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Deerfoot Trail / Glenmore Trail Interchange
Functional Planning Study

The purpose of this open house was to present the plans for improvements to the Deerfoot Trail / Glenmore Trail interchange. The ultimate goal is to develop a freeway to freeway connection at the Deerfoot Trail / Glenmore Trail interchange that will allow for the safe, efficient flow of traffic. The improved interchange will play a key role in Alberta's north-south trade corridor and the City's skeletal road network. At the end of the study a report will be prepared documenting the functional roadway design and the staging of the near-term and long-term improvements.

The open house for this study was held on October 26, 2006 at the Glenmore Inn. It was advertised in the Saturday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 24th editions of both local daily newspapers. One hundred and forty, 1st class mail notices were sent to adjacent businesses and other identified stakeholders, as well as individuals who submitted comments at previous open houses. Mobile event announcement signs were posted at 6 locations near the study area. Approximately 106 people attended the open house, 16 of whom completed comment sheets. The following is a summary of the written comments received. The number in the left-hand column reflects the number of people expressing the same view.

Stage 1: Areas/ Aspects of the plan that are supported:

4	Bridge extension across Glenmore
2	Widening Deerfoot Trail Northbound
3	All of the plan
1	Eliminating the bottleneck at Deerfoot Trail
1	Peigan Trail should be included in stage 1

Ultimate Design: Areas/ Aspects of the plan that are supported:

12	All of the plan
1	Most of it; separating through lanes from collector lanes is a great idea
2	Eliminate single lane exit ramps; make exit ramps 2 lanes wide; in case of accidents
4	Time is an issue; build it now not in 10-15 years

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Would like to see the ultimate plan built as soon as possible.
- Design looks good. Be aware of native grasses and shrubs. Be realistic about how easy it is to let construction push out past the limit stakes.
- Please keep cyclists in mind during construction on this project. The pathway under Graves Bridge is used each day from McKenzie Towne to the downtown core.
- Deerfoot Trail from Ivor Strong Bridge to 17Ave SE needs surface re-done; repaved with asphalt.
- Eastbound Glenmore to Deerfoot North going to one lane at the end of the bridge will bottleneck.
- Could not find any info on the City website on this open house (Oct 26).
- Will this plan if it ever gets built, handle the traffic volumes past the completion dates or is the design for today's volumes? In other words the day it is completed will it already be obsolete?
- Moving forward ASAP on a pedestrian bicycle bridge across the Bow River at Graves Bridge location may take a vehicle or two off of the roadway ...? The Graves Bridge congestion is dangerous in a rush hour.
- Why this venue for an open house instead of a community hall?

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