



Business travellers visiting Toronto over the next few weeks could be subject to travel disruption and should allow extra time to complete their journeys.

Canada is hosting the G20 economic summit in Toronto on 26 & 27 June. In addition, the G8 summit is being held in Huntsville, Ontario, one day prior.

Last weekend the Toronto Police Service Planning Team unveiled the traffic and perimeter plans for the summit. Security for the G20 Summit is being managed by the Integrated Security Unit (ISU), a joint security team led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in partnership with the Toronto Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Canadian Forces and Peel Regional Police.

Canada's government is projected to spend an unprecedented \$1 billion on security for the two back-to-back summits.

The huge security effort includes 10,000 police officers, private guards and soldiers. In part, their jobs will be to keep protesters from defacing or destroying public and private property.

The Toronto Community Mobilization Network (TCMN) has planned a series of events leading up to the event. A People's Summit will be held on 18-20 June, and the week of 21-24 June will see "themed days of resistance" intended to draw attention to various issues.

On the summit weekend, they will host the People's First march from Queen's Park, and the Get off the Fence event, which intends to bring protesters to the perimeter of the summit site. On Sunday, they will hold a number of "direct actions" at unnamed locations.

A spokesperson for the TCMN said they are expecting thousands of demonstrators and have heard from interested attendees across the country and around the world.

The ISU has issued a statement saying that whilst they believe most protest groups will want to express themselves in a peaceful and responsible manner, they are prepared for any eventuality. Furthermore they insisted that any interaction police have with demonstrators will be "measured, balanced and appropriate to the circumstances at hand."

Security Zones will be introduced in an area around the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, in which vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be controlled. As with most international summits, security fencing will be used to secure this area. Construction of the fence will commence Monday, 7 June. (See map to the right)

The Toronto Police Service hopes that members of the public will be able to move freely throughout the fenced perimeter until the evening of Friday, 25 June. Members of the public who live and work within this area have been offered a Registration Card in order to facilitate quick passage through the security checkpoints.

Those who have not received a Registration Card or who do not live or work in the area but require access into the security perimeter will have to present a piece of photo identification and clearly articulate a specific purpose and destination to be allowed through. This process may take some time and those seeking access into the security perimeter are asked to exercise patience when doing so.

To keep traffic flowing as efficiently as possible, a traffic management strategy has been created to guide vehicles away from the security perimeter surrounding the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. (See map below)

Hotels closest to the Convention Centre include the following:

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| Fairmont Royal York, Front Street | Holiday Inn, King Street |
| Intercontinental, Front Street | Renaissance, Blue Jays Way |
| Hilton, Richmond Street West | Strathcona, York Street |

The underground PATH system will be closed from the evening of Friday, 25 June to Sunday, 27 June and will reopen for its regular hours of operation on Monday, 28 June.

"Airport-style" screening will be utilised for the G8 and G20 summit venues in Huntsville and Toronto, which means residents and business owners will not only be required to present government-issued identification at entrances to the security perimeter and buildings within the zone, but may also be subject to metal detector scans and searches of personal belongings.

If you are anticipating that some employees could be impacted by events relating to the summit, please contact The ANVIL Group to review your security arrangements.

