

Southwest Ring Road Projects Newsletter

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A number of City-led projects are underway to connect Calgary's road network to the Southwest Ring Road (SWRR). These projects will also accommodate changes to traffic volume and patterns that are expected after the opening of the SWRR.

Glenmore Trail S.W. Widening and Interchange Improvements

Three features to this project:

- Widening Glenmore Trail from four to six lanes between 37 Street and Crowchild Trail
- Short-term improvements to the Glenmore/Crowchild Trails interchange and widening of Crowchild Tr. to help accommodate SWRR traffic on opening day
- New pedestrian bridge over Crowchild Trail at 54 Avenue S.W.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2018 and continue into 2019.

Residents will notice periodic increases in construction traffic throughout the project area. Lane closures and speed limit reductions will occur during the timeline of the project.

90 Avenue S.W. and Southland Drive Connections

The City is constructing the extension and connection of both 90 Avenue S.W. and Southland Drive within the city limits to the SWRR. These connections will improve the local road network by distributing traffic more evenly in the area and will provide easy access to the SWRR for people travelling north and south – another travel option instead of using 14 Street.

Project features:

- Well-lit underpasses under 90 Ave. and Southland Dr. create a safe and uninterrupted pathway between communities, off-leash dog park, and South Glenmore and Fish Creek parks.
- Widening Southland Dr. to four lanes between Oakmoor Way and Oakfield Dr.
- These extensions will provide connections to SWRR and improve the local road network by distributing traffic more evenly.

Anderson Road S.W. Widening

Since the City is responsible for building a number of connections and improvements along the new SWRR, we want to make sure that the ring road fits into Calgary's existing road network. One of these improvements is the widening of Anderson Road from four to six lanes between Elbow Drive and the Transportation Utilities Corridor (TUC). These improvements enhance Calgary's effective transportation system and will support the surrounding community and recreation network.

Construction is scheduled to resume in spring 2018 and features:

- Widening of Anderson Road between Elbow Drive and 14 Street S.W.
- Widening of Anderson Road west of 24 Street S.W. to the TUC boundary
- Rebuild and upgrade intersections at Anderson Road and 14 Street S.W., and at Anderson Road and 24 Street S.W.
- Installation of noise walls

Although much of the construction will take place in 2018, final completion of the project is anticipated for the end of 2019.

Spruce Meadows Way S.W. Widening

Spruce Meadows Way Widening features:

- Upgrading Spruce Meadows Way from the current twolane rural road to a four-lane arterial roadway between the Southwest Ring Road and 194 Avenue S.W. This will improve access for the community of Silverado, as well as area businesses and future developments.
- Provides a more efficient option for people travelling to and from the SWRR.
- Improved street lighting.
- Relocation of Enmax power lines.
- Landscaping.

Construction could not be completed in 2017 due to poor weather conditions and an early start to winter. Spruce Meadows Way is currently operating with two lanes of traffic. Construction will resume in the spring of 2018 and is expected to be completed by summer.

For information about the The City's Ring Road Integration projects, go to: www.calgary.ca/swrr, or contact: wwc-rr@newsletters.calgary.ca.



Bridges being constructed at the SWRR Macleod Tr. interchange

162 Avenue S.W. Connection

This project involves a number of features:

- Connects 162 Avenue S.W. directly to the Southwest Ring Road
- Provides an additional option for citizens travelling to and from the area
- Provides enough space for a bus lane between the future Providence development and the South LRT stations.

Construction on this project began in September 2017 with the remainder of roadworks and streetlighting being completed in 2018. This connection will remain closed until the SWRR opens to traffic in late 2021.

Access from westbound 162 Avenue to Bridlecrest Blvd. will remain open until the SWRR is completed. Once the SWRR is open to traffic, the left turn from 162 Avenue to Bridlecrest Blvd. will be permanently closed. After traffic settles into its new pattern, The City will monitor the 162 Avenue S.W. and Bridleridge Way intersection, in case further modifications are needed.



Information Session at Southland Leisure Centre, March 21

Southwest Ring Road construction - Government of Alberta

The Southwest Calgary Ring Road is being built by Alberta Transportation between Highway 8 (near Elbow Springs Golf Course) and Macleod Trail S.E. The project includes reconstruction of Glenmore Trail between Sarcee Trail and east of 37 Street S.W. It consists of 31 kilometres of six- and eight-lane divided highway, 14 interchanges, 47 bridges, one road flyover, one railway crossing (flyover), one culvert set, one tunnel, and three river crossings over the Elbow River and Fish Creek.

In 2018 there will be construction along the length of the project corridor, including earthworks, bridge work and road building. This includes activity at a number of interchanges that will result in traffic impacts. KGL Constructors will distribute traffic advisories and deploy message boards along roads prior to implementing these changes. The southwest portion of the ring road is expected to be open to traffic in 2021.

For more information about Southwest Calgary Ring Road construction, go to www.swcrrproject.com, or contact: info@SWCRRproject.com.

Bow Trail S.W. Widening and Intersection Improvements

As a future West Ring Road connection, The City is widening Bow Trail to two lanes in each direction, between 85th Street S.W. and Old Banff Coach Road (OBCR), with additional improvements at intersections and pathways. These upgrades improve how people travel in the area and provide better connections between communities now and into the future; whether you drive, take transit, cycle or walk.

This project will result in a better Bow Trail by:

- Adding eastbound lane and westbound lane, between OBCR and 85th Street S.W.
- Extending pathways on north and south side of Bow Trail to OBCR and Strathcona Blvd. for better walking and cycling connections between communities and existing pathways.
- Reducing speed limit to 60km/hr on Bow Trail, providing a safer space to travel in the area.
- Installing pedestrian signal crossing at 77 Street S.W. to improve community connections.
- Adding dual left-turn lanes and two through lanes in all 4 directions at Bow Trail/85th Street S.W. intersection.
- Adding a third left-turn lane, from southbound OBCR to eastbound Bow Trail at Bow Trail/OBCR/Strathcona Blvd. intersection, and lengthen the two left turn lanes from westbound Bow Trail to southbound Strathcona Blvd.

A number of trees within the construction zone are being removed to make room for the new road and pathways. In response, approximately 766 new trees will be planted along Bow Trail. We are revisiting the landscaping plans to see where we can improve the tree locations and other plantings. Road work begins in spring 2018.