

# **Stoney Trail (Highway 22X) and Macleod Trail Interchange Upgrade**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **About the Project ...**

#### **Why is the interchange being upgraded?**

The Stoney Trail (Highway 22X) and Macleod Trail interchange is part of the south section of the Calgary Ring Road (Stoney Trail), the southeast portion of which is currently under construction. Plans to connect the southeast portion of the Calgary Ring Road to the northwest portion are under development, but will not be ready to implement in the short term. The interchange is being upgraded to improve traffic at this location, in conjunction with the opening of the southeast portion of the Calgary Ring Road.

#### **Have any studies been done on this interchange to date?**

In 2009, a Functional Planning Study was undertaken by Focus for the south portion of the Calgary Ring Road from Deerfoot Trail to 37<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The 2009 study has been reviewed to ensure that the proposed upgrade is compatible with future upgrades that may be needed for the south portion of the Ring Road.

#### **Have there been other Information Sessions?**

Three information sessions were held during the consultation process for the 2009 Functional Planning Study.

#### **What is a functional planning study?**

A typical functional planning study identifies short-term and long-term strategies for developing and upgrading a roadway to accommodate forecasted traffic demands. The study includes a review of roadway standards, property requirements, community impacts, environment, drainage & utilities, noise and access management, and receives public input during the development of this plan. The approved functional plan forms the basis of how the road will be designed, built and upgraded.

#### **What's included in this project?**

To date, this project has included a review of the 2009 study prepared by Focus and has recommended ways to upgrade the existing interchange. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering phase. After preliminary engineering is done, detailed designs will be completed and the project will be constructed.

#### **Is this project connected to the southeast leg of the Calgary Ring Road (currently being constructed) and/or the southwest leg (at the functional planning stage)?**

The interchange at Stoney Trail (Highway 22X) and Macleod Trail will ultimately be part of the Calgary Ring Road. However, this project is separate from the construction and study currently underway for other parts of the ring road.

For further information on the Calgary Southwest Ring Road, contact Alex Broda (Alberta Transportation) at 403-297-7674 or [Alex.Broda@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Alex.Broda@gov.ab.ca).

For further information on the Southeast Stoney Trail Project, please contact Chinook Roads Partnership at 1-877-898-7623 or [info@sestproject.ca](mailto:info@sestproject.ca).

## About Construction ...

### When will the upgrade happen?

Subject to construction funding by the Province of Alberta, construction is estimated to start in 2012 with rough grading work, with completion expected around July 2014.

### How will construction of the upgraded interchange affect traffic?

Plans for the upgrade will include traffic accommodation and staging during construction to minimize delays for drivers. Generally, lane closures will be restricted to off peak periods. Moderated delays could occur during construction of new ramps and along Stoney Trail (Highway 22X). Only minor delays are expected along Macleod Trail.

## About Consultation ...

### What's the purpose of this Community Information Session?

The Functional Planning Study for the ultimate Ring Road interchange has been reviewed by AECOM. They have also completed a Functional Planning Study for the Initial Stage Interchange, and the recommended interchange configuration is being presented through this Information Session.

### What will be done with the comments received at the Information Session?

Information collected at this Information Session will be reviewed by the project team and incorporated into the planning process where possible.

### Will there be more Information Sessions about the interchange?

A second Information Session will be held prior to construction to provide an update on the project and how construction will be undertaken.

### What's my role in the project?

Public and stakeholder involvement is important for successful completion of this project. The Information Session provides a venue to express your views on how the project affects you and your community, and on how to make the project a success. We look forward to discussing the study recommendations with you.

### How can I provide my comments?

Comments can be provided on the exit surveys at the Information Session, or sent to [stoney.trail@aecom.com](mailto:stoney.trail@aecom.com).

### Is there someone I can talk to for more information on this Project?

For further information about the project, please contact:

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