

Highway 427 Expansion

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Tips on Driving Safely through a Work Zone

As construction is underway for the Highway 427 Expansion Project, it is important to remember that the roadway is also someone's workplace.

To keep road users and workers safe, we encourage you to follow the following recommendations:

- Look out for posted speed limits and traffic-related signage
 - Obey posted speed limit and adjust speed to conditions everyone deserves to get home safely at the end of a work day
 - Pay attention to the signs they are there for your safety as much as for the construction workers'
- Avoid delays by planning your route ahead
 - Check <u>427expansion.ca/wp/traffic-disruptions</u> for information on traffic impacts
- Show respect for workers by contributing to a safe work environment
 - The portion of a road that is closed is a person's work space let them do their job safely
- Be prepared to stop unexpectedly
 - o Keep lots of space between vehicles ahead of you
 - Keep space between your vehicle and any equipment parked or being operated in the construction zone

Did you know?

As per the *Highway Traffic Act*, fines are doubled for speeding in a construction zone when workers are present.

It is an offence to disobey STOP or SLOW signs as displayed by a trafficcontrol person or firefighter.

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Take Note

You may notice special temporary lighting when driving through a work site at night. Nighttime lighting adheres to illumination guidelines to ensure safety for workers and the travelling public.



Nighttime paving on highway. Image courtesy The Miller Group.

Sources:

Ontario Road Builder's Association. https://orba.org.

The Official Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Driver's Handbook. https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-mto-drivers-handbook/dealing-particular-situations#section-5.

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