

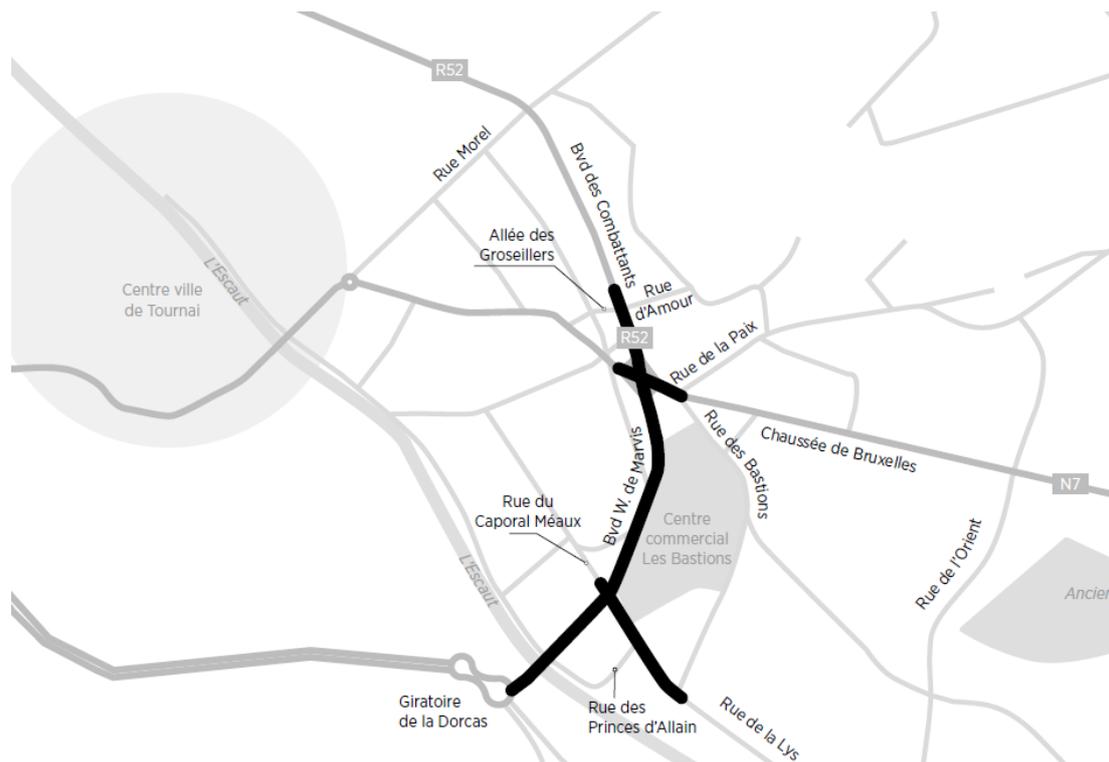
Press Release

Tournai: Rehabilitation and security construction site of the Marvis Boulevard (R52) will begin on August 7th

July 7th, 2017

Maxime PRÉVOT, Walloon Minister of Public Works and SOFICO, are pleased to announce that the rehabilitation and security construction site of Marvis Boulevard (R52) will begin on August 7th.

Work Area:



OBJECTIVES

The congestion level of the different crossroads needs to reorganise the traffic flow to ensure better mobility and optimal safety in this highly popular city entry: about 28,600 vehicles per day arrive at the Porte de Marvis via Chaussée de Bruxelles, close to 25,000 circulate on Boulevard de Marvis. These improvements will not only be carried out for the benefit of users, but also for the local residents and merchants' sake. The planned development is to implement the recommendations of the Communal Mobility Plan and Cycle Plan in Tournai.

ACHIEVEMENTS

This construction site aims to:

- Rehabilitate the road
 - Walter de Boulevard (R52): from the Dorcas roundabout (not included), to Boulevard des Combattants.
 - part of Boulevard des Combattants (R52): between the junction with Chaussée de Bruxelles (N7) and Rue d'Amour,
 - part of Chaussée de Bruxelles (N7): from the junction with the R52, past the junction with Rue de la Paix and Rue des Bastions.
- Construction of intersections with traffic lights
 - At the Porte de Marvis (intersection of Chaussée de Bruxelles (N7) and R52),
 - At the intersection formed by Rue d'Amour and l'Allée des Groseillers, with Boulevard des Combattants.
- Create a two-way cycle lane along Boulevard de Marvis (park side). This section will connect the cycling facilities already carried out by Avenues Bozière and Decraene, as well as with the Chaussée de Bruxelles cycle lanes and the future facilities of the Escaut banks.

