

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) was originally planned by the Province of Alberta and the City of Calgary in the late 70's and is commonly referred to as the Calgary Ring Road. During the 1980's and 90's the Province of Alberta, who is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Ring Road, purchased most of the lands required for this TUC.

East Freeway, which forms the eastern link of the Ring Road, extends east from the Stoney Trail / Deerfoot Trail interchange to the eastern City limits, south to the Marquis of Lorne Trail (Highway 22X), and west to Deerfoot Trail.

SCOPE

Alberta Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Calgary and the M.D. of Rocky View, are updating plans for the east leg of the Calgary Ring Road – East Freeway.

Alberta Transportation has retained Earth Tech Canada to lead the project, which includes roadway engineering, environmental, acoustical, geotechnical, hydrotechnical, and historic resources services. The functional planning study will update TUC plans previously approved by the Alberta Government in the 1980's and will include an environmental assessment, pursuant to the Canadian Environmental assessment Act. The study will also assess the lands within the Transportation / Utility Corridor designated for pipelines, power lines, and other utility components.

RESULTS

Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. has developed the preliminary East Freeway Corridor Plans that show the roadway alignment interchange configurations, and noise analyses at selected locations required to serve the transportation needs when Calgary's population reaches 1.5 million. These plans are titled "Ultimate Stage".

The purpose of this open house is to inform the public of the on-going study, and to solicit feedback on the preliminary results of this study. Your comments are important to us.

The next steps include development of conceptual drainage plan, complete the noise analyses and finalize the roadway and utility corridor plans

PROJECT TIMELINE

- o June 16, 2004 – Open House (McKenzie Towne Church) – *Introduce Study, gather input and comments*
- o June 17, 2004 – Open House (Village Square Leisure Centre) – *Introduce Study, gather input and comments*
- o October 2004 – Open Houses – *Present recommended plans*
- o December 2004 – *Report completed*

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