

West LRT

Lewis Estates to Downtown

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Background

On January 19, 2011, City Council approved the West Light Rail Transit (LRT) Concept Plan, with a modification to use Meadowlark Road north of 87 Avenue. Consequently, the LRT will run on 87 Avenue, turn left on Meadowlark Road and continue north on 156 Street, as it was presented in 2009.

The Concept Plan determines:

- where the LRT tracks will be located along the route;
- where the LRT stations will be located;
- how people will access communities and businesses.



Highlights:

- Travel time from Lewis Estates to downtown in 25 to 28 minutes;
- Over 60,000 future daily boardings;
- Service to West Edmonton Mall, Misericordia Hospital, Meadowlark Mall, Jasper Place Transit Centre, Jasper Gates, Oliver Square and Grant MacEwan City Centre Campus;
- Connection with the Southeast LRT line through street-level Downtown LRT Connector and opportunities for transfers to the existing LRT system in the downtown core;
- Low-floor urban style.

Expanding the LRT system is a key priority for the City of Edmonton. On February 3, 2010, City Council passed a motion to make the combined West and Southeast LRT lines the next priority after, or concurrent with, the Downtown to NAIT line. No funding is currently in place to construct the West LRT line.

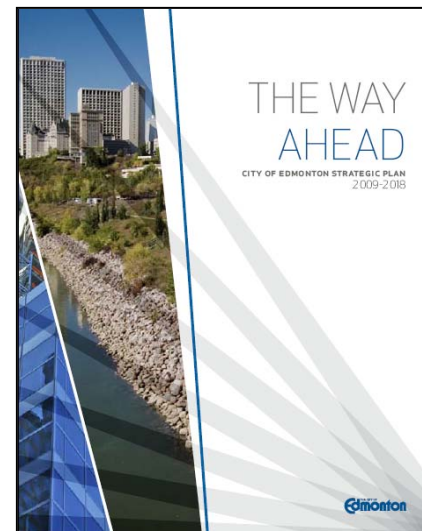
How does this Concept Plan fit into the bigger picture?

It's part of an overall vision

The City of Edmonton's strategic vision calls for a more compact, livable and sustainable city, where people have an opportunity and choose to use alternate transportation modes. This is outlined in the City's Strategic Plan, *The Way Ahead*, as well as in *The Way We Move* and *The Way We Grow*. Expanding the LRT network is one of the ways the City is planning to meet these objectives.

It moves the project forward

A new LRT line is a significant infrastructure project. It can take several years to move through the planning and engineering stages. The next step is to determine the project delivery method and funding to proceed to the preliminary engineering phase.



Urban Style

An urban-style approach will be used for this future low-floor LRT system, which will operate mainly at street-level and separate from traffic. The LRT will include smaller scale stations with close connections to the existing LRT stations.

An emphasis will be placed on aesthetics and fit within the surrounding area; integration with transit, pedestrian and cyclist connections; and operations that fit safely with reduced right-of-way and fewer barriers.



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