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Open House – September 2026

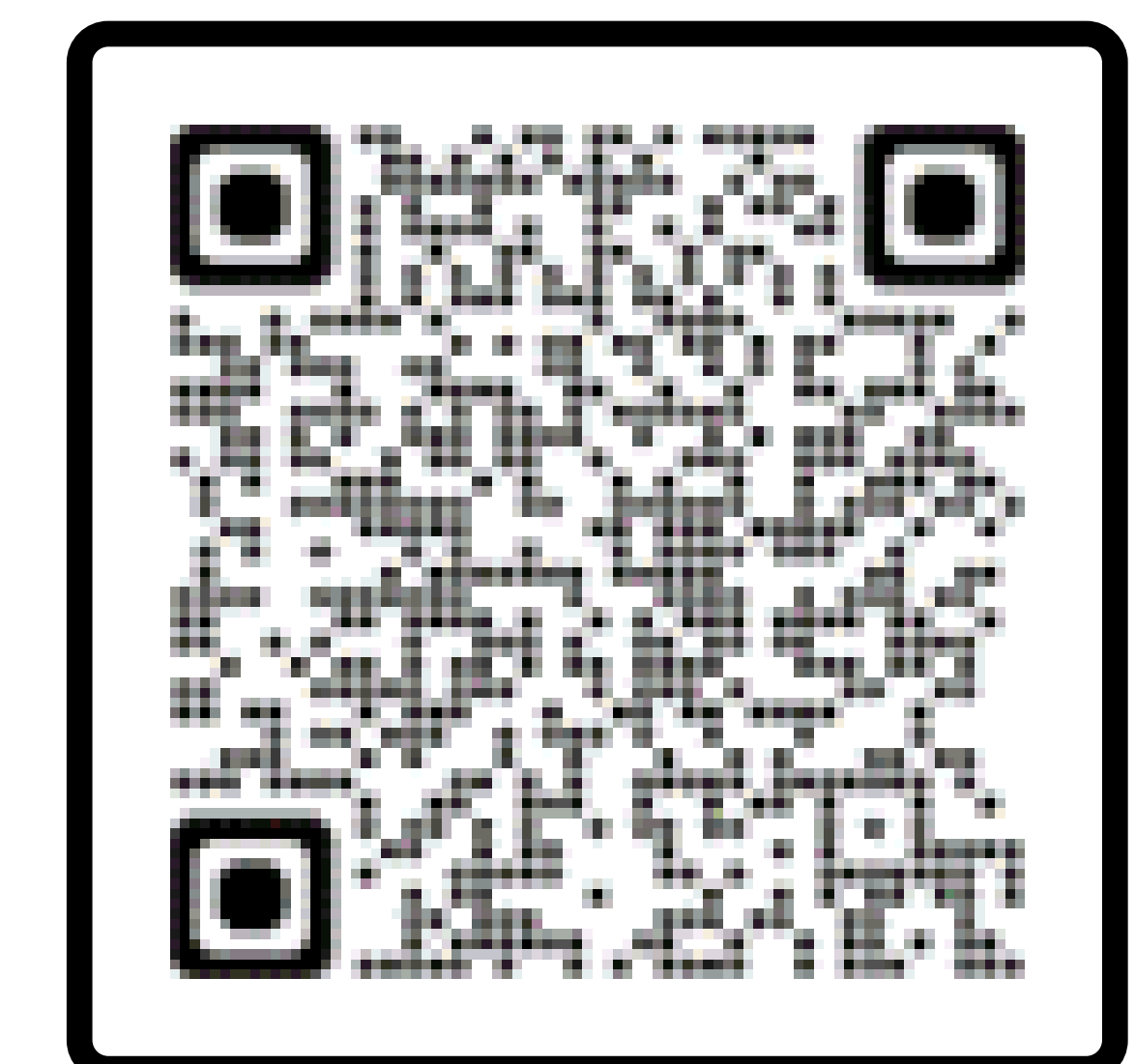
Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) is undertaking a functional planning study to develop a plan for an Airdrie Bypass.

In this first round of engagement, you can:

- Learn about the study, including its background, objectives, process, timeline, and why its needed
- Tell us your concerns, issues and ideas about the study area

Please review the project information and share your comments

Complete the comment form online or by using a paper copy available at in-person open house. Visit the project website or scan the QR code.



