

## Sarcee Trail 17 Avenue S.W. 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.

There are a number of reasons why the interchange is being built:

- 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, it was realized money could be saved and traffic interruption could be avoided by building the LRT bridge and the interchange at the same time.



*An aerial shot of the intersection at Sarcee Trail and 17 Avenue S.W.*



*Early stages of the detour that will keep traffic flowing while the overpass is under construction*

A number of detour roads will keep traffic flowing south of the current intersection. The temporary intersection can be shifted as needed to facilitate construction. Traffic will be shifted onto the detour road in June 2010 and the interchange will be complete in 2012.

Once the project is complete, the residual land will be landscaped in 2012-2013.