

Whitemud Drive and Quesnell Bridge Project

Construction Update

June 2010



Project Overview

The widening of the Quesnell Bridge to enhance traffic flow and improve traffic safety will result in three lanes both east and westbound as well as auxiliary turning lanes and widened shoulders in both directions. A realignment of the existing multi-use trail north of the Quesnell Bridge, behind the arched retaining wall, is also being developed. The project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be complete by November 2010.

Recently completed and upcoming construction:

- » Pier extensions have been installed on the west side
- » Girders will be installed by mid-June
- » Removal of the old deck on the west side of the Quesnell Bridge; pouring of the new deck to follow
- » The west half of the Fox Drive Bridge is being reconstructed
- » Work on surrounding roads started in April and will continue until freeze-up
- » New access to Fort Edmonton Park will be constructed this summer

This is the first major rehabilitation of the Quesnell Bridge since it was constructed in 1967. It will increase its lifespan by up to 50 years. Reconstruction of the Fox Drive overpass will increase its lifespan by up to 75 years.

Traffic Arrangement

The current traffic arrangement across the Quesnell Bridge will continue until November 2010:

- » 2 lanes eastbound
- » 3 lanes westbound
- » Scheduled temporary closures of the Fox Drive ramps

Recommended Alternate Routes to Avoid Congestion: Anthony Henday Drive, Stony Plain Road, Groat Road

Before you begin your commute, check current traffic conditions online at www.edmontontraffcam.com



Pier extensions on the Quesnell Bridge



Demolition of the Fox Drive Bridge

Pedestrian/Cyclist Shuttle

The City of Edmonton continues to provide a free shuttle service through the construction zone for the safety of pedestrian and cyclist traffic. The drop off/pick up points are on Fox Drive at the Fort Edmonton Park entrance and on Laurier Drive at 142 A Street.

The shuttle, which includes bike racks and wheelchair accessibility, runs every half hour between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week for the duration of the project (until November 2010). For more information about the shuttle service, visit: www.edmonton.ca/quesnellbridge.



Reconstructed Fox Drive Bridge

Summer Conditions

With the warmer weather, construction on the Quesnell Bridge, Whitemud Drive and Fox Drive is now in high gear. There may be periodic lane closures as crews strive to complete work on the many aspects of the project. Please keep in mind that the reduced speeds and traffic shifts may result in delays, particularly during peak hours, when traffic volume is at its heaviest.



Construction Zone Safety Tips

For everyone's safety, including your own, remember these important construction zone safety tips:

- » Slow down and drive the posted speed limit
- » Pay close attention to all signs
- » Be prepared to stop in all construction zones
- » Move to the open lane when you see a sign noting one lane is ending
- » Plan an alternate route and give yourself extra time to reach your destination

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