

McKnight Boulevard widening and reconstruction project

February update

Project update

McKnight Boulevard N.E. is being widened from four to six lanes and reconstructed* between 12 and 19 Streets N.E., over a two-year period (2015-2016).

- During the 2015 construction season, crews built two new lanes in the median between 12 and 19 Streets N.E.
 - These lanes are not yet open and will remain closed until construction starts in 2016, and will then be used for traffic detours during the reconstruction.
- Traffic speed is reduced from 70 to 60 km/h in the construction zone. During construction, traffic speed will be reduced to 50 km/h, or as posted, until construction is complete in the fall of 2016.
- For everyone's safety, please obey all onsite signage regarding speed and other instructions.

**Road reconstruction is typically done when a road reaches the end of its life cycle. It involves stripping the road down to its original foundation, upgrading utilities as required, and replacing the old asphalt and gravel with newer materials.*

2016 construction timelines

- February/March 2016
 - Construction work on the signals at 12 and 19 Streets N.E., which will prepare the signals for the upcoming re-routing of traffic during construction. This work may involve some off-peak lane closures.
- By mid/late March
 - Two eastbound lanes will be closed to traffic and re-routed onto two new lanes in the median; no change to two westbound lanes.
- Late March/early April
 - Reconstruction of the eastbound lanes will begin, depending on frost levels and weather.
- Summer
 - When eastbound reconstruction work is complete, the two eastbound lanes will open and the two westbound lanes will close. Westbound traffic will be re-routed onto two new lanes in the median.
- Project end – fall 2016

Project scope and improvements

- McKnight Boulevard N.E. will be widened in the median from four to six lanes between 12 and 19 Streets N.E. and the existing road bed will be reconstructed.
- A pathway will be added on the south side.
- Intersection improvements at 12 and 19 Streets N.E.
- New street lighting and utilities upgraded and re-located where needed.

Alberta Transportation bridge project

- Alberta Transportation will be undertaking bridge rehabilitation work on the bridge over Deerfoot Trail at McKnight Boulevard N.E.
- Work will start soon after Calgary Stampede ends (July 18*) and will last for six to eight weeks*.

- The project will involve lane closures but two lanes will remain open for traffic in each direction. The lanes will be narrowed and access to the bridge for semi-trailer trucks will be restricted from all directions.
- The McKnight Boulevard N.E. Widening Project and Alberta Transportation will coordinate their construction in order to minimize traffic impacts.

**Please note: All timelines are approximate and can change based on weather and/or site conditions.*

For more information

- Please visit the project web page at www.calgary.ca/mcknightwidening for more information on the McKnight Boulevard Widening Project, such as maps of the construction area.
- Sign up for Transportation projects Twitter feed @YYCtransport.
- Please call 511 or visit 511.alberta.ca for information related to Alberta Transportation projects.