

FAQs regarding the closure and demolition of B165

Why is the bridge closed?

This bridge was recommended for closure in September 2021 after a routine inspection revealed the aging bridge had insufficient capacity to support pedestrians and snow removal equipment. The bridge was closed with trail users' safety in mind.

Why is it being demolished?

It is challenging for the City maintenance team to repair aging wooden bridges like this one, as critical structural components are difficult to replace. The bridge has been under monitoring since 2019 but has degraded faster than expected and reached an unsafe state. With this in mind, the bridge will be demolished and plans will be advanced to replace this bridge as soon as possible.

Does this have anything to do with the upcoming Valley Line West construction?

This bridge was originally scheduled to undergo a minor retrofit in summer 2022 to accommodate Valley Line West (VLW) infrastructure. After evaluation, this work would not address the needs of the bridge to what is required.

Will there be a new bridge?

Planning is beginning for the replacement of this bridge. While we recognize that this bridge will be out of service for a period of time, the City is working diligently to design and construct a replacement bridge.

Timing of the bridge replacement will be defined as the design evolves in the coming months. Temporary pedestrian and cycling detour routes will be reviewed with the VLW project team, as Valley Line West construction is planned through this area from 2022 to approximately 2025.

Where is the detour?

An easily accessible alternative path/[detour](#) is nearby via Summit Drive and 149 Street.

