

# THAMES VALLEY PARKWAY NORTH BRANCH CONNECTION

Richmond Street to Adelaide Street

Pre-Construction Information Meeting  
January 31, 2019





# Project Background



The Thames Valley Corridor is London's *most important natural, cultural, recreational and aesthetic resource*. The river corridor is a complex system of sensitive ecological habitats, intensive public recreation areas and developed urban lands which are all interconnected by a municipal pathway system, the *Thames Valley Parkway (TVP)*.

- A Class Environmental Assessment was completed in July 2016 which selected the preferred route to connect the Thames Valley Parkway, from Richmond Street to Adelaide Street
- The preferred alignment includes two new pedestrian bridges over the Thames River
- Detailed Design was initiated in 2017
- Construction is anticipated to begin in late Spring 2019 and be completed in the Fall of 2020.



- Thames Valley Parkway (TVP) Extension:
  - Connects to existing TVP at Ross Park and North London Athletic Fields
  - Easements for the pathway have been provided by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Scouts Canada and Western University
  - Pathway includes an emergency access connection to Tetherwood Boulevard.
- Pedestrian Bridges:
  - Two new bridges will be constructed – at Ross Park and North London Athletic Fields
  - Both bridges are nearly identical designs, providing a consistent look and allowing for efficiencies in the design and construction approach
  - Pathway across the bridges is 4 m wide to provide a comfortable width for two directions of travel by cyclists, pedestrians and other users.
- An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was completed as part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process and commitments are being met. Throughout the design and construction planning phase, the design team has worked closely with staff from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and City Ecologists. Their input has been incorporated into the plans.

# Construction Overview

**Subject to receiving final permit/approvals and approval of Council, the schedule includes:**

- Tender – February/March 2019
- Construction start – June 2019
- Construction may continue over the winter of 2019/2020 or shut down for a period of time
- Construction complete – anticipate October 2020.

**Construction highlights include:**

- A temporary access will be constructed from Windermere Road, along Scouts Canada and Western University property to provide access north of the river.
- Construction traffic is only permitted on Tetherwood Boulevard to construct the emergency access pathway. The access will not be used as the primary access for construction vehicles entering the site.
- The Contract includes measures to reduce impacts to the natural environment, including:
  - Minimize tree removals required
  - Exclusionary fencing to restrict wildlife from entering the construction area
  - Tree removals outside of the bird nesting season (April 1 to July 31)
  - Landscape plan to restore the area and compensate for trees and other vegetation removed
  - In-water work is not planned
  - Ecologist and landscape architect will be included on the construction administration team.