

WEST LRT UPDATE

The City of Calgary's West LRT status report

March 2010



Station Naming Update

- During the Regular Meeting of Council on Feb. 22, 2010, Council adopted the following LRT station names: Sunalta, Shaganappi Point (replacing 26 Street), Westbrook, 45 Street, and 69 Street.
- The Sirocco Station name is pending further Administration and Council review.

Design-Build Update

- The design-builder is mobilizing site trailers, equipment and fencing off a number of staging and lay down areas along the alignment: Shaw Millennium Park, north side of 10th Avenue S.W., and a number of locations along Bow Trail and 17th Avenue S.W. See the Construction and Traffic Map at westlrt.ca for more specific locations.
- Construction began during the first week of March. This construction will primarily focus on preparing the sites for utility relocations.
- The remaining tree removals in the construction zones will occur throughout spring 2010.

Sunalta Station Area

- Work continues on preparing the construction zone.
- Foundation activity will begin during the last half of March.

Shaganappi Point Station Area

- Utility work is underway in the area north of Bow Trail.
- 29th Street S.W. access at Bow Trail is **permanently** closed to accommodate the future Bow Trail and LRT alignment.

Westbrook Station Area

- One commercial building removal will occur in March.
- The design-builder is fencing off the construction zone at Westbrook station in March and will mobilize equipment to this area.
- Excavation will begin in this area in March.
- A temporary access will be constructed in March south of Westbrook Mall access on 33rd Street S.W. in preparation for the temporary bridge installation and tunnel construction. Access to the shopping mall parking lot from 33rd Street S.W. will be maintained.

45 Street Station Area

- 38th Street access at 17th Avenue S.W. is **temporarily** closed for four months to accommodate LRT tunnel construction.
- 39th Street access at 17th Avenue S.W. is **permanently** closed to accommodate the future underground LRT trench alignment.
- Removal of the commercial building on the corner of 45th Street and 17th Avenue S.W. is complete.
- The pedestrian crossing at Glenside Drive will temporarily close in March to accommodate construction of the LRT alignment and regional pathway.
- In late March, the design-builder will establish a construction zone east of Sarcee Trail and north of 17th Avenue S.W. The playground in this area will be closed during West LRT construction.

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

Sirocco Station Area

- Excavation began on the median between Costello Blvd/Sirocco Dr. S.W. and Christie Park Gate. This work is necessary to relocate utilities.
- A construction site trailer was set up at the future Sirocco Station Park and Ride area.
- Due to the structure of the Signal Hill community sign, The City was unable to salvage the sign. The City will construct a new sign and work with the Community Association to find a new location.
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69 Street Station Area

- Excavation began on the median between 69th Street S.W. and Christie Park Gate.
- The bids for parkade construction were received and are now under review.

West Calgary High School

- Construction on the West Calgary High School is 50 per cent complete.
- Construction on the third wing is scheduled to commence in March.
- The existing Ernest Manning High School playing fields are required for construction. The High School will use playing fields in the communities of Killarney and Signature Park to accommodate their physical education and athletics programs from March 2010 to June 2011.

Calgary Transit – Bus Route impacts during construction

For information on Calgary Transit bus service disruptions, detours and bus stop relocations during West LRT construction, please visit www.calgarytransit.com.

TELUS World of Science – Open for Business

The TELUS World of Science is open for business during building modifications and West LRT construction. The new parking lot and vehicle access on 11 Street S.W. takes you to the temporary visitor entrance on the west side of the building.

For more information on the TELUS World of Science, its exhibits and hours of operation, please visit their website at calgaryscience.ca.

The hoarding being installed for construction was designed in collaboration with TELUS World of Science. The design will direct patrons to the parking lot and building entrances. You will also see images of the future TELUS World of Science, which is scheduled to open in 2011.



DID YOU KNOW?

The City is using a number of ways to inform commuters of construction including variable message boards. These electronic displays feature upcoming lane closures so motorists know what to expect and can change course if necessary.

The City is also monitoring traffic flow through the area on a daily basis and will make modifications to traffic signals as required to minimize delay.

UPDATES - CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS FOR MARCH AND BEYOND (in chronological order)...

Dates are subject to change based on weather and the design-builder schedule.

WHERE	WHEN	WHY	COMMENTS
Speed reduced to 50km/h for duration of construction within construction zones	Ongoing until West LRT construction ends	Safety and protection of commuters and construction workers.	Please drive safely and obey all traffic signs. Please accommodate for commuting delays due to construction.
Permanent closure of 29th Street S.W. access at Bow Trail.	✓ Complete	Accommodate the Bow Trail upgrades and LRT alignment.	The pedestrian crossing is also closed. The 29 th Street access at 12 th Avenue S.W. will remain open.
Permanent Closure of 39th Street S.W. access at 17th Avenue S.W.	✓ Complete	Construction of and accommodate the future LRT alignment.	Access to 17 th Avenue is at 37 th , 40 th , 41 st , 42 nd , 45 th and 47 th Streets S.W.
Mobilization begins at a number of locations along the alignment. Check the Construction and Traffic Map for more details on locations.	Ongoing	Accommodate the LRT alignment and construction zone.	This includes equipment and trailer mobilization, fence installation, eventual tree removal in preparation for upcoming area excavation and utility relocation work. Watch for temporary closures of sidewalks and pedestrian detours.
Upcoming sound wall removal on north side of Bow Trail from Crowchild Trail to 24th Street S.W.	Beginning during the week March 8, 2010, and lasting for up to one week.	Preparation for foundation work and construction of 10 th Avenue S.W. retaining wall.	Day time work - expect noise during removal. There are no impacts to traffic. Information notices will be delivered to residents adjacent to the existing wall.

WHERE	WHEN	WHY	COMMENTS
Westbound Bow Trail temporarily reduced to two lanes from 24th Street to 33rd Street S.W.	Ongoing: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until further notice	Accommodate utility work and construction of the future westbound Bow Trail lanes.	Moderate delays are expected. Please plan your commute accordingly.
17th Avenue S.W. reduced to four lanes between 33rd Street and 39th Street S.W.	Ongoing until fall 2011	Construction of LRT tunnel and trench on north side of 17 th Avenue S.W.	The designated left-hand turn bays are being eliminated, however, motorists will still be able to make left hand turns.
Temporary Closure of 38th Street S.W. access at 17th Avenue S.W.	Ongoing until summer 2010	Construction of the future LRT alignment.	Access to 17 th Avenue is at 37 th , 40 th , 41 st , 42 nd , 45 th and 47 th Streets S.W.
Utility relocation activity in the centre median on 17th Avenue S.W. from Sirocco to just east of 69th Street in centre median.	Ongoing	Preparing the corridor for the new 17 th Avenue S.W. traffic lanes.	No traffic impacts will occur.
Utility relocation activity in the centre median on 17th Avenue between 69th Street and 73rd Street S.W.	Beginning in March – date TBA	Preparing the corridor for the new 17 th Avenue S.W. traffic lanes and LRT trench	Westbound to southbound dedicated left hand turn lane at 73 rd Street S.W. closed-left hand turns permitted Westbound to southbound dedicated lanes at 69 th Street S.W. reduced to one lane.
Closing 24th Street pedestrian bridge.	Currently scheduled for late spring 2010 with date to be determined based on design-builder schedule	Accommodate Bow Trail traffic lane and LRT construction.	Pedestrians and cyclists will use crossing at 26 th Street S.W. A new bridge will open in 2011 based on design-builder schedule.