

Communication Update

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Date: August 21, 2026

Subject/Report No.: Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) – Greenhill Avenue to King Street - Closure for Superelevation Adjustment Works (ENG2605)

Ward(s) Affected: City Wide

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Summary

This Communication Update provides Council with an update on the upcoming superelevation adjustment project from Greenhill Avenue to King Street and general infrastructure maintenance work along the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP).

There will be a full closure of the RHVP from **Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 10:00 p.m. to Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:00 a.m.** to facilitate the work. The closure limits will extend from Mud Street to Barton Street.

A contingency date has also been included in the contract should weather conditions delay the work. If required, the closure will be rescheduled to **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 10:00 p.m. through Monday, September 28, 2026, at 5:00 a.m.**

The full closure is necessary to complete the superelevation adjustment of the existing horizontal curve on the RHVP using asphalt padding. The work area is located approximately

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550m north of Greenhill Avenue to 200m south of King Street. Associated works include the replacement of steel beam guiderail and modifications to an existing overhead sign structure.

City and contractor crews will complete numerous general maintenance activities over a single extended weekend to ensure the Parkway remains safe and clean. During the closure, crews will complete work equivalent to multiple daily and overnight lane closures. This approach results in less long-term disruption for motorists and critical maintenance completed safely and in the fastest, most efficient way. Full closure will also facilitate a safer detour route along major arterial streets and minimize traffic infiltration into residential neighborhoods from vehicular traffic.

Background

The City have engaged AECOM Canada ULC (“AECOM”) previously to complete a preliminary assessment on the RHVP, focusing specifically on the superelevation along the horizontal curve between Greenhill Avenue and King Street.

Based on the findings outlined in AECOM’s technical memo, it was determined that the superelevation in this section requires adjustments to comply with current standards.

AECOM was retained through Policy #11 – Single Source Procurement – for carrying out the necessary work for the detailed design and contract administration.

The detailed design for the project has been completed, and the work was tendered to secure a contractor for the rehabilitation works described above. Following a competitive procurement process, two bids were received and evaluated. The lowest compliant bid met all tender requirements and is therefore recommended for award.

Details

The rehabilitation project focuses on correcting the roadway's superelevation, or banking, which helps vehicles safely navigate curves. The work includes removing sections of existing pavement, adjusting roadway slopes with new asphalt layers (asphalt padding), installing a new asphalt surface, upgrading guiderails, and modifying overhead sign support structures. Upon completion, this section of the RHVP will meet updated provincial design standards, improving long-term safety, performance, and reliability along this key transportation corridor.

This project is being undertaken in response to recommendations from the independent Red Hill Valley Parkway Design Review, which identified that the roadway's superelevation in this area was below the provincial guideline of six percent. Detailed design, engineering review, project oversight, and contract administration services are being provided by AECOM Canada ULC. The work is supported by \$2.9 million in approved funding through the City's 2026 Transportation Capital Budget.

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During the closure City and contractor crews will also complete the following general maintenance activities:

- Refreshing pavement markings along the mainline and ramps,
- Street lighting, poles and posts inspections and repairs
- Signage inspections and repairs,
- Pothole and spot asphalt repairs,
- Roadway sweeping,
- Litter and debris cleanup,
- Catch basin cleaning,
- Bridge inspections; and
- Tree maintenance, vegetation removal and sightline improvements

To minimize disruption to residents, businesses, and road users, the City has scheduled the work during a single extended weekend closure while delivering important safety improvements and supporting the efficient movement of people and goods throughout Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton will be closing the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) in both directions between Mud Street and Barton Street from **10 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, to 5 a.m. on Monday, September 21**, weather permitting, to complete rehabilitation work between the King Street and Greenhill Avenue interchanges. Should weather conditions delay construction, the closure will be rescheduled to **September 24 to 28**.

Access will be maintained up to the designated closure points, and signed detour routes will be in place for vehicles, motorists, emergency services, and HSR transit operations. Motorists should follow the signed Linc/RHVP Emergency Detour Route which uses Mud Street West, Upper Centennial Parkway and Centennial Parkway. Signage will be posted for motorists to advise them of the closure and the detour route prior and during the closure. In addition, traffic signal timing will be programed for additional traffic volumes and live monitoring will occur for real-time adjustments to traffic signal timing. Residents and commuters are encouraged to plan alternate routes and expect increased traffic on surrounding roadways during the closure period.

All City projects within the vicinity of the RHVP rehabilitation work will be coordinated to minimize impacts and prevent delays

To support public awareness, the Communications team has been engaged and will provide ongoing updates, including a Public Service Announcement (PSA), social media graphics, website updates to the road closures page, key messages, and a Questions & Answers document. Additional advance notice will be provided through roadside signage on the QEW and Highway 403, warning motorists of the upcoming construction activities and full RHVP closure between Mud Street and Barton Street.

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Next Steps

Not Applicable

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Not Applicable