Public Engagement Session

Valley Line West LRT will play an essential role in connecting Edmonton’s communities, and we are working to have it ready to go as soon as funding becomes available for construction.

Input during previous engagement suggested the project team consider a one-way arrangement for Stony Plain Road between 149 Street and 156 Street as a possible means of mitigating some of the traffic flow and access impacts in the area.

We have prepared some options and welcome your input.
Purpose of this engagement

Project input opportunity

- **Consult**: Obtain your views on options, developed in response to previous input, for a possible westbound one-way roadway arrangement on Stony Plain Road between 149 Street and 156 Street.

Your input will help in the preparation of recommendations to be considered by City Council in Fall 2018.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

OUR PROMISE

This is our city.

We value your input on how we maintain, grow and build Edmonton.

We believe engagement leads to better decision making.

We are committed to reaching out to our diverse communities in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

We want to understand your perspectives and build trusting relationships with you.

We will show you how you help influence City decisions.

Share your voice with us and shape our city.
Stony Plain Road between 149 St & 156 St
- Options for possible westbound one-way arrangement for the road in this segment
Background

New urban-style and low-floor LRT

- Low-floor LRT vehicles can be boarded from platforms that are close to sidewalk height
- The LRT runs alongside traffic and is controlled by intersection traffic signals
- Stop platforms are integrated with enhanced pedestrian crossings for safe accessibility
- With frequent stops, LRT access is within walking distance for more people
- Urban-style design minimizes barriers at stops for better integration into communities

Rendering of a typical Valley Line LRT stop (pictured: 105/106 Street Stop at Alex Decoteau Park)
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<td>City Council approves planning criteria for future LRT</td>
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<td>2009:</td>
<td>City commits to urban-style LRT to enable better fit into neighbourhoods</td>
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<td>Council selects Valley Line West corridor, from list initially containing 15 options, as best supporting redevelopment opportunities, encouraging density and achieving a more compact urban form</td>
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<td>City Council approves Valley Line West concept plan</td>
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Description

- The Valley Line West concept plan approved by Council in 2012 provided for two-way traffic on Stony Plain Road.
- This arrangement provides right-turn access to properties and businesses.
- However, due to limited roadway width, it is not possible to include turning lanes to permit left turns from Stony Plain Road.

*Amended in 2018 to provide a 90-degree turn for LRT at Stony Plain Road / 156 St intersection.
In public and stakeholder engagement, a one-way “split” option was suggested for the 149 St to 156 St segment.

- LRT would continue to run down the centre of Stony Plain Road, but both lanes of the road would run westbound.
- This would allow direct access to properties / businesses on both the north and south side of the road.
- Signalized pedestrian crossing of Stony Plain Road available at each intersection between 149 St and 156 St.
- This option is not recommended due to safety issues and complexity of traffic management.
One-way Option #1

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“Split” option (NOT recommended)

Considerations

- Unconventional design - potential confusion for drivers
- Drivers need to know and commit to destination in advance to get into appropriate westbound lane on Stony Plain Road
- Complex intersection designs, particularly at 149 St
- Provides vehicle access from Stony Plain Road to adjacent properties, but no opportunity to cross tracks to opposite side of the road
- Centre-running LRT will have overhead streetlights in the middle, off the sidewalk, thus creating more open pedestrian zone on the sidewalk
- Land requirement same as 2-way concept design
- The south side westbound lane is required to turn left at 155 St
**One-way Option #2**

**LRT south alignment; 2 through lanes**

**Description**

- LRT stop shifts one block east
- Two westbound lanes along the north side of Stony Plain Road
- No westbound left turn movement at 156 St
- No vehicle crossings of tracks between 149 St and 156 St
- Signalized pedestrian crossing of Stony Plain Road available at each intersection between 149 St and 156 St
**Considerations**

- Opportunity for on-street parking along north side of SPR in off-peak periods
- South side business delivery access via 100 Ave
- South side vehicle access to Stony Plain Road would be closed at 151, 152, 153, 154, and 155 St, except for emergency vehicles
- Reduced property requirement due to adjustment of the trackway and LRT stop location around 150 St
- Overhead Catenary System with streetlighting located along south side; separate streetlights along north sidewalk
One-way Option #3

LRT south alignment; 1 through & 1 left turn lane

Description

- LRT stop shifts one block east
- Two westbound through lanes between 153 St and 156 St (no westbound left turn movement at 156 St)
- Signalized vehicle crossings of SPR available at 151 St and 153 St
- Road closures required for every street south of SPR, except 151 St and 153 St
- Signalized pedestrian crossing of Stony Plain Road available at each intersection between 149 St and 156 St
Considerations

- Opportunity for westbound left turns at 151 St and 153 St
- South side business delivery access via 100 Ave
- South side vehicle access to Stony Plain Road will be closed at 152, 154, and 155 St, except for emergency vehicles
- Reduced property requirement due to adjustment of the trackway and LRT stop location around 150 St
- Overhead Catenary System with streetlighting located along south side; separate streetlights along north sidewalk
One-way Option #4

LRT south alignment; 1 lane + wider sidewalks

Description

- Single westbound lane with sidewalks approximately 3 metres wide
- LRT stop shifts one block east
- No westbound left turn movement at 156 St
- No vehicle crossings of tracks between 149 St and 156 St
- Road closures required for every street south of SPR
- Signalized pedestrian crossing of Stony Plain Road available at each intersection between 149 St and 156 St
Considerations

- Wider sidewalks and improved pedestrian realm
- South side business delivery access via 100 Ave
- South side vehicle access to Stony Plain Road would be closed at 151, 152, 153, 154, and 155 St, except for emergency vehicles
- Reduced property requirement due to adjustment of the trackway and LRT stop location around 150 St
- Overhead Catenary System with streetlighting located along south side; separate streetlights along north sidewalk
Network Implications

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One-way AM peak projections—opening day*

*compared to Concept Plan
Network Implications

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One-way PM peak projections—opening day*

*compared to Concept Plan
Moving forward

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Next steps

• Continue review of options, with consideration of public input and network implications
• Develop recommendations and present to City Council in Fall 2018
• If a 1-way option is recommended, there are potential future considerations for:
  • Possible extension of 1-way westbound operation of Stony Plain Road from 156 Street to 170 Street
  • Possible review of 100 Avenue operation (1-way eastbound or retain 2-way operation)
  • Potential impact to Valley Line West LRT project timelines
Feedback & information

What Do You Think?

COMPLETE A FEEDBACK FORM

- Tell us your views on the possible conversion of Stony Plain Road to a one-way westbound arrangement between 149 Street and 156 Street

LEARN MORE ABOUT VALLEY LINE WEST AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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