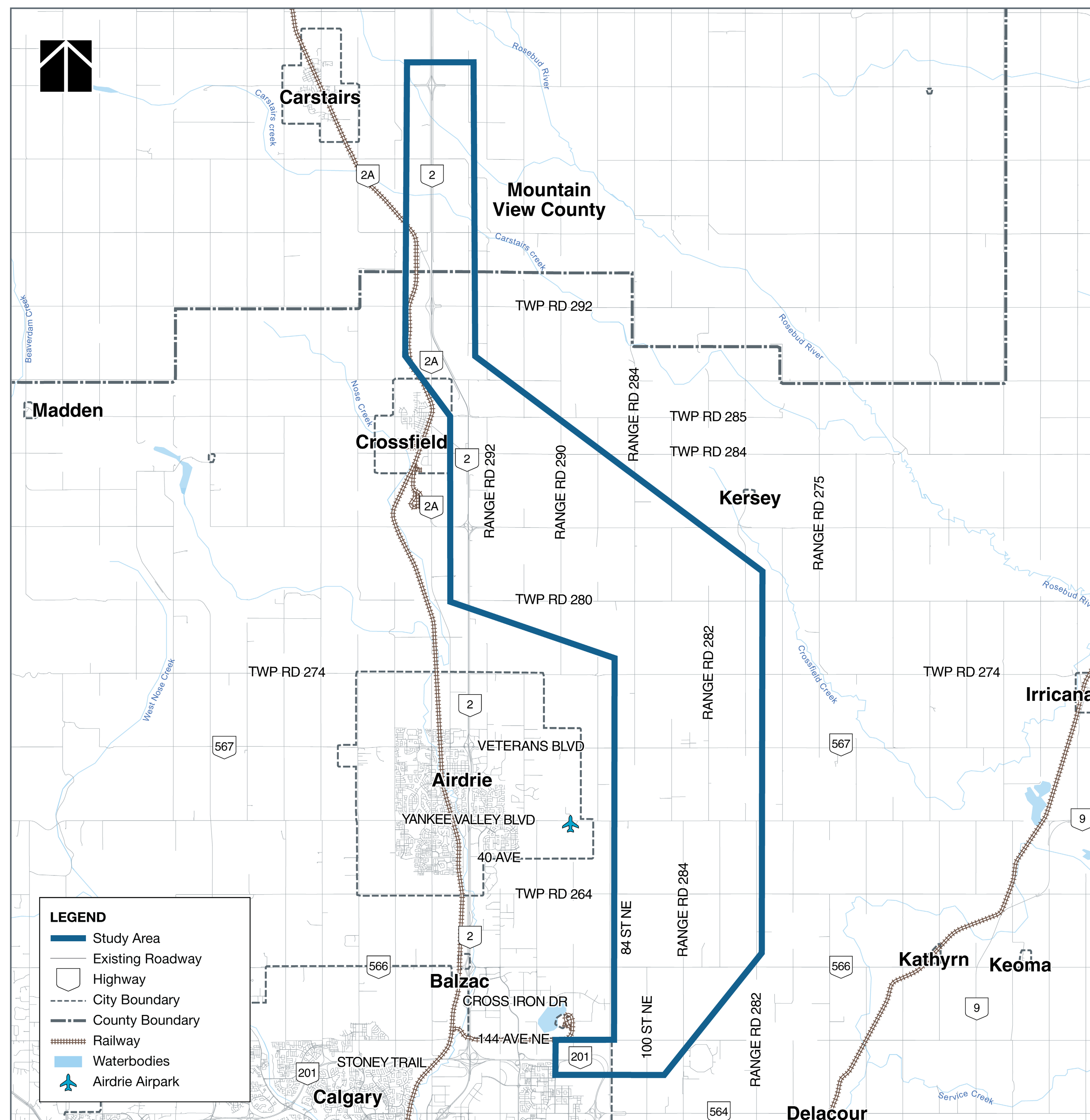
Public engagement next steps



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Project Overview

Project Area



Project objectives:

- Choose the best route for the new bypass corridor and connections, east of Airdrie.
- Find the best location for new northbound and southbound vehicle inspection and weigh scale stations on Highway 2 to take the place of the existing Balzac vehicle inspection station located on the east side of Highway 2.
- Prepare a detailed access management plan and point out where interchanges should be placed.
- Determine land or right-of-way needed along the new corridor.
- Seek stakeholder and public input throughout the study to inform the development and refinement of options and the recommended plan.

