



MANNING DRIVE LONG-RANGE PLANNING STUDY

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Neighbourhood Planning

Manning Drive is a major commuter and goods movement corridor through northeast Edmonton, providing a connection between Yellowhead Trail and Anthony Henday Drive, and becoming Manning Freeway (Provincial Highway 15) to Fort Saskatchewan.

In order to prepare for the long term growth of Edmonton, City staff are conducting a concept planning study for Manning Drive from 137 Avenue to Anthony Henday Drive in order to prepare for the future widening of the road.

Concept Plan Highlights:

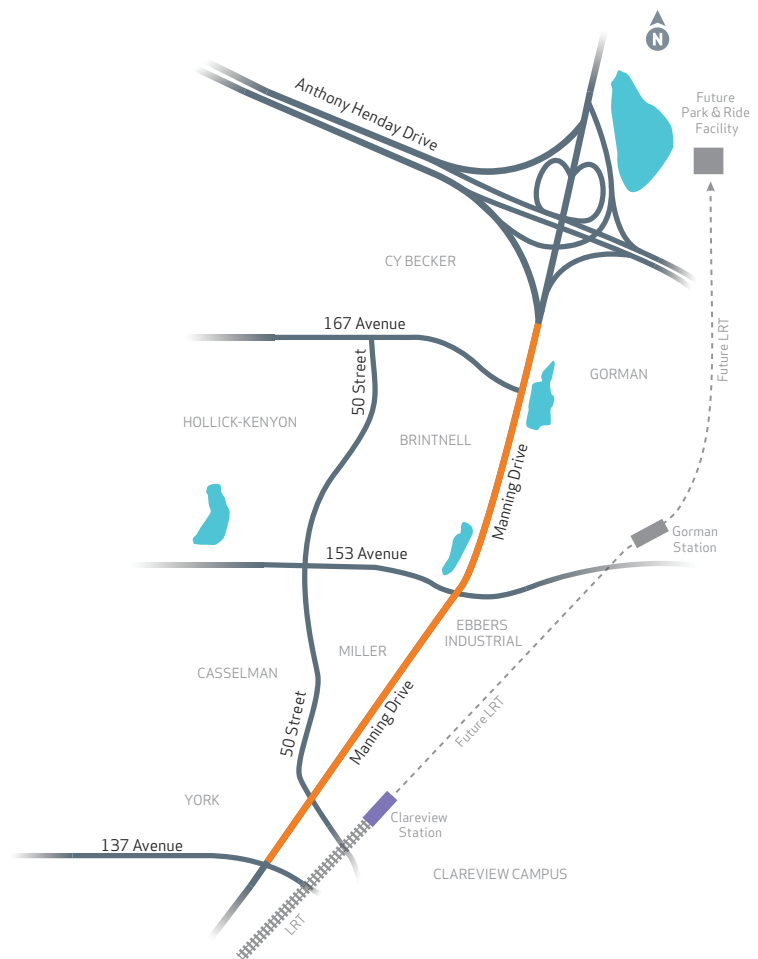
- Manning Drive will be widened from a 4-lane divided roadway to a 6-lane divided roadway in the project area
- Requirements and connections to the ultimate Manning Drive/Anthony Henday Drive interchange as designed by the Province of Alberta
- Pedestrians and cyclists will be accommodated through the installation of separate shared-use paths and sidewalks across Manning Drive but not along the road

The planning study will also examine:

- The safety and efficiency of intersections
- Future traffic growth and flow
- Access requirements for existing and future developments

Project Background

Named after Alberta Premier Earnest Manning in 1972, this 4-lane arterial road serves rapidly growing industrial, commercial and residential communities in Northeast Edmonton. This



anticipated growth has spurred a re-evaluation of arterial roads serving this area of the City.

Over the past several years, traffic volumes have increased due to residential development in the communities of Cy Becker, Gorman and Ebbers.

This increase is expected to continue with:

- The future development of the Horse Hill residential community which is anticipated to bring 70,000 new residents to the area
- The future development of the Edmonton Energy and Technology Park north of Manning Drive
- The completion of the Anthony Henday Drive/Manning Drive interchange



The planned LRT Capital Line extension from Clareview to Gorman as well as other possible stations beyond the Anthony Henday will provide improved transit service to this sector of the City.

Public Involvement

A public involvement process is being implemented as part of the concept planning study. As a key component of determining the transportation issues along the corridor, the project team will gather input from residents, commuters and area organizations.

This information will be considered along with technical findings in evaluating the draft and recommended Manning Drive concept plans.

Where We Are Today

Feedback from impacted stakeholders is being collected through Summer 2014. The recommended concept plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2014 and will be posted on the project website.

To date, no funding has been allocated for the widening of Manning Drive along the study corridor and construction timelines are unknown.

FAQ

Why Is Manning Drive Being Widened?

Manning Drive is being widened from 4-lanes to 6-lanes to accommodate future anticipated traffic flow.

When Will Construction Start?

Construction start dates are unknown at this time, as funding has not been allocated to this project. Long-range concept planning allows City administration to implement plans as soon as funding becomes available.

How Long Will Construction Last?

Many factors could impact construction timelines including how the construction is staged, weather conditions etc., however, a project of this size

could typically last anywhere from 2 - 3 years. Exact construction times won't be known until detailed engineering plans are completed for this project.

Will Any Property Need To Be Acquired For This Project?

No private property will need to be acquired for this project. The road's centre median strip will be used to construct the new lanes.

Will Accesses To Neighbourhoods Or Commercial/Industrial Areas Change?

No access closures or relocations are anticipated for this project. The concept plan may recommend changes to the number of turn bays or to lengthen current turn bays to improve traffic flow.

Will Traffic Noise Increase In Our Neighbourhood, Once Construction Is Complete?

A noise study has been conducted using readings taken along the corridor and incorporating projections for future traffic flow. The results of the noise study indicated existing noise mitigation measures will keep noise levels below the City's Urban Traffic Noise Policy threshold levels.

Why Are Bike Lanes Not Being Added Along Manning Drive?

The City's Bicycle Transportation Plan included an extensive study that reviewed and determined where the City should best place bike routes; Manning Drive was not identified as one of those locations. Several other current and future bike routes in the area allow cyclists to travel in a north - south direction and to the Downtown. For more information on bike routes in the area visit edmonton.ca/cycling.

For More Information about this Project or for Questions or Concerns:

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