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Innovative planning means new interchanges to Stoney Trail

Calgary... Traffic flow in northwest Calgary will be greatly improved with the addition of three new interchanges and a flyover to the Stoney Trail Ring Road.

Design refinements and project cost savings have allowed the construction of new interchanges at Crowchild Trail, Country Hills Boulevard and Scenic Acres as well as a flyover (bridge over the highway with no on/off ramp) at Shaganappi Trail. When completed, Stoney Trail will connect Highway 1/Trans Canada Highway on the west side of the city to Highway 2/Deerfoot Trail on the city's north side with a four-lane divided roadway.

"Innovative planning has allowed us to incorporate these interchanges without adding to the overall budget of the Stoney Trail project," said Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Dr. Lyle Oberg. "The end result will be 15 kilometres of roadway that will benefit Calgarians by alleviating traffic congestion, and allowing goods and people to move more freely and safely through the city."

Once Stoney Trail is complete, the new roadway is expected to handle about 40,000 vehicles per day. The roadway will play an important role by offering another option in northwest Calgary for traffic going to and from Highway 2 and Highway 1 and help relieve traffic on existing northwest routes in the city.

"These interchanges will mean easier access in and out of our northwest communities and a quick link to the provincial ring road. That's great news for drivers from all over Calgary," said Mayor Dave Bronconnier. "This is another example of the Province delivering on their promise to help us build up our roads and transit system.

By linking our projects, like the proposed northwest LRT extension, to the Province's ring road, we can improve our transportation network faster, smarter and maybe even cheaper."

The $250-million project to construct the northwest leg of the Calgary ring road, including the new interchanges, will be supported by the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta. The Government of Canada will contribute up to $75 million to the project through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund. This fund is directed to large-scale projects of major national and regional significance, in areas that are vital to sustaining economic growth and supporting an enhanced quality of life for Canadians and their communities. The Government of Alberta is investing $175 million.

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Stoney Trail Ring Road Project

Project Features

- The approximately 15-kilometre construction project will form the northwest quadrant of a larger ring road project around the city of Calgary
- The project will include the construction of a limited access, four-lane highway beginning at Highway 1/Trans-Canada Highway on the west side of the city and ending at Highway 2 North/Deerfoot Trail on the city's north side
- Five interchanges offering access on or off the highway at Highway 1/Trans-Canada Highway, Scenic Acres, Crowchild Trail, Country Hills Boulevard and Highway 2/Deerfoot Trail
- One flyover (bridges over the highway with no on or off ramps) at Shaganappi Trail
- 26 separate bridge structures
- Five sets of existing signal intersections reduced to three sets of signal intersections
- When complete, the new roadway is expected to handle about 40,000 vehicles per day

What does the Stoney Trail project mean to Calgarians?

The new roadway is an integral part of the province's overall transportation network. The new roadway will help alleviate inner-city congestion and allow goods and people to move more freely through the city. It will also enhance mobility for Calgarians by relieving traffic pressure on other local roads and will accommodate traffic demands from the development of new communities in the area.

What is the schedule for the project?

Construction on the interchanges will begin in spring 2005 with the northwest portion of the project slated for completion by October 2007.

How is the project being funded?

The federal government is providing $75 million towards the Stoney Trail project through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund. The Alberta government is contributing $175 million for their share of the project. The entire cost of the project is budgeted for $250 million making this a very significant project in the city of Calgary and province of Alberta.

Did the public receive an opportunity to provide input on the project?

In June 2004, more than 400 residents attended two open houses to view displays and ask questions about the Stoney Trail project. Surveys filled out by participants provided input and suggestions to Alberta
Infrastructure and Transportation regarding final design for the project.

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