Technical Review Committee

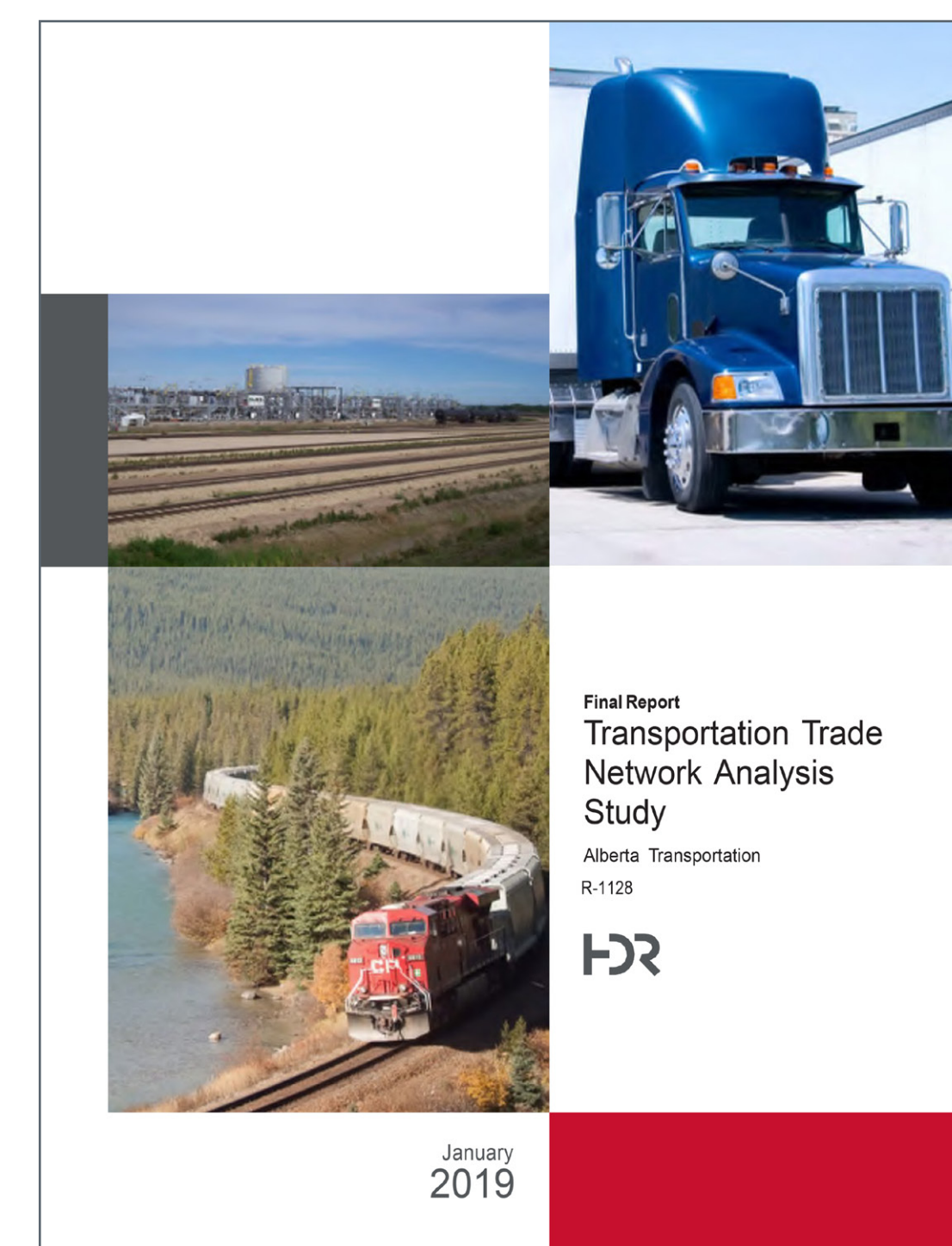
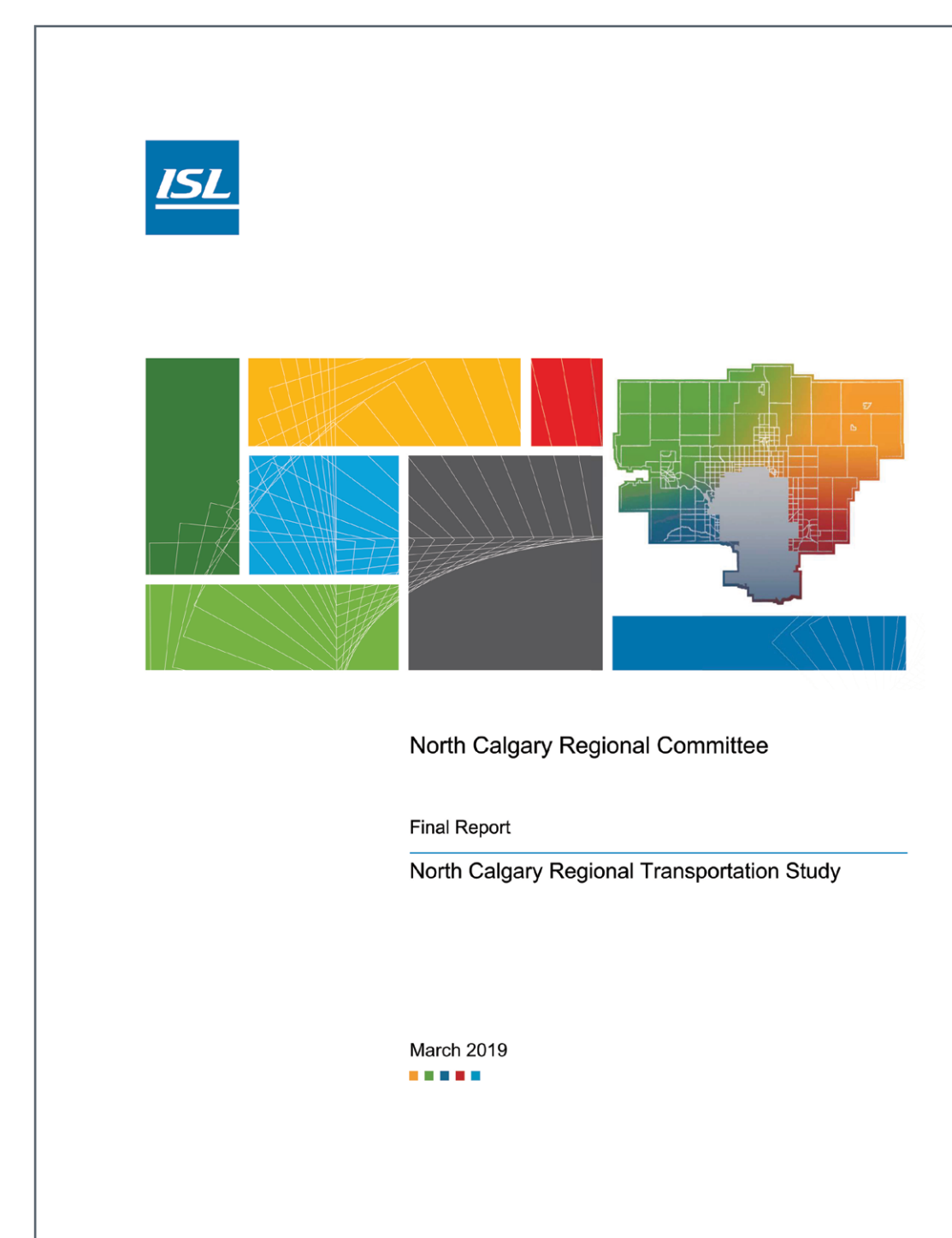
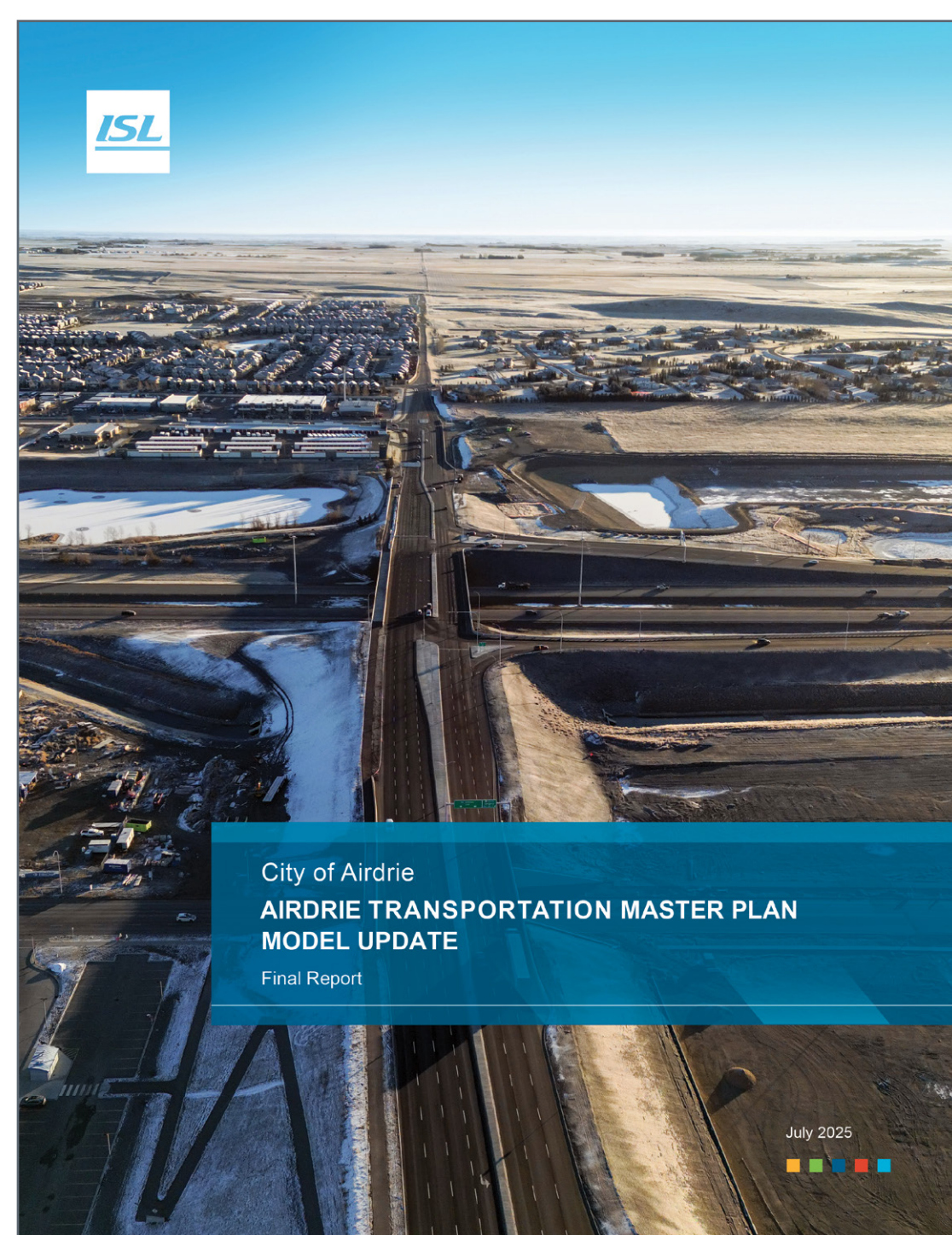
The study will be guided by a Technical Review Committee comprised of representatives from:

- Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors
- The City of Calgary
- The City of Airdrie
- Rocky View County
- Town of Crossfield
- Mountain View County

Why is the Airdrie Bypass being proposed?

Previous studies

The Airdrie Bypass has been identified in numerous planning and transportation documents over the past 30 years, reflecting long-standing recognition of its importance to regional mobility and network connectivity.



Current study

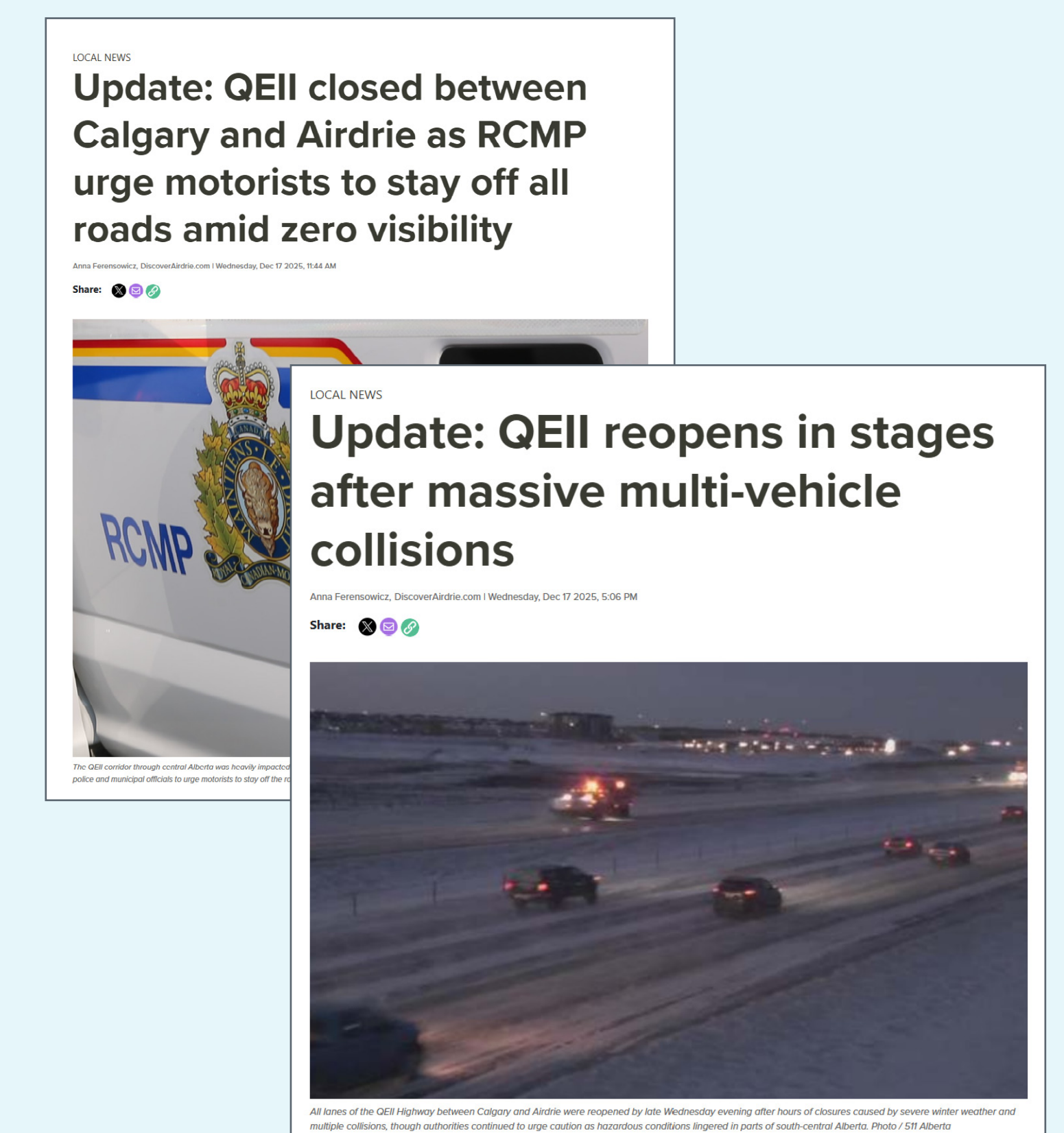
As Airdrie and the surrounding region continue to grow, TEC has initiated a study to explore a potential bypass East of Airdrie to improve the long-term transportation network and support the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. The current East Airdrie Bypass is being studied to help support:

- More reliable trips
- Emergency access
- Efficient goods movement
- Future growth
- More resilient transportation network

A need highlighted by recent events

On December 17, 2025, a major winter storm led to a multi-vehicle collision involving nearly 100 vehicles along Highway 2 south of Airdrie.

