

WEST LRT NEWSLETTER

The City of Calgary's West LRT progress report

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To keep current on the project and its progress, please visit westlrt.ca.

Shaw Millennium Park and launching truss

Shaw Millennium Park is the future site of the elevated guideway, which will carry trains west from the city centre. It is also one of the main construction staging grounds for the West LRT project.

Along the northern edge of the park, crews are assembling a 450-tonne yellow launching truss. Once assembly is complete in Summer 2010, the truss will lift and place the guideway's three-metre-long precast concrete segments onto the piers.

Shaw Millennium Park is still open throughout construction and can be accessed from 9 Avenue S.W. The expert bowl at the skateboard park may close intermittently during construction for the safety of park users. For more details on construction activities at Shaw Millennium Park, visit the "Construction News" page at westlrt.ca.

The new Construction News web page

With West LRT construction now in full motion, the "Construction News" web page is the best place to get an inside look at how the project is taking shape. It is the home of construction-related information such as photos of the work under way, topics of interest, and information on specific work stages and areas along the construction zone. Look for a newly posted time-lapse video of the 24 Street S.W. pedestrian bridge removal. Check it out at westlrt.ca under the "Construction" tab.



Pier construction



Launching truss

Shaw Millennium Park



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Residential Parking Zones

On April 12, 2010, Council approved the new Residential Parking Zones (RPZs) for 12 communities bordering the West LRT stations.

Some communities already have a commuter parking problem and may want to move forward shortly with the process on their individual streets. However, most communities are not experiencing problems now and The City recommends these communities wait until late 2012 (just before the LRT line opens) to initiate the process.

To find out more on the approved boundaries and the implementation process, download the "Council-approved Residential Parking Zones" document found under your respective station area web page on westlrt.ca, or contact your community association.

Pier construction



For the latest information

- ✚ To receive timely email updates on traffic impacts in your inbox, sign up for Traffic Alerts at westlrt.ca.
- ✚ Check out the new display set up at Westbrook Mall. It showcases the six station areas with their unique station and urban designs. It also provides general information on the West LRT project and displays the newsletter and monthly status report.
- ✚ Check the new video on our "Construction News" page featuring residents explaining how the West LRT will benefit their communities.
- ✚ At the "Procurement Process" page, you can find our new Project Preconstruction Review, which illustrates with photos and charts the process The City, its partners, and the community undertook between 2007 and 2009.
- ✚ For updates on Calgary Transit bus route detours and bus stop relocations during West LRT construction, please visit calgarytransit.com.



17 Avenue S.W. temporary bridge



For updates on traffic impacts due to construction, sign up for Traffic Alert emails at westlrt.ca.



Sarcee Trail Interchange construction

Sarcee Trail Interchange

As part of the West LRT project, ground was broken on the Sarcee Trail/17 Avenue S.W. Interchange. The interchange will provide free-flow traffic on northbound and southbound Sarcee Trail while improving traffic flow on eastbound and westbound 17 Avenue S.W. In summer 2010, a detour road will open south of 17 Avenue to keep traffic moving while the interchange and LRT bridge are being built.

There are a number of reasons why this is the right time to build the Sarcee Trail Interchange:

- As part of The City's Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan, the interchange was selected as necessary to accommodate higher traffic flows along Sarcee Trail.
- Rather than organize two separate projects and interrupt traffic for twice as long, money can be saved and traffic interruption can be reduced by building the LRT bridge and the interchange at the same time.

To find out more, visit the "Sarcee Trail Interchange" and "Construction News" web pages at westlrt.ca.

Utilities relocation

One of the important tasks of the West LRT project is the relocation of existing utility lines on Bow Trail and 17 Avenue S.W. For example, large storm and sanitary sewers need to be detoured under the trench at the location of the future 69 Street Station.

"The relocation of these utilities is essential to the project's success," says Zane Hartman, civil project engineer with the West LRT Office. "Given the large scale of the work, The City has been employing best management practices to mitigate our impact on traffic and the community."

Other utility relocations include:

- Deep and shallow utilities at 33 Street S.W. and Bow Trail.
- A storm sewer and main ATCO Natural Gas pipeline at 17 Avenue S.W. and Sarcee Trail.
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main from Surrey Street to 33 Street S.W.

Utility relocation work



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Stockpiles

The stockpiles you see along the West LRT alignment are made up of soil taken from a few excavation sites throughout the construction zone — notably the future station and tunnel areas at Westbrook and 69 Street S.W.

As excavation continues throughout 2010, the number of stockpiles will increase, and will remain onsite in some capacity to the end of 2011.

The City is working with the contractor to mitigate and minimize the potential dust and erosion issues of the stockpiles. Besides regular watering, crews hydroseeded the stockpiles to grow grass to help prevent dust when winds are high. Regardless of the measures taken, it's important to understand that Calgary is a windy city and there will be some dust. If you experience higher than normal dust from the stockpiles, please call 3-1-1 to report it. For more information about the stockpiles, visit the "Construction News" web page at westlrt.ca.



West Calgary High School construction

West Calgary High School and 69 Street Station Parkade

Construction of the new West Calgary High School is more than 50 per cent complete. Crews have begun to put architectural features on the school's exterior. The third wing, which was a recent addition to the design of the high school, is quickly catching up to the rest of the building. It will be ready, along with the rest of the school, to open for students by the beginning of the 2011 fall semester.

The parkade for the 69 Street LRT Station is also advancing quickly, with work on the foundation under way. This summer, we can expect to see crews finishing the foundation and the concrete walls.

For more information, look for our "West Calgary High School" web page under the "Related Projects" menu at westlrt.ca.



Guideway segment construction

69 Street Station Parkade

