

# WEST LRT NEWSLETTER

The City of Calgary's West LRT progress report

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## West LRT construction begins

Beginning in February 2010 and for the next three years, West LRT construction will be underway. Due to the large scale of this project, work will be ongoing at various locations at the same time between downtown and 69th Street S.W. along the Bow Trail and 17th Avenue S.W. corridors. Here are some areas that will require a number of temporary road restrictions through 2010:

- Bow Trail and Crowchild Trail Interchange (LRT guideway work)
- Bow Trail and 33rd Street S.W. (LRT tunnel work)
- 17th Avenue and 37th Street S.W. area (LRT tunnel work)
- 17th Avenue at 42nd Street and 45th Street S.W. (bridge and LRT trench work)
- 17th Avenue S.W. and Sarcee Trail intersection (interchange work)
- 17th Avenue and 69th Street S.W. intersection (station and underground LRT work)

It's important to understand traffic disruptions will not be isolated to these areas. LRT Station construction, track work, utility work and general construction will be ongoing along the entire alignment that may heavily impact your daily commute.

Looking west at Bow Trail before the 33rd Street S.W. intersection.



To keep current on the project and its progress, please visit [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca).

## Traffic alert!

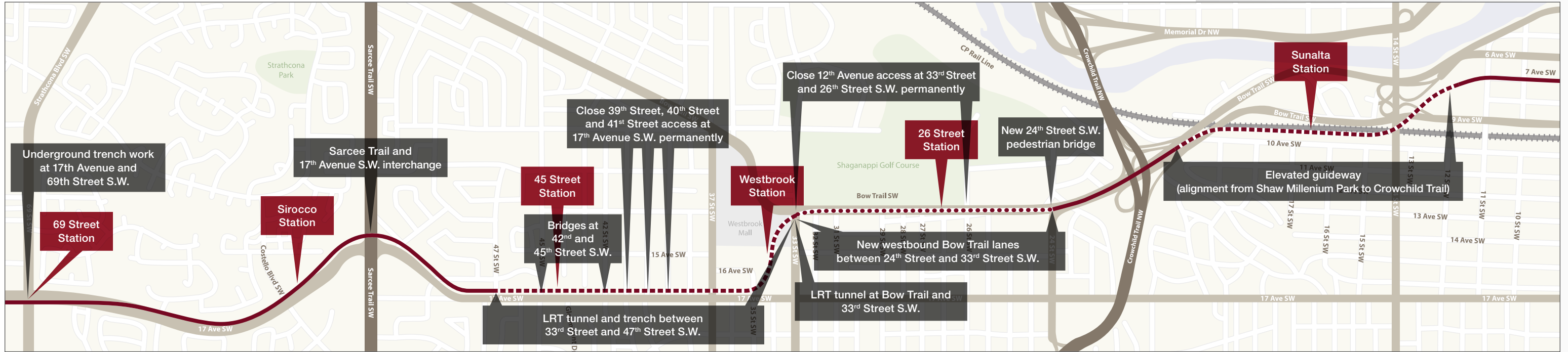
**Five significant traffic impacts will begin in March:**

- Beginning Monday, March 1, until fall 2011, westbound Bow Trail will be reduced to two lanes from 24th Street to 33rd Street S.W. This lane reduction is necessary to construct the new westbound Bow Trail lanes. Major delays are expected during the afternoon peak periods. Please plan your commute accordingly.
- 29th Street S.W. access to and from Bow Trail will be permanently closed. This permanent closure is necessary to upgrade Bow Trail and accommodate the LRT alignment.
- Beginning Monday, March 1 until fall 2011, 17th Avenue S.W. will be reduced to four lanes between 33rd Street and 39th Street S.W. Left turn bays are being removed.
- Beginning Monday, March 1, 38th Street S.W. access at 17th Avenue S.W. will be temporarily closed until summer 2010.
- Beginning Monday, March 1, 39th Street S.W. access at 17th Avenue S.W. will be permanently closed.

For more information on construction and traffic impacts, please check the [Construction and Traffic Map](#) at [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca). To receive regular updates on the West LRT project, please sign up for the e-newsletter at [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca).



## West LRT Alignment



You can read more about the traffic impacts as they are posted on the Construction and Traffic Map at [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca).

### Safety alert

All speed limits within the construction zone are 50 km/h. Please be aware of this speed reduction and drive safely. If you drive through the construction zone, anticipate your commute to take longer and account for this delay.



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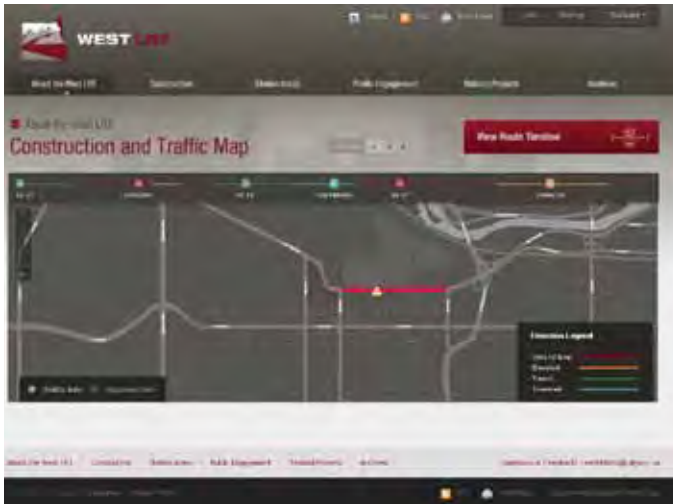
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## See how construction is affecting traffic

To find out how construction will affect roads, sidewalks and pathways, visit [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca). At the home page, click on the Construction and Traffic Map. This map will show you the various construction locations by an icon or coloured road. Click on an icon to learn more about the construction taking place, such as duration and reasons for this particular work. This web page is your best way to keep up-to-date with how your travels may be affected.

If you are interested in receiving regular updates on the West LRT and its progress, sign up for the e-Newsletter at [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca) on the Stay Informed web page.

Check out the Construction and Traffic Map on [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca) to see the current traffic impacts from construction.



## West Calgary High School Update - Third wing approved

In anticipation of a growing population in the area, The City, Province and Calgary Board of Education approved a third wing for the West Calgary High School. This addition will enable 1,800 students to attend West Calgary High School. Construction on the third wing will begin in March, with the school scheduled to open for students for the fall 2011 semester. For more information, please visit [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca) or [cbe.ab.ca](http://cbe.ab.ca).



Looking east from the 69th Street Station site to downtown.

## Traffic impacts

West LRT construction will impact commuting routes into and out of downtown. You will find regular updates on [westlrt.ca](http://westlrt.ca) on the Construction and Traffic Map showing lane restrictions and detours. Here are some ways to minimize these interruptions to your commute:

- Use an alternate route.
- Consider alternate modes of transportation, such as public transit, car pooling, walking or cycling.
- Adjust your travel time to avoid the morning and afternoon peak periods.
- Expect delays if you travel through construction during peak periods.