Highway 2 (QEII) was closed for most of the day, leaving travelers stranded and disrupting the movement of goods and services across the province.

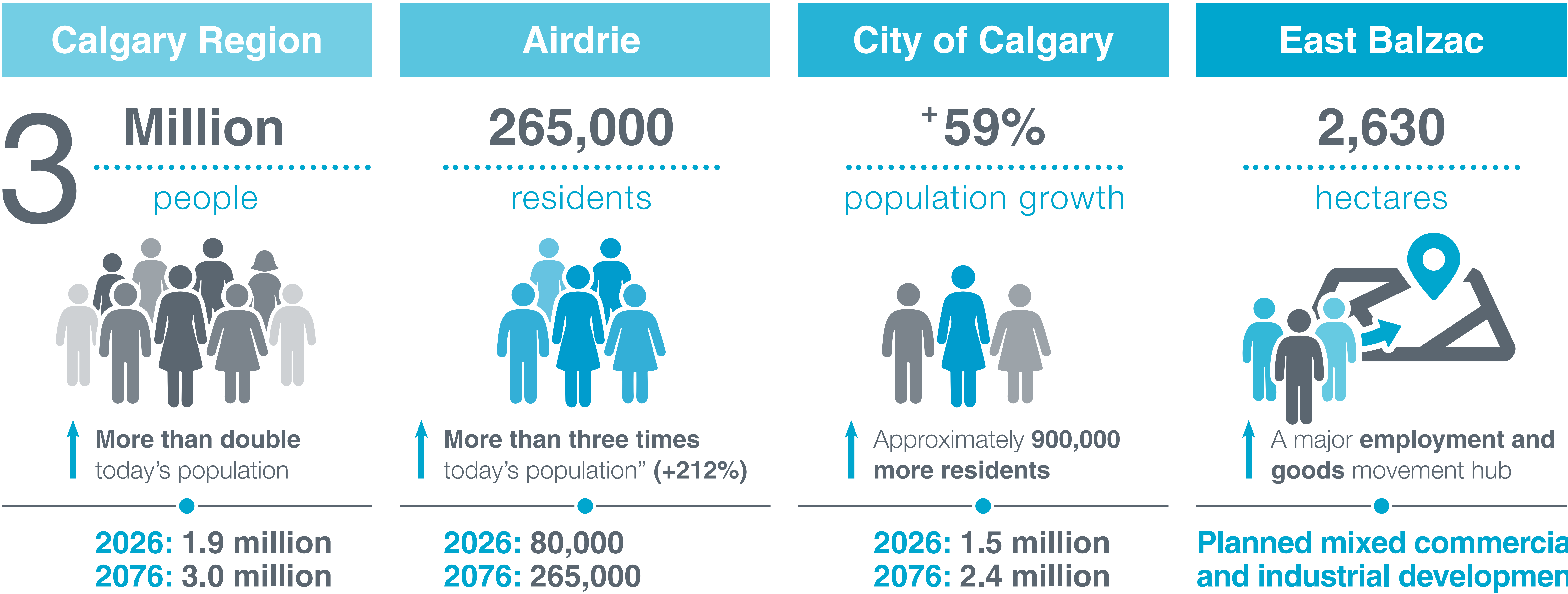


The event highlighted the need for additional north-south transportation options and a more resilient transportation network when major incidents affect Highway 2.

A Growing Region

More People. More Jobs. More Trips.

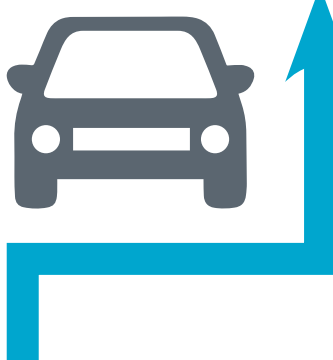
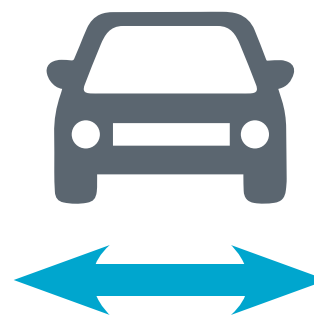
By 2076 ... Our region is expected to experience significant growth, increasing demand for homes, jobs and transportation.



As the region grows, more people, jobs and businesses will create more demand on the transportation network. **Planning today helps prepare for the region's future transportation needs.**

Highway 2 is Under Increasing Pressure

As the region grows, more people, businesses and goods will rely on Highway 2. Planning today helps prepare for tomorrow’s transportation needs.

Today	2040	2060
6 lanes for Traffic	10 lanes Required	Additional North-South Route Required
125,000+ Vehicles Every Day	Demand continues to grow. <i>Based on previous transportation planning studies.</i>	Another corridor helps meet future demand.
 Highway 2 already carries more than 125,000 vehicles daily between Calgary and Airdrie.	 Studies indicate key sections of Highway 2 are expected to require 10 lanes.	 Without another north-south corridor, several sections of Highway 2 are projected to experience frequent congestion and less reliable travel times.
Why it matters  Highway 2 is one of Alberta’s busiest highways and serves commuters, businesses and goods movement.	Why it matters  Traffic demand is expected to continue growing. Congestion on Highway 2 will continue to worsen even with the planned highway widening.	Why it matters  Widening Highway 2 alone may not meet long-term transportation needs.

Looking Ahead

Without additional north-south transportation infrastructure, Highway 2 is expected to experience increasing traffic demand, more frequent congestion and reduced travel reliability. Previous planning studies indicate that both highway improvements and an additional north-south corridor will be needed to support long-term regional growth.

