

Jacques Cartier Bridge Multipurpose Path Update on the winter operation simulation

Longueuil, February 5, 2020 – Since December 23, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) has been carrying out a winter operation simulation on the Jacques Cartier Bridge multipurpose path with the help of 25 test cyclists who use the path on a daily basis. Preliminary data show that the project is going well.

The test cyclists use the path between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, excluding holidays. The path is therefore closed on weekends as well as from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the week.

- From December 23 to January 31, the test cyclists were able to use the multipurpose path on 24 days.
- 527 trips were recorded between December 23, 2019 and January 31, 2020.
- The test cyclists must fill out a survey after each trip to evaluate the quality of the path's cycling surface. So far, their overall evaluation is 2.84 out of 3, which is very positive.
- No incidents or accidents have occurred so far.

“Our team is very satisfied with how this project is going. Comments from the cyclists are helping us refine our snow removal techniques and our communication protocol in actual conditions,” said Catherine Tremblay, Senior Director, Projects. “Thanks to daily operations performed at night and on weekends, we’ve been able to minimize the number of closures during operating hours,” she added.

The test cyclists were selected in November on a first-come, first-served basis. Those chosen had to agree to follow the conditions of use and actively participate in the project by providing their comments and observations.

JCCBI will continue the winter simulation until the path officially opens in the spring. In the meantime, the Jacques Cartier Bridge path and sidewalk remain closed to the public. The final report from the winter simulation will be released to the public in the coming months.

For real-time information about JCCBI's work, follow the Twitter accounts for each of our structures: [@pontChampBridge](#), [@pontJCBridge](#) and [@pontHMBridge](#). To plan their travel, users can consult the [Live Traffic](#) section of our website, which includes live traffic conditions, camera feeds, in-progress road closures or obstructions, and the seven-day work schedule. Users can also get [email alerts](#) about major closures or emergency work.

About JCCBI

Established in 1978, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) is a federal Crown corporation responsible for managing major infrastructure works, including the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges, the Champlain Bridge Ice Control Structure, the federal sections of the Bonaventure Expressway and Honoré Mercier Bridge, as well as the Melocheville Tunnel. The Corporation manages, maintains, and

repairs these important Greater Montreal structures to ensure the safe passage of thousands of users every day. It also ensures that these critical structures remain safe, fully functional and aesthetically pleasing both today and in the future.
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