



THE WAY WE MOVE

# Proposed 75 Street Truck Route

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March 21, 2012

## Council Motion (October 12, 2011)

1. That Administration start the process to open 75 Street between 90 Avenue and 98 Avenue to truck traffic.
2. That Administration consult with the affected communities regarding any potential impacts and possible solutions to mitigate any concerns prior to opening 75 Street to truck traffic, and report back to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee *April 10, 2012.*

# April 10 Report Recommendations

1. That Administration establish a Stakeholder Committee with the objective of providing input into the development of a Terms of Reference for the completion of the 75 Street Functional Planning Study.
2. That Administration bring forward for City Council's consideration, as part of the 2013 Operating Budget, a one time service package for a Functional Planning Study.
3. That the designation of 75 Street from 90 Avenue to 98 Avenue as a truck route be deferred until completion of a Functional Planning Study.

# March 5 Public Meeting

- 169 in attendance
- 104 completed the survey
  - 55 hard copies
  - 49 on-line

## Public Feedback

### Process, route selection and need for more study

- Consultation process too rushed, not advertised enough
- Some believe 50 Street is more suited to truck traffic
- Trucks should not be routed through the city; use Anthony Henday
- Other roads are carrying an unfair share of trucks (e.g. 99 Street)
- Need to analyze the impacts, costs and benefits in more detail

## Public Feedback

### Truck and Traffic Volume and Congestion

- 75 Street cannot handle more traffic
- Trucks will make 75 Street more congested
- Concerns about the associated increase in noise and vehicle emissions
- What will the change in truck volume be?  
Don't understand the predictions.



## Public Feedback

### Pedestrian Crossings and Safety

- Concerns about crossing protection, particularly for children and seniors
- Only one crossing light – 94B Avenue
- Service road median is narrow when waiting to cross 75 Street

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### Service Road Issues, Access, and Shortcutting

- Traffic already uses service roads to avoid congestion
- Speeding and careless driving is a concern
- Some drivers don't obey the one way service road on the east side of 75 Street
- Getting on/off 75 Street is difficult
- More congestion will mean more shortcutting on 79 Street and Ottewell Road



## Mitigation ideas

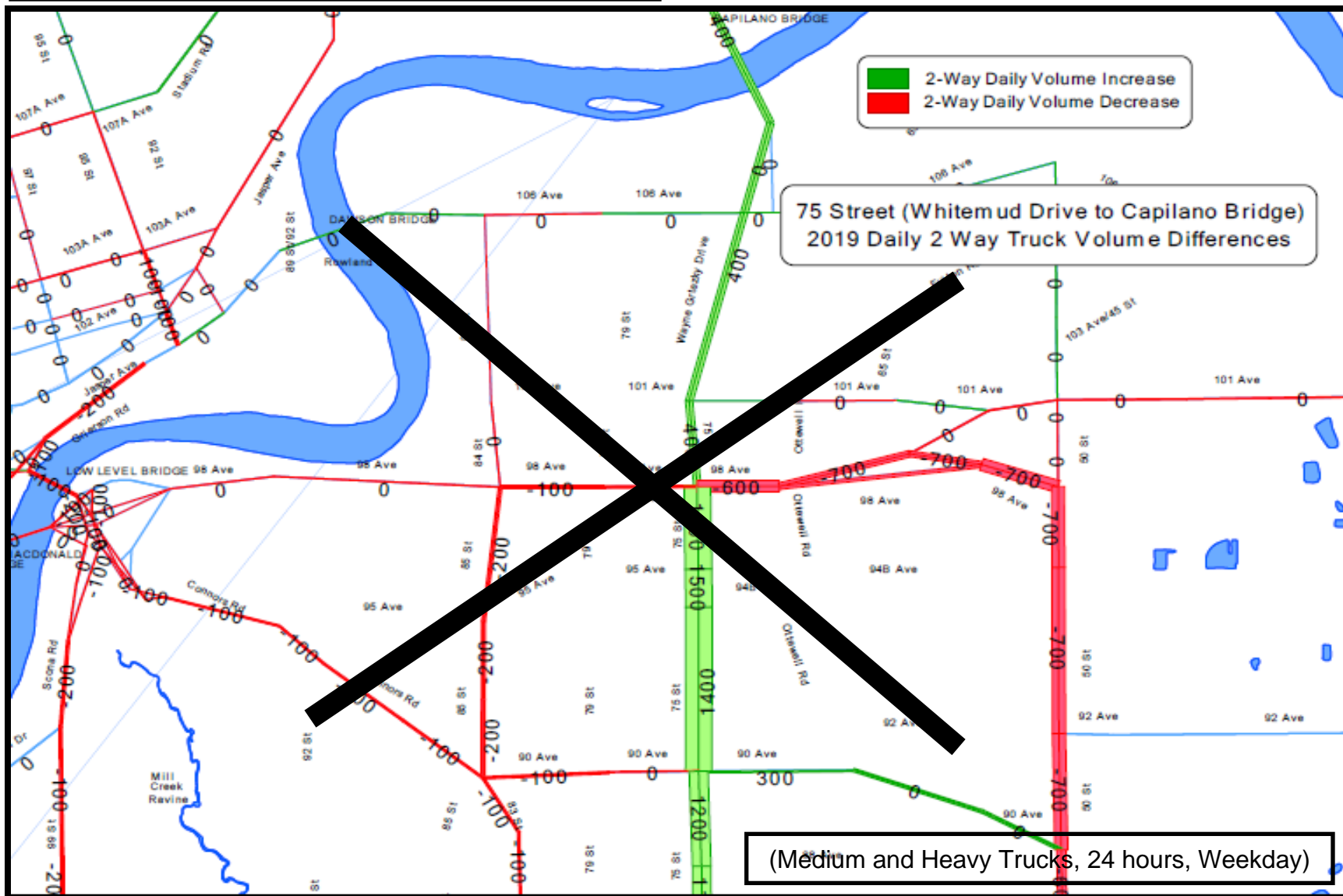
- Need to study the issue more to develop proper solutions
- How about a time restricted truck route?
- Construct noise walls
- More pedestrian crossings or overpasses
- Reduced speed limits
- Signal timing improvements