Planning for the Future: Comparing Scenarios

As the region grows, different transportation approaches offer different opportunities and challenges.

Scenario 1

If No Additional North-South Route is Built
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Continue relying on Highway 2

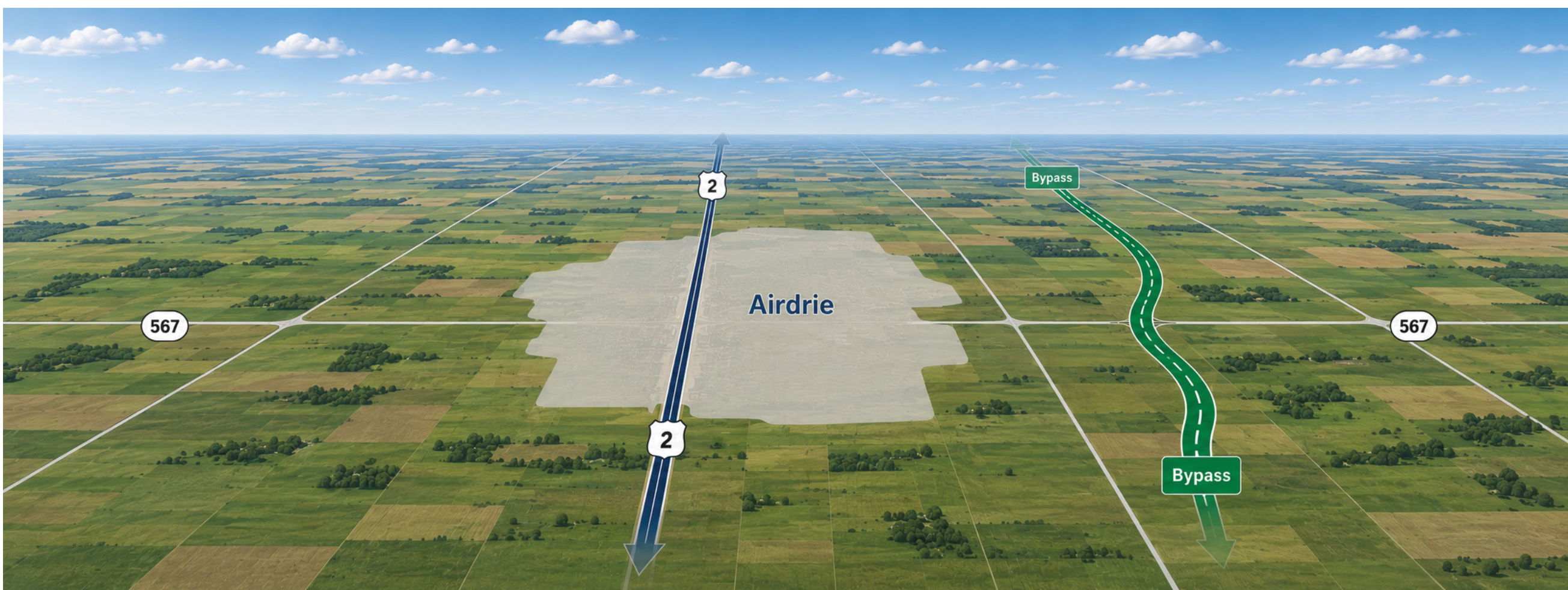


- Traffic demand continues to grow on Highway 2
- Congestion and travel delays become more common
- Highway widening alone may not meet long-term transportation needs
- Future widening could require additional highway right-of-way in developed areas
- One collision, major storm or road closure could significantly disrupt travel because there are few alternate north-south routes

Longer, Less Reliable Trips

Scenario 2

If An Additional North-South Route is Built
.....
Expand the regional transportation network



- Provides another north-south travel option
- Helps distribute traffic across the transportation network
- Improves travel reliability during everyday travel and major incidents
- Supports future population, employment and goods movement
- Creates a more resilient regional transportation network

Traffic Distributed Across Two Corridors. More options, More Reliability, Stronger Connections

Did you Know?

ONE HIGHWAY STILL MEANS ONE POINT OF FAILURE: Even with additional Highway 2 lanes added, a major collision, winter storm or road closure can disrupt travel because there are few alternate north-south routes.

PREVIOUS STUDIES FOUND
OVER \$100 MILLION in potential travel time savings and
\$5 MILLION in potential safety benefits in the 20 years after construction

WHAT IT MEANS: A previous provincial study found that improving the transportation network could provide significant travel time and safety benefits over the long term. These findings were one of several factors supporting continued study of an additional north-south corridor.

PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH:
A more connected transportation network provides additional travel options when incidents occur and as the region continues to grow.

Detailed Project Schedule and Process

WE ARE HERE



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Share your comments!

- We'd like to hear your feedback on the Airdrie Bypass Functional Planning Study.
- Please share your feedback with the project team by completing a paper copy or online version of the comment form. The display boards and comment form are available on the website and QR code.



How your feedback will be used

- At this time, neither concept options nor a recommended plan have been developed for the East Airdrie Bypass. Through three rounds of engagement in 2026 and 2027, the project team will draft, refine, and finalize the concept options and recommended plan.
- Feedback from area landowners, residents, businesses, the identified Indigenous communities, and the public, along with technical considerations and requirements, plans/policies, and budget, will be used to inform the development and refinement of the concept options and recommended plan.

Information about upcoming engagement opportunities will be shared once details are confirmed.

