



# 66 STREET LONG-RANGE PLANNING STUDY - PROJECT UPDATE

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

66 Street serves as an important commuter route connecting residential areas in the City's south side to Whitemud Drive and downtown Edmonton. In order to prepare for the long-term growth of Edmonton, City staff have developed a recommended concept plan for the widening of 66 Street from Ellerslie Road SW to 23 Avenue NW.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A public involvement process was implemented as part of the concept planning study to help the project team better understand the transportation needs for this corridor.

Throughout March 2014, the project team collected feedback from local property owners and organizations as well as road users via telephone calls and emails. All of the concerns and comments are considered during the study to develop the recommended concept plan, and are documented in the concept report.

## WHAT WE HEARD

Common Themes/Concerns	How to be Addressed through the Planning Study
Noise	66 Street is not a truck route and there is no planned connection to Anthony Henday Drive at 66 Street. The project team used a preliminary screening analysis and compared the planned 66 Street to similar roads with the same parameters and found the noise projection would not exceed the <i>Urban Traffic Noise Policy</i> requirement of 65 dBA for noise mitigation.
Speed Limit	The speed limit would remain at 60 km/h as it is today.
Pedestrian Connectivity & Safety	Additional sidewalk is planned along 66 Street from Ellerslie Road SW to 2 Avenue SW on the west side and from 12 Avenue to 23 Avenue on the east side. Signalized crossings are planned at 2 Avenue SW and 12 Avenue, and a pedestrian activated signal is included at 6 Avenue SW intersection.
Congestion	The entire corridor between Ellerslie Road SW and 23 Avenue will be widened to 2 lanes of travel in each direction. Turn bays and traffic signals will be provided at most intersections.

## RECOMMENDED PLAN

The recommended concept plan has addressed the following key issues:

- Safety and efficiency of intersections
- Requirements and connections to the flyover at Anthony Henday Drive
- Future traffic growth and flow
- Completing missing shared-use path and sidewalk connections

## WHAT'S NEXT

This is a long term plan; there is currently no funding in place to implement further stages of design and construction for this corridor.

## FIND OUT MORE

For additional information or to see the recommended plan, please visit: [www.edmonton.ca/roadplans](http://www.edmonton.ca/roadplans)