Valley Ridge Blvd and Trans-Canada Highway Interchange

April 2004

Newsletter

Open House Announcement

Residents of the Valley Ridge and Crestmont communities are invited to an important Open House regarding the Valley Ridge Blvd and Trans-Canada Highway interchange. Details for this open house are as follows:

Location:	Valley Ridge Golf and Conference Centre
Date:	Tuesday, April 27, 2004
Time:	5 pm - 8 pm (Presentation and Q/A at 6:30 pm)
Address:	11618 Valley Ridge Park NW, Calgary
Phone:	403.221.9682 (Valley Ridge Golf and Conference Centre) 403.716.8267 (Stoney Trail project team)

Purpose

This open house gives residents from the Valley Ridge and Crestmont communities an opportunity to provide input into the upgrading of Valley Ridge Blvd between Trans-Canada and the community entrance. Specifically, the impact of the closure of 101st Street and upgrades to the existing Valley Ridge Boulevard / Trans-Canada Highway interchange will be discussed.

Two Options - Traffic Circle or Traffic Lights

When the Stoney Trail interchange is built, 101st Street will be closed and traffic originating/destined south of Trans-Canada will be diverted through the Trans-Canada Highway / Valley Ridge Boulevard interchange. As a result, Valley Ridge Blvd will be upgraded to accommodate the reconfigured traffic flows.

The upgrading/improvements of Valley Ridge Boulevard, north of the Trans-Canada Highway and changes to the underpass beneath the Trans-Canada will be presented at the open house. Two options for the westbound off-ramp terminal connection with Valley Ridge Blvd on the north side of the interchange exist. The first is a traditional signalized intersection. The second, and recommended option, is a traffic circle, which will allow for free flow of traffic and turn movements. The proposed ultimate westbound off ramp from Trans-Canada Highway to Valley Ridge Blvd will be presented. It will be constructed in conjunction with phase one of the interchange for Trans-Canada and Stoney Trail. A preliminary construction schedule will also be presented.

Comments

Alberta Transportation would like to hear your comments. If you are unable to attend the open house, please complete the comment form attached to this newsletter. Comment forms may be dropped off at Java Temptations located in the Valley Ridge Plazebo shopping mall. Alternatively, they can be mailed/faxed to the contact listed at the bottom of the comment form.

If you are attending the open house, additional comment forms will be provided on April 27. The cut-off date for comments is approximately two weeks after the open house on May 14, 2004.

Contact Information

Representatives from Alberta Transportation, the design consultants and the City of Calgary, including Alderman Dale Hodges, will be at the open house to answer questions. You will have an opportunity to provide feedback and complete a comment form.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak with one of your community representatives, please contact Grant Knowles at 403.202.2664 or via email at <u>grantknowles@shaw.ca</u> or Onno DeVries at 403.202.0075 or via email at <u>onnodev@shaw.ca</u>.

If you would like to speak with Alberta Transportation, please contact Alex Broda, Urban Construction Manager at 403.297.5500 or via email at <u>alex.broda@gov.ab.ca</u>. Alderman Hodges can be reached at 403.268.2445 or via email at <u>dale.hodges@gov.calgary.ab.ca</u> if you have any questions for him prior to the open house.

Your views and your input are very important, so please make every effort to attend the upcoming open house!

Preliminary Roadwork Schedule for the Stoney Trail project

Activity	Approximate Location
Test drilling for foundation design	 Test drilling will primarily be at the existing Trans-Canada Highway (TCH) / Stoney Trail interchange Test drilling may occur – i.e. one or two holes drilled near the Valley Ridge interchange
Site Surveying	There may be site surveying at the Stoney Rail Bow River Bridge and along the TCH near Canada Olympic Park
Earthworks/Construction	Some earthworks construction may occur at the SE corner of the existing Stoney/TCH intersection

Please note: the following roadwork is scheduled to occur over the next month or so in or near the Valley Ridge community.

Please watch for intermittent detouring to occur.

If you have any questions regarding the details for the open house or the Stoney Trail / Valley Ridge Boulevard interchanges in general, please call the Stoney Trail information line at 403.716.8267 or email <u>stoney_interchanges@stantec.com</u>.