What's Next

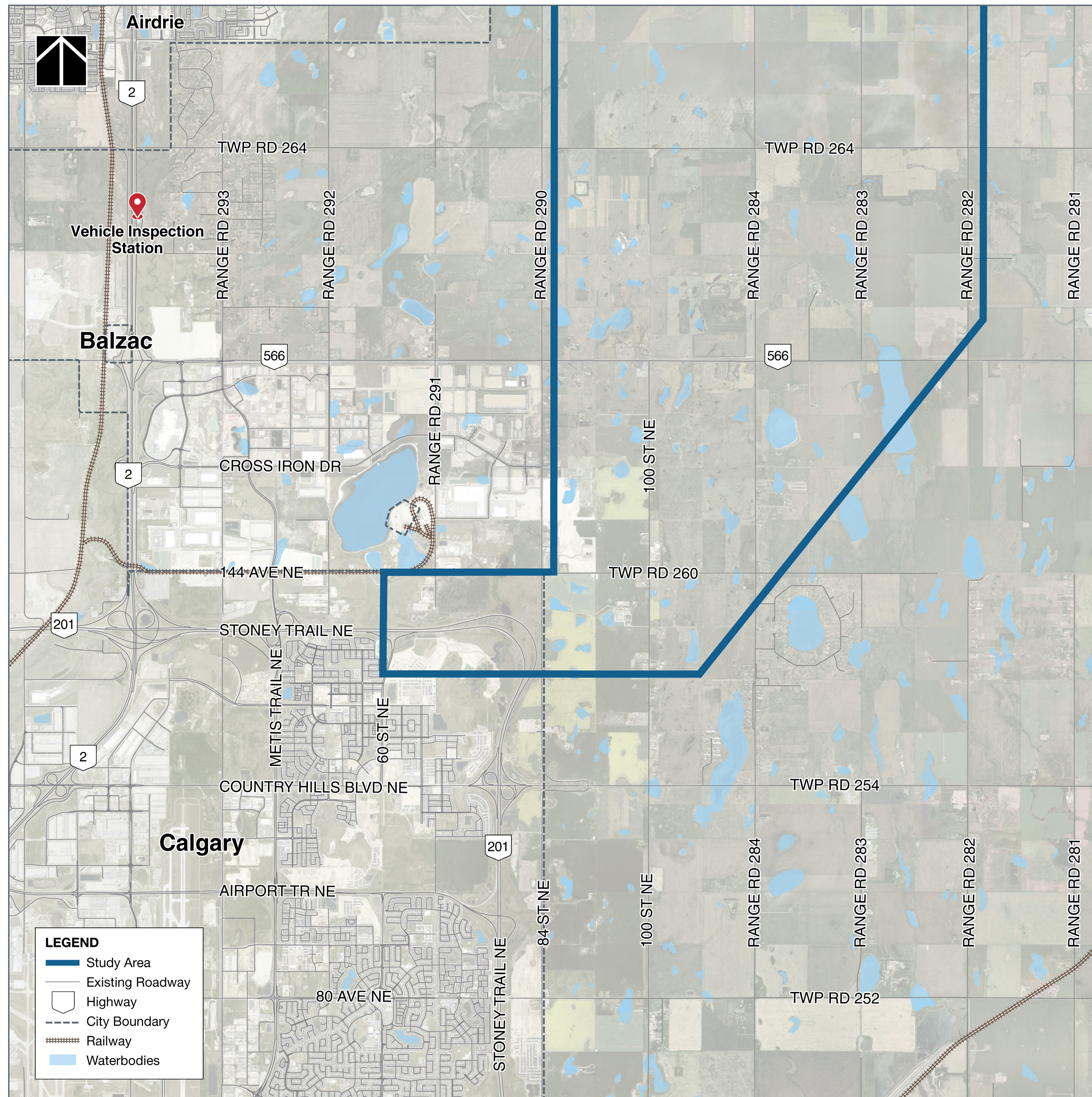
- **Public Open House #2 – December 2026**

The project team will share the concept options and seek feedback from stakeholders and the public.

- **Public Open House #3 – June 2027**

A recommended plan will be presented for final stakeholder and public review and feedback before the study is finalized.