To shorten as much as possible the duration of the construction works and reduce their impact, these works will be carried out at the same time as those devolving on "Les Bastions" Mall as part of its expansion. At the request of the City, the mall is bound to achieve the following:

- > > Development of the crossroad with traffic lights between Rue de la Lys, Rue du Caporal Méaux and Boulevard de Marvis.
- > > Development of the sidewalk along Boulevard de Marvis, between the junction with Chaussée de Bruxelles and that with Rue de la Lys, as well as a cycling and pedestrian crossing in the middle of this road section.
- > > Rehabilitation of Rue de la Lys from Rue des Princes d'Allain up to Rue des Bastions.
- > > Development of a right turn from Boulevard de Marvis to Chaussée de Bruxelles (N7).

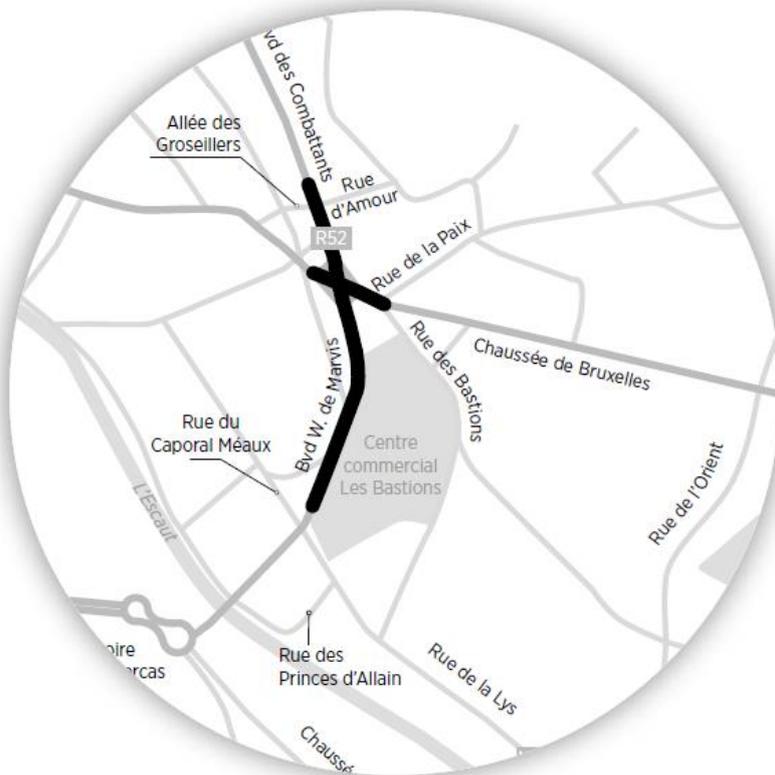


CALENDAR AND IMPACT ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

The construction site has been divided into **two phases** such as to **have the least impact on traffic**. The concerned road sections will be entirely exempt from traffic, therefore reducing delays in works completion.

PHASE I

Road sections exempt from traffic:



The first phase will begin on August 7th and is expected to be completed, subject to weather conditions, **towards the end of October 2017**.

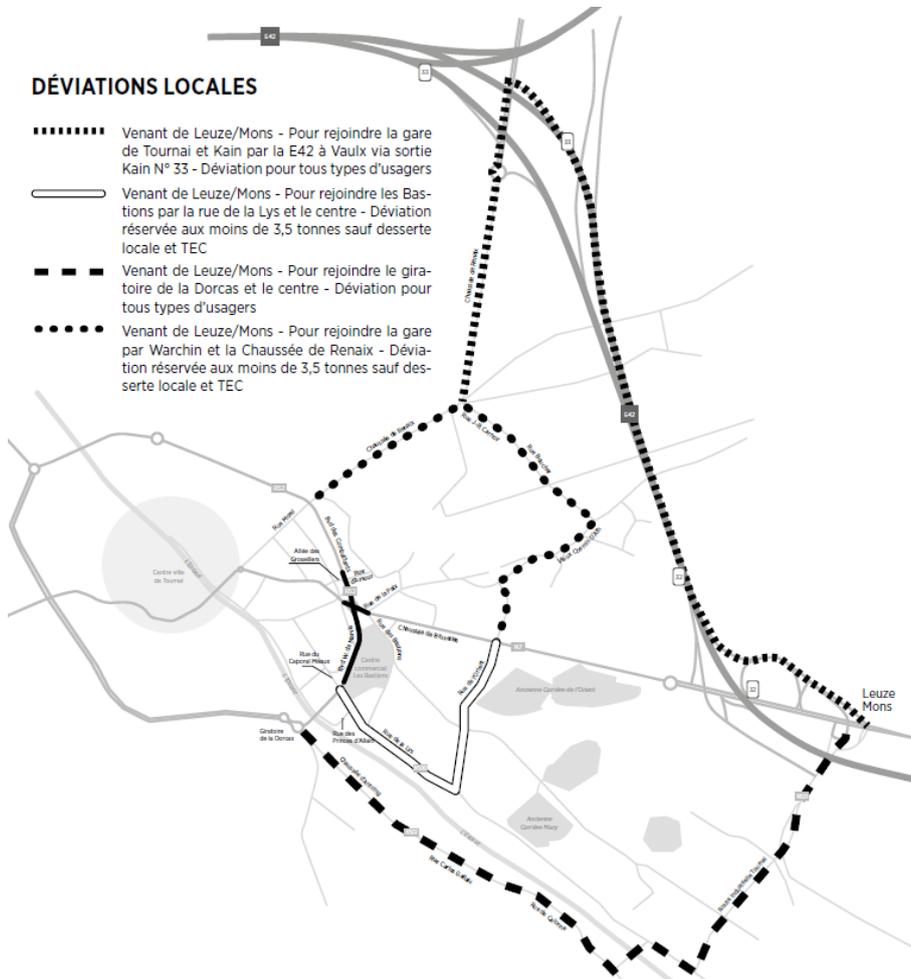
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT:

