

Whitemud Drive and Quesnell Bridge Project

Construction Update

April 2011



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 will be completed during the summer of 2011.

Upcoming/completed construction:

- » Waterproofing and paving of the west side of Quesnell Bridge
- » Pouring the concrete median barrier on the east side of Quesnell Bridge
- » Final asphalt paving on Whitemud Drive from 53 Ave. to 149 St. and Terwillegar Dr. to 53 Ave. (overnight work)
- » Construction of a retaining wall on the northwest corner of Quesnell Bridge
- » Repavement on 53 Ave. ramps
- » Multi-use pathway behind arched wall is complete

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

Traffic Arrangement

Traffic alignments on the Quesnell Bridge will be as follows over the next four months:

From April 1 until May 18, there will be three lanes in each direction across the Quesnell Bridge.

From May 19 until June 6, traffic will shift to the east side of the bridge, and will be reduced to three westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes.

From June 8 until mid-August, there will be three lanes of traffic in each direction. Overnight paving of Whitemud Dr. will take place throughout the summer

Roadway construction will be completed in August. Final landscaping work is scheduled for September.



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 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week for the duration of the project (until the end of August, when pedestrian/cyclist access is restored). For more information about the shuttle service, visit:

www.edmonton.ca/quesnellbridge.



Spring Conditions

With the warmer weather, construction on the Quesnell Bridge, Whitemud Drive and Fox Drive will be expanded as we work towards late summer completion. There will be periodic overnight 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 slight delays. Motorists may wish to consider using either Anthony Henday Dr. or Groat Rd. as alternate routes during periods of heavy construction.



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

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