



## METRO LINE NORTHWEST LRT NAIT TO CAMPBELL ROAD

In 2009, City Council adopted a long-term LRT Network Plan that defines the future size, scale and style of the regional LRT system. Eventually, the LRT network will extend to the northwest, northeast, east southeast, south and west of the city. The plan balances Edmonton's long-term transportation needs with a commitment to grow green and make a compact, integrated urban environment with a high-quality, accessible transportation option in LRT. Expanding the Metro Line Northwest (NW) LRT is part of the City's vision to serve developed, redeveloping and new neighbourhoods in the north and northwest of the city.

### Urban Style LRT

Edmonton's current LRT system can be described as a suburban system. The City's LRT Network Plan calls for a change in approach to an urban LRT system that improves connections between the LRT and city life. The Metro Line is a combination of both; it is an extension of a suburban system that uses urban design as much as possible.

An urban LRT system means:

- Building smaller-scale stations spaced closer together
- Providing better links to a greater number of destinations, with more direct transit, pedestrian and cyclist connections
- Maximizing openness of space to create a safe environment
- Reducing speeds in neighbourhoods to ensure safety
- Investing in landscaping, streetscaping, and architectural features to improve visual appeal.



## **Metro Northwest LRT Alignment**

The Metro Line NW will extend from a new station at NAIT, north through Blatchford to connect to key activity centres along 113A Street, and then west along 153 Avenue before ending at a Park and Ride at Campbell Road.

The City evaluated a number of potential alignments during the route selection process. The final Metro Northwest LRT extension alignment is the most in line with the City's vision to connect Edmontonians with schools, hospitals, work and leisure destinations, as well as to build more transit-oriented communities. City Council approved the route in 2010.

## **Public Engagement**

Public engagement activities to get input for the final concept for the alignment and station design began in spring 2017. Engagement on preliminary engineering began in fall 2017 and continued in 2018 when the preliminary designs were shown to Edmontonians for feedback.

The Metro Northwest LRT public engagement included:

- 10 public engagement events (750+ attendees)
- 4 public information sessions (600+ attendees)
- 1,200+ online survey respondents
- 13 individual stakeholder meetings
- 4 community pop-ups

## **Next Steps**

The Metro Line Northwest LRT Extension will be built in two phases:

- Phase 1 – NAIT to Blatchford
- Phase 2 – Blatchford to Campbell Road

With funding in place for Phase 1 of the Metro Line LRT extension from NAIT to Blatchford, the City has entered into the procurement phase to select a contractor to deliver the project. The contractor is anticipated to be selected in early 2020. Phase 1 is anticipated to begin construction in 2020.

On January 22 2019, City Council approved the concept plan amendments to the Metro Line LRT extension from Blatchford to Campbell Road. The City has completed preliminary design of Phase 2 and the project will move forward when funding becomes available.

## **Find Out More**

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