

Victoria Trail Bridges Rehabilitation

Frequently Asked Questions

Edmonton

1. Why is the City rehabilitating both bridges at the same time—won't this create unnecessary traffic congestion?

The two bridges are being rehabilitated at the same time to minimize disruption and achieve economies of scale saving with having one contractor do both at the same time.

2. How many lanes of traffic will be on each bridge during construction?

Each bridge will accommodate one through lane of traffic in each direction during construction.

The bridge over Yellowhead Trail will have an additional lane to accommodate the exit from southbound Victoria Trail to eastbound Yellowhead Trail.

It is anticipated that all lanes and movements will be open during winter shutdown.

3. Will trails will be closed in Kennedale Ravine. For how long?

The main trail in the Kennedale Ravine may be closed for limited periods during construction. This is to ensure public safety during overhead work.

The contractor will provide a two week notification prior to any closures.

4. Will I be able to walk and cycle across the bridges during construction?

Yes, a shared-use path (for both pedestrians and cyclists) will remain open on both bridges through the duration of construction.

5. How will I access Kennedale Ravine when the staircase is under construction?

Access will be available on 40th Street and the parking lot in the river valley at the end of Hermitage Park Road.

6. Describe the realigned section of the staircase in Kennedale Ravine.

The new staircase will be very similar to the current staircase following the current City standard. Only the top 20% of the staircase will be replaced.

7. Is there a planned detour for northbound Victoria Trail to westbound Yellowhead Trail?

Residents are asked to take either 118th Avenue or Hermitage Road to 50th Street, which then connects back to the Yellowhead Trail West, as the alternate routes during construction. Detour signs will be placed in advance of construction to notify commuters.

8. Will construction take place during the winter months?

A winter shutdown is expected, however limited construction activities may take place during this period (November to March). Actual dates will be determined by the project team based on progress and schedule.

9. Will construction take place both day and night?

Construction will take place per the City's noise bylaw which dictates 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

The contractor may apply for a noise bylaw waiver if construction is necessary beyond those hours. Work impacting the Yellowhead Trail is required to be done at night.

10. Will construction be taking place during the weekends?

The contractor will determine if work is required during the weekends to meet the project schedule. It is anticipated that construction will take place six days per week.

