

City and Province Partner on Major NW Corridor Improvements

On June 28, Mayor Bronconnier, Alderman Lowe and Alderman Hodges were joined by provincial Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Dr. Lyle Oberg to launch the construction of the NW LRT extension and corridor improvement project.

The \$183 million Northwest LRT Extension project includes widening Crowchild Trail from 53 Street NW to Stoney Trail, interchanges along Crowchild Trail at Sarcee Trail and Nose Hill Drive, a new CTrain Station adjacent to Crowfoot Towne Centre and LRT parking facilities on both the north and south sides of Crowchild Trail.

The Northwest LRT Extension project will be complete in 2008. The completion of the Sarcee Trail and Nose Hill Drive interchanges will create a free-flow condition on Crowchild Trail from 24 Avenue NW to Stoney Trail.

NW LRT Extension elements:

- Constructing an interchange at Crowchild Trail and Sarcee Trail NW
Project cost: \$25 million
- Constructing a diamond interchange at Crowchild Trail and Nose Hill Drive NW (includes road widening from Nose Hill Drive to east of Stoney Trail)
Project cost: \$35 million
- Extending the CTrain line 3 km from Dalhousie CTrain Station to Centennial CTrain Station (adjacent to Crowfoot Towne Centre)
Project cost: \$111 million
- Constructing Park 'n' Ride lots with capacity for 1,100 vehicles located on both the north and south sides of Crowchild Trail, adjacent to the station
Project cost: \$12 million

Additional element funded outside the project envelope:

- Widening eastbound and westbound Crowchild Trail from four to six lanes from 53 Street to east of Nose Hill Drive
Project cost: \$13 million funded through The City of Calgary and provincial fuel tax agreement