

Media Advisory - For immediate release

Notice to Seaway Bike Path Users

Partial and Periodic Closures of the Seaway Bike Path Due to Construction Site for the New Champlain Bridge

Montreal, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 – As part of its preliminary works to allow the construction of the new Champlain Bridge, Signature on the Saint-Laurent would like to advise Seaway bike path users of its periodic closures between the existing Champlain Bridge and the Saint-Lambert Lock starting August 10 and going on until the end of September 2015.

During this period, a jetty will be built adjacent to the Saint-Lawrence Seaway breakwater, extending into the river. Totalling 250 metres in length, it will serve as a work area while construction of the new Champlain Bridge is carried out.

The rock required to build the jetty will be delivered by ship via the Saint-Lawrence Seaway. The conveyor belt that will be used to unload the rock from the boat will run over and across the bike path. In all, some 15 shipments will be needed. For safety reasons, the Seaway bike path must be temporarily closed while the rock is being unloaded, which can take anywhere from 6 to 24 hours.

Schedules

Unloading schedules will vary, and consequently, so will the bike path closures. To keep users informed, we will publish closure times approximately two days in advance of each closure.

Signage

The path will be closed off by a barrier to ensure the safety of its users. There will also be signs clearly indicating which section is closed. They will be placed at the beginning of the path as well as at strategic locations to inform cyclists of the periodic closures. The signs will also indicate alternate routes and how to access information on closure schedules.

Location of closed section

The map, attached, shows the portion of the Seaway bike path—between the Victoria Bridge (south of the Saint-Lambert Lock) and the existing Champlain Bridge—that will be closed periodically.

About the New Champlain Bridge Corridor Project

The New Champlain Bridge Corridor Project is one of the largest infrastructure projects in North America. It also includes a new bridge leading to Nuns' Island, and the reconstruction and widening of the federal section of Highway 15 on both sides of the river. The project is being carried out as a public-private partnership (P3) between the Government of Canada and the Signature on the Saint-Laurent consortium. Works are scheduled to take place over four and a half years.

For complete information on periodic closures and reopenings:

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Note: The Signature on the Saint-Laurent website is currently under development.

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Legend

Alternate bike paths connecting the South Shore and downtown Montreal:

1 – Open section of the Seaway bike path from the city of Sainte-Catherine to the Champlain Bridge's estacade (ice control structure). A shuttle is available to take you across the boom. **More information available at:** www.pjcci.ca – See *Pedestrians and Cyclists* page.

2 – La Riveraine bike path leading to Parc Jean-Drapeau. This path is not affected by construction works but access is dependent on the **Saint-Lambert Lock schedule**.