

# Valley Line West LRT Access Closures

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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### **What is an access closure?**

An access closure is when the City closes accesses, or driveways, to properties for construction projects, such as Valley Line West.

### **Why are access closures necessary for Valley Line West?**

These access closures are necessary to protect the safety of residents, business owners, property owners and all road users along the Valley Line West LRT route.

Valley Line West LRT construction will transform some major roadways. To make room for the LRT in these areas, some service roads are being absorbed into main roads, and some roads are being reduced from four lanes of traffic to two, with one lane in each direction. To ensure everyone's safety, some driveways that would back into vehicle traffic or onto LRT tracks along the Valley Line West route need to be closed.

### **How did you decide which accesses to close?**

The City identified potential properties during our preliminary design phase for the project in 2013, and those were further refined through our final preliminary design, which we completed in 2019.

### **How are access closures approved?**

The provincial *Highways Development and Protection Act* provides the general authority and process for access closures.

Bylaws are presented to City Council for approval, which allows the City to permanently close accesses along the LRT route.

### **What areas are impacted? How do I know if my access is closing?**

Construction of the Valley Line West LRT will transform some major roadways in west Edmonton, including 156 Street, Stony Plain Road and 87 Avenue. The City has informed individual property owners who will be impacted by an access closure and will continue to work with them through the process.

## **What is the timeline for these closures?**

Right now, the exact timeline for access closures isn't confirmed. We will be able to provide more detailed timelines once a contractor for the Valley Line West LRT has been hired.

## **How many accesses are you closing?**

We will bring forward bylaws to close accesses to approximately 100 properties over the course of the year.

## **How long will these access closures last?**

Access closures along the Valley Line West LRT are permanent.

## **Are you removing service roads and on-street parking?**

The Valley Line West route is along what we call a constrained corridor, meaning there's very little room to fit sidewalks, roads and LRT in the existing space. Because of this, service roads along the route will be absorbed into main roads to accommodate the LRT and other required infrastructure. On-street parking will be provided when space is available.

## **How do I get more information on access closures or the Valley Line West LRT project?**

We are always here to help with any questions or concerns that you may have related to the project. Please contact the LRT projects information centre by email ([LRTprojects@edmonton.ca](mailto:LRTprojects@edmonton.ca)) or by leaving a voicemail at 780-496-4874 for more information.