- The crossroads formed by Rue d'Amour, Allée des Groseillers and Avenue des Combattants, will only be closed to traffic for a 3 week period at the beginning of phase I and this, in order to set up a local deviation ensuring mobility at this location.
- During the closure of the Chaussée de Bruxelles section in Phase I, signs will be installed to indicate that businesses of Chaussée de Bruxelles and Les Bastions shopping centre are



accessible. An area for turning around and parking/dropping-off will also be developed on the edge of the construction site to allow users to access the N7 as far as possible.

- Rue des Bastions shall be accessible from Rue de la Lys on a one-way street.
- An additional parking area will be available on Boulevard des Combattants, along the park, between Rue d'Amour and Rue du Commandant Delahaye.



Local Deviations

Coming from Leuze/Mons
 – To get to Tournai train station and Kain by the E42 to Vaulx via exit No. 33 Kain – Deviation for all other users.

Coming from Leuze/Mons
 – To get to Bastions by Rue de la Lys and the centre – Deviation for less than 3.5 tonnes only, except local services and TEC.

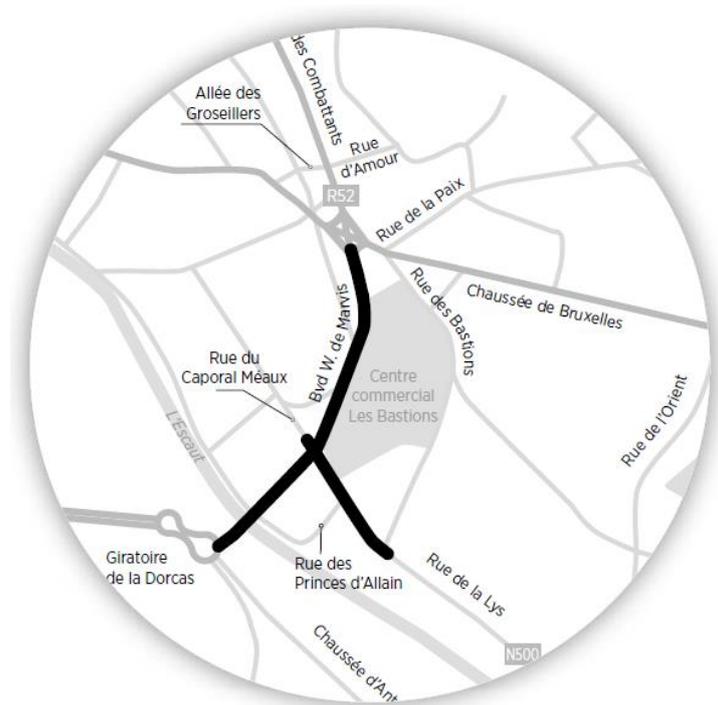
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 – To get to the Dorcas roundabout and the centre – Deviation for all other users.

Coming from Leuze/Mons
 – To get to the train station by Warchin and Chaussée de Renaix – Deviation for less than 3.5 tonnes only, except local services and TEC.



