

**Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Pedestrian Tunnel Key Dates**

<b>1935</b>	A tunnel spanning the Western Gap is proposed and approved by Parliament. Construction begins but later that same year, the project is cancelled following an election and change in government.
<b>August 2009</b>	The pedestrian tunnel from Toronto’s mainland to Billy Bishop Toronto Airport is first proposed.
<b>March 2012</b>	Construction begins
<b>January 2013</b>	“Chip” — one of the two tunnel boring machines being used to construct the tunnel — completes one of the drift tunnels and breaks through the tunnel’s shaft wall on Toronto Island
<b>August 2013</b>	Core of the tunnel is fully excavated
<b>May 2014</b>	The concrete liner — the ceiling and walls of the tunnel — is complete
<b>November 2014</b>	The pouring of the mainland pavilion’s concrete floor at grade is complete; the first of three City of Toronto mains – built into the tunnel’s design to save Toronto taxpayers an estimated \$10 million in duplicate construction efforts – is hooked up
<b>January 2015</b>	The roof of the mainland pavilion is complete
<b>February 2015</b>	The lowering of the escalators into the tunnel is complete; electrical, mechanical and tiling work on the tunnel’s interior continues
<b>April 2015</b>	Escalator installation is complete; permanent power is installed; the first of six elevators is certified and operational
<b>May 2015</b>	The tunnel project’s Independent Certifier issues a “substantial completion” certificate to PortsToronto, PCL Construction and Forum Equity Partners and construction enters its final phase as an opening date is set for late July 2015; installation of elevators continues with all but one certified and operational
<b>June 2015</b>	Installation of the elevators is complete; approximately 45% of the digital advertising screens are placed throughout the tunnel; WiFi and security systems are installed
<b>July 2015</b>	Historical displays and artifacts are fully installed in island-side atrium; installation of digital ad screens is complete
<b>July 30, 2015</b>	A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrates the official opening of the Billy Bishop Airport pedestrian tunnel