

# 23 Avenue Interchange Grand Opening



23 Avenue Interchange (southbound)

## Project Complete in mid-September 2011

Gateway Boulevard (northbound) at 23 Avenue will open to traffic on September 11, 2011 and Calgary Trail (southbound) at 23 Avenue will open to traffic on September 12, 2011 (both weather permitting). Construction will be complete for the 23 Avenue Interchange project by September 22, 2011. Hard work from crews and continued patience from the public has resulted in completion of the interchange with minimal delays. Edmonton drivers, transit users and pedestrians will all benefit from this project which came in under budget and on schedule. Final landscaping of the project will continue into 2012.

In order to ensure that road construction for this project was completed in 2011, traffic was shifted to the interchange to manage both traffic flow as well as a timely construction schedule. Calgary Trail and Gateway Boulevard was closed north and south of the 23 Avenue interchange and traffic was shifted over the interchange, via the southbound ramps for Calgary Trail and via the northbound ramps for Gateway Boulevard. This allowed for an efficient construction schedule while permitting north and southbound travel along these major arterial roads. In order to access South Edmonton Common from Calgary Trail motorists used the 23 Avenue Interchange and the 19 Avenue overpass or the 19 Ave access along Gateway Boulevard.

For more detailed construction information see the construction schedule highlights on the next page. See the complete 2011 construction schedule at [www.23avenue.com](http://www.23avenue.com)

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## Pedestrian Access

Sidewalks along the north and south side of 23 Avenue across Calgary Trail/Gateway Boulevard and across 23 Avenue at 99 Street allows pedestrian access across the interchange. Sidewalk access is also open from the subdivision in the southwest corner of the interchange.



Recently Paved Gateway Boulevard (north of 23 Avenue)



## 2011 Construction Schedule

*Note: all construction dates are dependent upon weather conditions*

During the 2011 construction season crews have been working on the rehabilitation of Calgary Trail and Gateway Boulevard to meet urban roadway design standards. This involved the installation of concrete curb and gutter, median barriers, catch basins and pavement renewal.

While the construction phase of this project will be completed by mid-September, 2011, landscaping of the area will continue in 2012 and should not impact traffic flow in a significant way. Single lane closures in each direction during non-peak hours may occur in 2012.

Due to landscaping and other work being completed in the project area, the speed limit on Calgary Trail and Gateway Boulevard near the 23 Avenue Interchange will remain 50 km/h to ensure the safety of crew members and motorists.

Visit [www.23avenue.com](http://www.23avenue.com) for more detailed traffic and construction information. The City of Edmonton would like to thank people for their patience during construction of the 23 Avenue Interchange.

# Overview of the 23 Avenue Interchange Construction

### JUNE 2009

- Construction of the 19 Avenue to Gateway Boulevard access road was completed.

### SEPTEMBER 2009

- The northeast and northwest ramps for the 23 Avenue westbound bridge to access the 23 Avenue bridge and Gateway Boulevard northbound were completed and opened.
- Westbound 23 Avenue bridge across Calgary Trail, Gateway Boulevard and the CPR tracks was completed and opened.
- Pedestrian access across the interchange began.

### OCTOBER 2009

- Removal of the old 23 Avenue roadway between 99 and 105 Streets was completed to allow for the eastbound bridge approaches to be constructed.
- Bridge girders were installed at 19 Avenue across Calgary Trail, Gateway Boulevard and the CPR tracks. Ramps were installed in the southeast and southwest quadrants and a sidewalk was added on the south side of 23 Avenue.

### SEPTEMBER 2010

- Eastbound 23 Avenue Interchange bridges over Gateway Boulevard and the CPR tracks opened.
- The 19 Avenue overpass over Calgary Trail and Gateway Boulevard opened.

### MAY 2011

- Calgary Trail and Gateway Boulevard was closed south and north of the 23 Avenue Interchange and traffic was directed onto the interchange via the southbound and northbound ramps. This work allowed the roadway to be rehabilitated by adding new pavement, curbs and gutters in one construction year.

### AUGUST 2011

- The 19 Avenue access along Gateway Boulevard was temporarily closed for three weeks to allow the roadway to be rehabilitated by adding new pavement, curbs and gutters.

### SEPTEMBER 2011

- Gateway Boulevard at 23 Avenue will be open to traffic on September 11 and Calgary Trail at 23 Avenue will be open to traffic on September 12 (weather permitting). The 23 Ave Interchange Project will be complete by September 22.