# Future Traffic and Truck Projections

- Traffic modeling is not a precise science
  - Land use, population and employment changes
  - Road network changes (subject to future construction budgets)
  - Transit improvements
- Truck traffic is even more difficult to predict
  - Overall state of the economy
  - Changes in business and customer base
  - Major construction projects

# March 5 Map

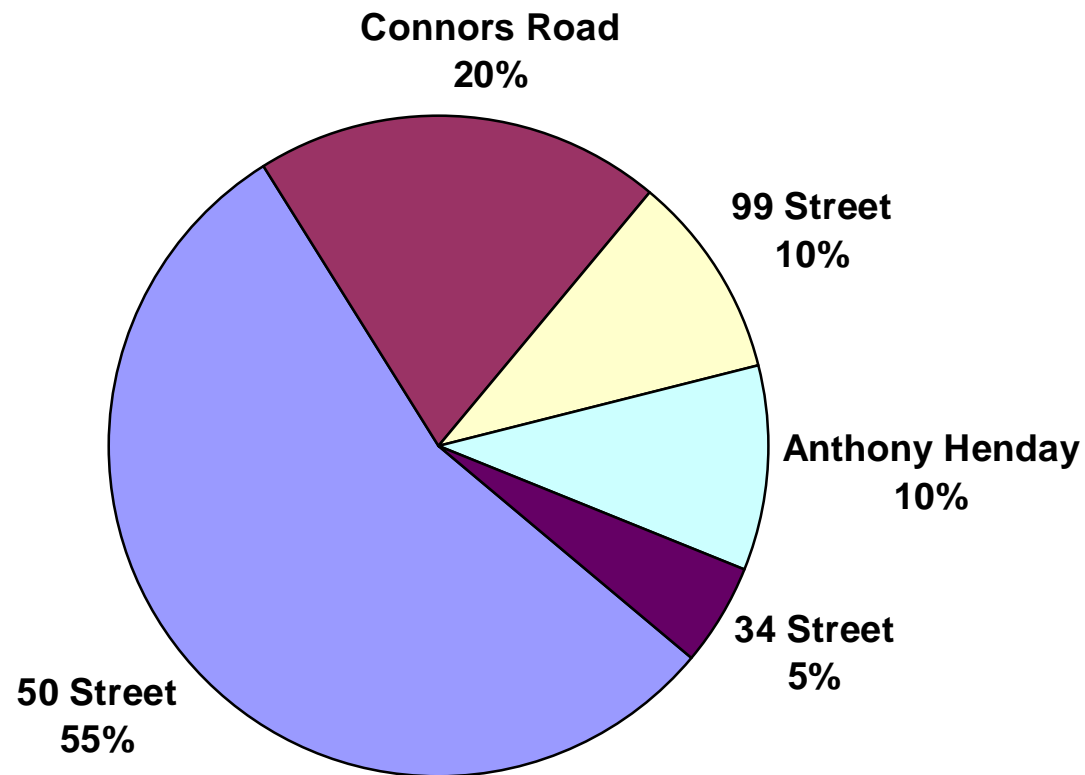
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# Truck Traffic – What we know

- Approximately 1900 medium and heavy trucks per day use Capilano Bridge
- 75 Street is at capacity during peak hours
- Approximately 1000 small trucks (< 8,000 kg GVW) per day are on 75 Street between 90 Ave and 98 Ave
- Future truck volume on 75 Street could range from 1500 to 2400 trucks/day
- Trucks will displace other traffic at an average rate of about 1:2
- Displaced traffic will use many other routes. Some could use neighbourhood roads like 79 Street and Ottewell Road
- More research into truck movements would be appropriate

# Where could trucks on 75 Street come from?



# So What is a Functional Planning Study?

- First step in the design process
- Provides better answers to all the questions being asked
  - Traffic volumes, congestion, noise, community impacts, physical improvements, access, pedestrian crossings, property requirements, costs, schedule, etc.
- Outlines a possible staging plan
- Has an extensive Public Engagement Process

## Next Steps

### Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

April 10, 2012

- Report and Agenda Release April 5
- Meeting held 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- We will request that it be “Time Specific”
- To Register to Speak:
  - Office of the City Clerk 780-496-8178
  - [http://edmonton.ca/city\\_government/city\\_organization/office-of-the-city-clerk.aspx](http://edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/office-of-the-city-clerk.aspx)



# Question and Answer Session

## Question and Answer Session “Ground Rules”

- 2 minutes for each participant to ask a question or make a comment. One follow-up question (1 minute)
- Will recognize 4 people for each round of questions; The Q and A session will continue until 8:15
- Persons with Microphone holders will go to those participants to ask their questions
- Additional questions from same person not recognized until no new participants are wanting to ask questions