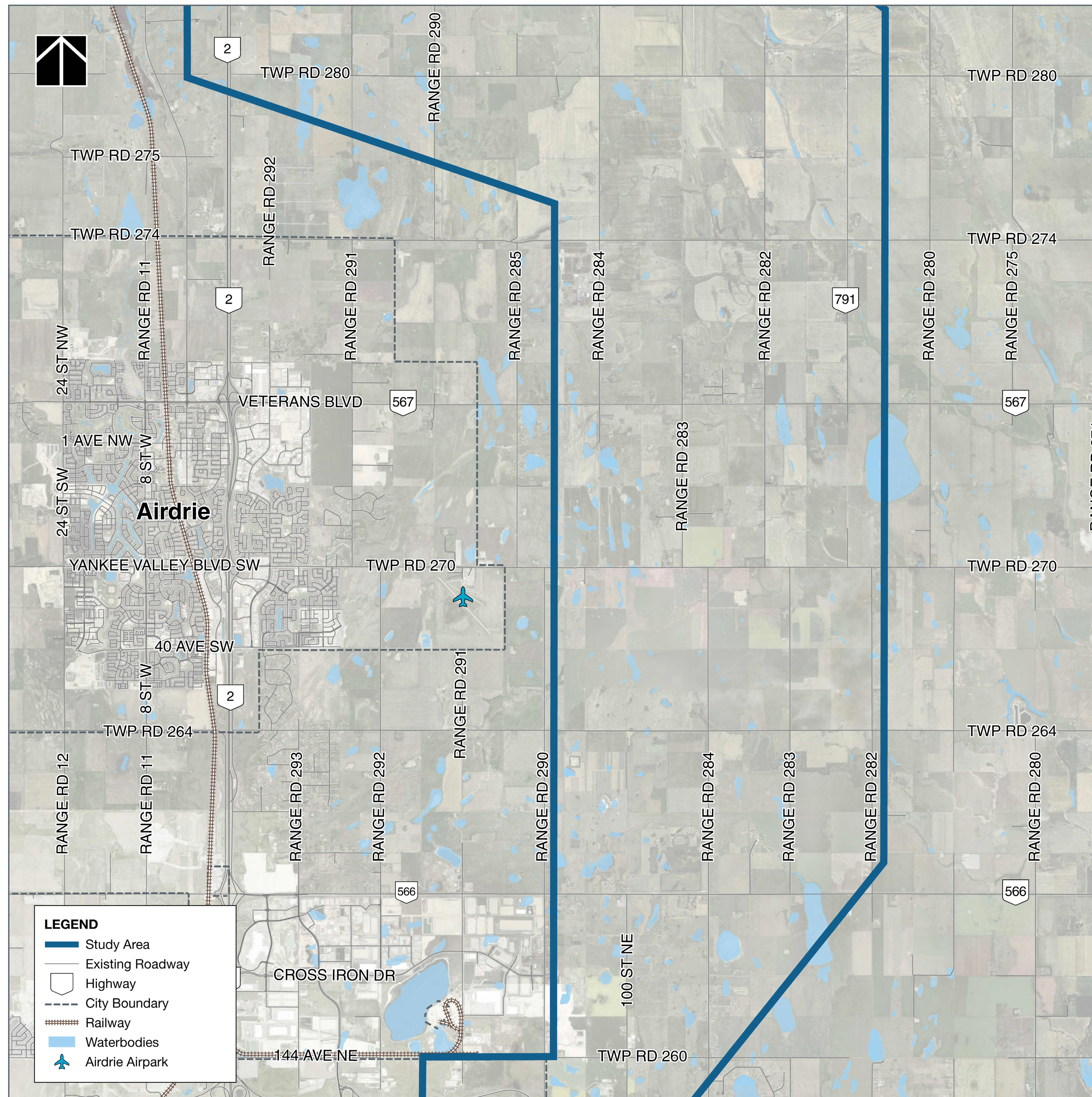
Project Area - South Section



Initial Considerations:

- Existing and Planned Balzac Development and Access
- Major Waterbodies
- Stoney Trail Network Connectivity
- Existing Vehicle Inspection Station
- City of Calgary/Rocky View County Planned Development
- Country Residential
- Agricultural Uses

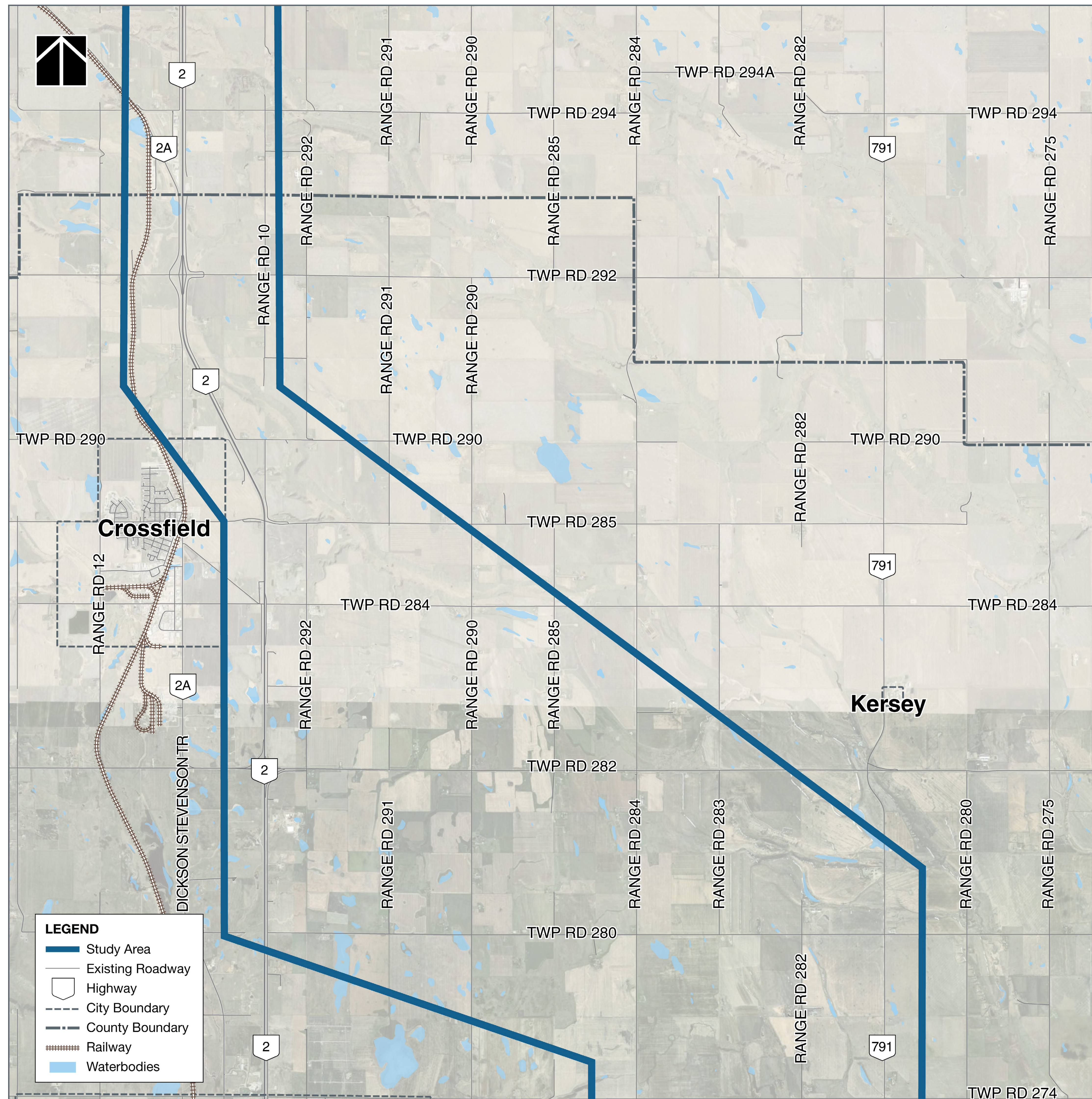
Project Area - Centre Section



Initial Considerations:

- Airdrie Airpark
- Major Waterbodies
- Highway 566 Access
- Highway 567 Access
- Proximity to Airdrie
- Proximity to Transmission Lines
- Proximity to Pipelines and Wells
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Historical Resource Areas
- Country Residential
- Agricultural Uses

Project Area - North Section



Initial Considerations:

- Major Waterbodies
- Highway 72 Access
- Highway 2 Access
- Proximity to Crossfield
- Proximity to Transmission Lines
- Proximity to Pipelines and Wells
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Historical Resource Areas
- Geotechnically Unstable Areas
- Country Residential
- Agricultural Uses