



WEST LRT

LATEST NEWS

What's New



Welcome to the first West LRT electronic newsletter. This edition will highlight upcoming events as well as other project updates. These e-newsletters will primarily act as a reminder to check out www.westlrt.ca for more information on the newsletter articles and review recently posted updates on the website.

Over the past month and continuing through December and into the New Year, www.westlrt.ca will continue to grow with information on the project. As The City continues to refine the project scope, the website will reflect these changes and any new related projects. For example, future web pages and links will include planning updates on Calgary

Transit's feeder bus network in the West LRT service area and updates on the new west high school. The website will also include extensive drawings and renderings of the six LRT Stations after the two upcoming public information sessions in early December.

I encourage all of you to keep an eye on www.westlrt.ca as information can change week to week. Again, thank you for signing on with us and feel free to spread the word about our website and newsletter.

Have a good day,

Ryan Murray

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West LRT Public Information Sessions

December 9 & 11

The West LRT team invites you to attend a public information session that will provide a general update on the project and specific information on certain project elements. It's the first project update since Calgary City Council approved the alignment in June 2008 and there is lots to talk about. The following items will be on display at the event:

The six LRT stations and their designs

The new road alignments for Bow Trail and 17 Avenue S.W.

Calgary Transit's progress on the new feeder bus network in the West LRT service area

The new west high school site plan and construction schedule



There will also be City staff from other departments in attendance, such as Land Use Planning and Policy, along with the West LRT team to answer your questions and address your comments throughout the evening. There are two scheduled Public Information Sessions you can attend for your convenience:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, from 6-9 p.m. at the Killarney School (3008, 33rd St S.W.)

Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 6-9 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church (7102, 14th Ave S.W.)

Both these information sessions will display the same information so you can choose what night works best for you. There will be opportunity to provide feedback, which will be reviewed by the project team for consideration.

West LRT Station Committee Update

The third and last round of LRT Station committee meetings concluded the week of November 17, 2008. During this round of meetings, GEC Architecture presented and discussed each West LRT station design to the respective six committee groups.

This round of meetings was followed up with a meeting on Saturday, November 29, 2008 for all committee members. This meeting concluded Phase 1 of the public engagement program and kicked off Phase 2, which begins in early 2009. Committee members were given a sneak peak on all six station designs and the new road alignments for Bow Trail and 17 Avenue S.W.

All citizens are invited to the two Public Information Sessions in December to review the West LRT Station designs and receive an update of the West LRT Project.

West LRT Station Design

The West LRT station design will have a curvilinear look resembling the Chinook winds from the west and snow drifts, which are a staple element of the prairie winter landscape.

The design also takes advantage of the natural sunlight and warmth from the south.

While the curvilinear language is common to each LRT station, each station features unique design elements corresponding to the adjacent communities. These unique elements, such as the canopy shape, reflect the input received at the station committee meetings.

Detailed drawings of the station and surrounding area will be available on the website after the two public information sessions in December.

Calgary Transit Begins Planning New Bus Routes

As the West LRT changes the public transit landscape on Calgary's west side, it's important Calgary Transit's bus routes compliment the future LRT line. One of Transit's goals is to ensure a travel time to downtown in less than 30 minutes during peak hours of the day from all neighbourhoods within the service area.

This goal means feeder bus routes to and from stations must provide convenient bus stop locations for customers. As part of assembling these bus routes, two public committees have been set up by Calgary Transit. Members of these committees provide input on their needs and expectations as communities and Transit customers. Updates on the process will be available on the website after the two Public Information Sessions in December.