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Better Yellowhead access coming to Sherwood Park

Preparation for a <u>new Yellowhead Highway overpass</u> will detour access to Sherwood Drive for three months starting July 10 at 9 a.m.

From July 10 to October 10, the entrance and exit ramps between eastbound Yellowhead Trail (Highway 16) and Sherwood Drive will be closed as crews relocate sanitary lines and conduct earthwork in preparation for a new interchange being built to increase access and safety for motorists around the community of Sherwood Park. Full closure of these ramps will allow quick, efficient and safe work to be completed.

Sherwood Drive will be closed north of Emerald Drive. Two alternate Yellowhead exits are available for those entering or leaving Sherwood Park: Broadmoor Boulevard to the west and Clover Bar Road to the east. Commuters are encouraged to check <u>Yellowhead traffic volume near Clover Bar Road</u> using camera feeds provided by <u>511 Alberta</u>.

The speed limit on Yellowhead will be maintained at 110km/h where traffic will continue to flow freely. Drivers are reminded to obey all flag persons, signs and signals. Fines for speeding are doubled in construction zones when workers are present.

When completed in late 2015, the new Sherwood Drive interchange will provide commuters with a new overpass over Yellowhead with four access ramps, an improvement from the one (southbound) exit and one (eastbound) entrance. This will enhance safety and capacity in preparation for increased traffic expected on Yellowhead Trail when the Edmonton Ring Road is completed in fall 2016.

Using Alberta's P3 model for highways allows <u>Northeast Anthony Henday Drive</u> to be finished in 2016, three years earlier than through conventional delivery and at a savings of \$370 million for taxpayers. Including the northeast section, a \$1.81 billion investment which includes a total of <u>47</u> <u>bridge structures</u>, the Alberta government has committed more than \$4 billion toward the construction of the <u>Edmonton Ring Road</u>. This project is one of many that deliver on Alberta Transportation's Building Alberta commitment to support the economy and increase market access by focusing on <u>capital plan projects</u> for core infrastructure and key corridors.

For traffic updates on this project, visit the <u>Northeast Anthony Henday Drive website</u> and follow <u>@NEAHCityLink</u> on Twitter. Up-to-date road information, including traffic delays, is a click or a call away. Call 5-1-1 toll-free, visit <u>511.alberta.ca</u> or follow us on Twitter <u>@511Alberta</u> to get on the road to safer travel.

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