



Frequently Asked Questions

Background

The Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) was originally planned by the Province of Alberta and the City of Calgary in the late 1970's and is commonly referred to as the Calgary Ring Road. During the 1980s and 1990s, the Province, which is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Ring Road, purchased most of the lands required for this TUC.

Stoney Trail forms the Northwest portion of the Calgary Ring Road, which extends from 16 Ave NW (Trans-Canada Highway) to Deerfoot Trail (Highway 2). A portion of Stoney Trail, from 16 Ave NW to Country Hills Boulevard NW, was constructed in the mid 1990s, and the section from 16th Ave NW to Country Hills Boulevard is being widened/twinned in 2003/2004 to provide for four lanes of traffic.

What is the Stoney Trail Expansion?

The Stoney Trail Expansion Project will connect Highway 1 (Trans-Canada Highway) to Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail) with a four lane divided roadway.

The Project will extend the Ring Road from Country Hills Boulevard to Deerfoot Trail through the intersections of Sarcee Trail, Shaganappi Trail, Beddington Trail, Panorama Hills Boulevard, Harvest Hills Boulevard, and 11 Street NE. Included are new interchanges at Deerfoot Trail and at the Trans-Canada Highway.

When will the roadway expansion take place?

The work will begin in 2004 and is scheduled for completion in 2007.

Who will be doing the work?

Two consultant teams, led by Stantec Consulting and UMA Engineering Ltd., have been retained by Alberta Transportation to complete the detailed design and manage construction of the project. UMA is responsible for the portion between Country Hills Boulevard and the CP railway crossing to the east, while Stantec is responsible for the roadway east of the CPR crossing including the Deerfoot Trail interchange, and the Trans-Canada Highway Interchange.

What is the long-term plan for this roadway?

As transportation demands increase, plans are to upgrade the roadway to a six to eight lane divided freeway with overpass interchanges.

Who is covering the cost of this development and how much will it cost?

The budget for this work is \$250 million, with a \$75 million contribution from the Federal Government and the remaining \$175 million coming from the Province of Alberta.

Why is this project important to the economic development of the Province?

Stoney Trail is an integral part of the province's overall transportation network and provides Albertans with a safe and efficient route for travel and the shipment of goods.

Why is this development important to The City of Calgary?

The Stoney Trail Expansion will enhance mobility for Calgarians by relieving traffic pressure on other local roads (e.g., 16 Avenue North, Deerfoot Trail) and by connecting motorists to the provincial highway network.

The expanded roadway will also accommodate traffic demands from the development of new communities in the area.

How will the Province manage potential environmental impacts related to the expansion?

An environmental assessment has been completed for the project to meet requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The assessment identifies areas of environmental significance along the project alignment, and provides detailed measures to mitigate potential environmental impacts. The design team and contractors will continue to work closely with applicable government regulators and stakeholders to identify additional environmental mitigation and monitoring requirements.

What will be done to minimize construction impacts to adjacent communities/residents and businesses?

The contractors will normally work within The City of Calgary's Noise Bylaws; that is between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm on Sundays. Should exceptional circumstances require different working hours, affected residents will be notified in advance.

Will there be detours during construction?

Effective traffic accommodation plans (including detours) will be developed to facilitate traffic movements that may be affected during construction. Plans will include accommodation measures at the Trans-Canada Highway and Deerfoot interchanges, and at the intersections of Stoney Trail with Country Hills Boulevard, Sarcee Trail and Beddington Trail.

How can I learn more about this project and its impact on my community and me?

To learn more about this project, ask questions and provide input, visit Alberta Transportation's Web site at www.trans.gov.ab.ca (click on the construction projects link). Regular construction updates are posted on this site.

In addition, phone lines and email addresses have been established to ensure the project teams involved can respond to your inquiries.

To speak with a project team member regarding the interchanges:

Phone: 403.716.8198 (voicemail)
Email: stoney_interchanges@stantec.com

To speak with a project team member regarding the Stoney Trail roadway:

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