impacted because of storage of equipment on the shoulder
- Dust suppression will be ongoing.

Improvements and Benefits



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- **Improved Mobility & Connectivity** Reduces congestion and strengthens links between St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Niagara Region, and major highway corridors.
- **Minimized Disruption** Uses accelerated construction methods to limit impacts during both current work and future rehabilitation.
- **Future-Ready Capacity** Designed to support long-term population and economic growth as identified in the *Connecting the GGH: A Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*.
- **Enhanced Safety** Improves conditions for residents, commuters, and emergency services.
- **Economic Support** Boosts local businesses and facilitates cross-border trade which is essential to the regional and provincial economy. Supports regional economic plans including the Ontario's *Destination Niagara Strategy*.
- **Local Employment and Economic Growth** Creation of construction jobs (skilled trades, engineering, project management). Indirect job opportunities in supply chains and local procurement (materials, equipment, services). Increased local spending from workers and contractors. Improved infrastructure will help attract investment and economic benefits.

Communications



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How we will keep you informed:

Project website (www.qewgcs.ca)

The central hub for project information, updated with news, road closure notices, and milestone updates as they become available.

Traffic Disruption Notices

Advance notice of planned lane or road closures, sent to registered stakeholders and posted online.

Email updates

Sign up at www.qewgcs.ca to receive project news and notices directly to your inbox.

Have a question or concern?

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