PHASE II

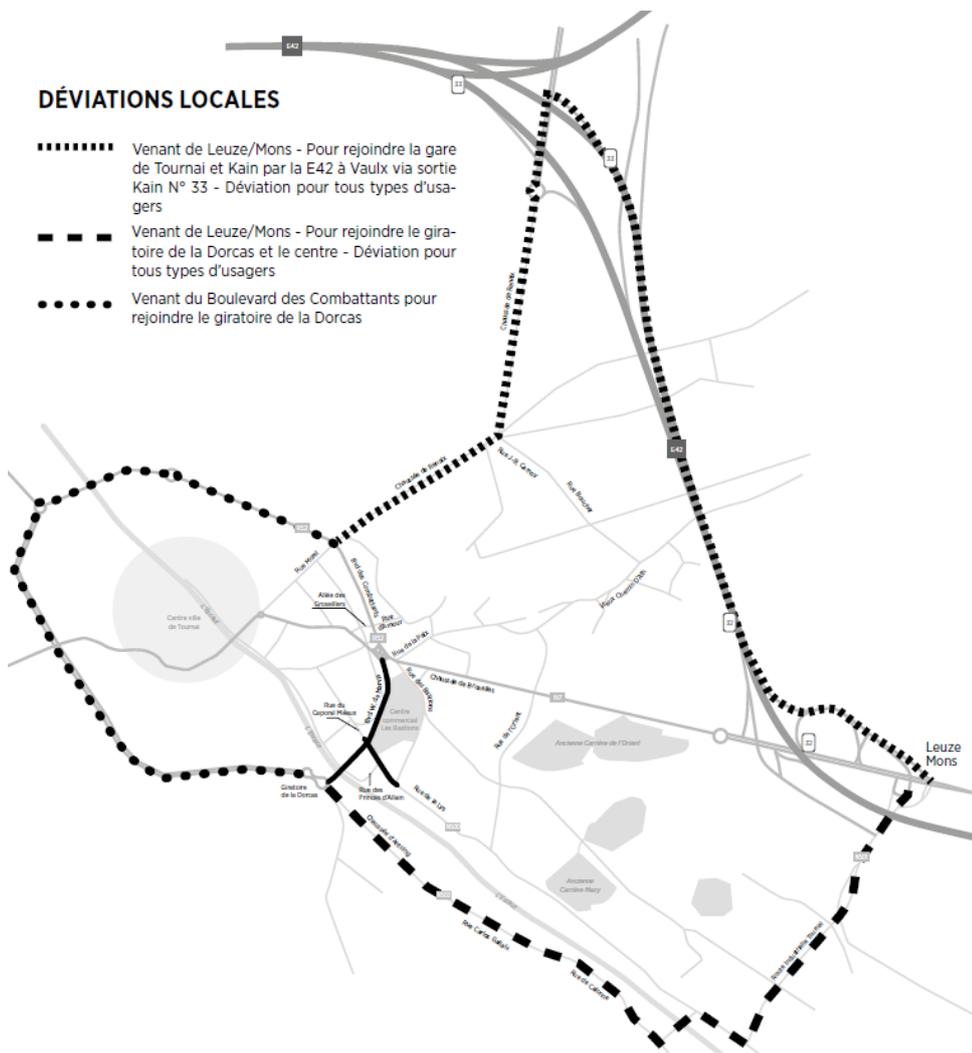
Road sections exempt from traffic:



The second phase will begin in the wake of the first and should last, subject to weather conditions, **about two months.**

Everything will be implemented so that the construction site will have been completed before the arrival of the cold season. However, we can't exclude that some works must be completed by the spring of 2018.





DÉVIATIONS LOCALES

- Venant de Leuze/Mons - Pour rejoindre la gare de Tournai et Kain par la E42 à Vaulx via sortie Kain N° 33 - Déviation pour tous types d-usagers
- - - Venant de Leuze/Mons - Pour rejoindre le giratoire de la Dorcas et le centre - Déviation pour tous types d'usagers
- Venant du Boulevard des Combattants pour rejoindre le giratoire de la Dorcas

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Coming from Boulevard des Combattants to get to the Dorcas roundabout.

MOBILITY ADVICE FOR PHASE I AND PHASE II

For traffic coming from the E42 motorway, it is advisable to use the No. 31, 33, 34 exits rather than No. 32 exit.

The affected bus lines and their deviation route can be found on the website: www.infotec.be. For heavy trucks coming from Mons (E42), it is advisable to take the No. 31 bis exit "Antoing" of the E42, then the N52 towards Bruyelle and back in via the N507 to the Dorcas roundabout.

For heavy trucks coming from France (A8), it is advisable to take the No. 34 exit "Froyennes".

All available measures will be put in place so that the mobility, as well as the access to homes and businesses, can be assured in the best conditions.



BUDGET

This construction site has an overall budget of about €3,750,000 excl. VAT.

More than €3 million excl. VAT is funded by SOFICO, site owner, as part of the "2016-2019 Infrastructure Plan". This part is performed in collaboration with the SOFICO technical partner: Public Service Buildings and Roads Directorate of Wallonia (site project manager).

The part devolving the Bastions shopping centre amounts to nearly €600,000 excl. VAT.

