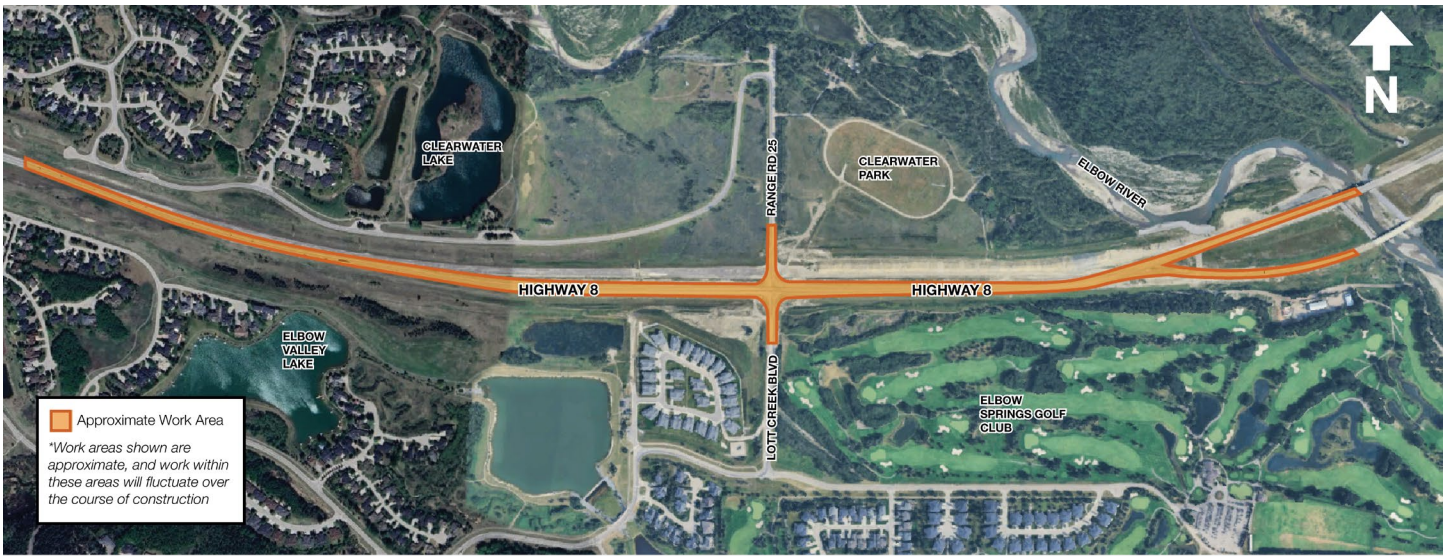
Highway 8 Eastbound Elbow River Bridge

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REMINDER: Continuing Paving Activities and Traffic Impacts

Paving activities are ongoing on multiple sections throughout the project limits (see map below) and continue over the Fall of 2026. Traffic impacts will be communicated through on site signage. As this work is weather dependent, completion times for each section of work are anticipated to fluctuate. Please note that any work that cannot move forward due to weather conditions will be completed in the new year.



What to Expect

Increased Travel Times

Increased travel times and temporary delays are anticipated during this time due to the volume of work being completed. Members of the public are advised to plan ahead and give themselves extra time when travelling through the area. Work may occur during peak travel times to assist in progressing work on days with adequate weather conditions.

Frequent Changes to Traffic Configurations, Speed Limit Reductions, and Onsite Personnel

Traffic configurations will change frequently as work areas are closed to traffic to allow for paving, and traffic is detoured to allow continued access while work is ongoing. Speed limit reductions will be in place throughout the work zone, and signage and personnel will be onsite to assist motorists in travelling safely through the area. Your patience and adherence to reduced speed limits, posted signage, and the direction of onsite personnel is greatly appreciated as it helps ensure the safety of workers and the travelling public.

Lane Closures and Single Lane Alternating Traffic

Lane closures, including closures which require single lanes of alternating traffic directed by flaggers, may be be implemented as required over the course of this work to provide adequate space for paving activities. Access to the area will remain open during the course of this work.

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What to Expect

Impacted Intersection Operations at Lott Creek Boulevard

As required, traffic signals at the intersection of Lott Creek Boulevard and Highway 8 may be temporarily set to flash red and act as a four-way stop. Onsite personnel will be present to assist in directing traffic and supporting drivers in navigating the intersection when required. All movements at the intersection will be maintained and remain open during this work.

Daytime Work Planned

When possible, crews will be working 7 days a week and work will occur during daylight hours. Work may occur during peak travel hours and drivers are reminded to plan ahead.

Temporary Pavement Markings

Areas within the work zone will be in a temporary condition as work is completed, with temporary pavement markings in place prior to the painting of permanent lines. Please use caution when travelling through the work zone.

Parking

Parking is not permitted along the highway or within construction limits. This area remains an active construction site with heavy machinery and workers present; drivers are reminded to obey posted signage and drive with care. Designated Elbow River access points can be found using the City of Calgary's River Access Map.

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Eastbound Elbow River Bridge, 2026 Progress Update

Many significant milestones were reached in 2026 as construction of the new eastbound bridge continues to progress.

Demolition of Decommissioned Eastbound Bridge

The existing, decommissioned eastbound bridge had reached the end of its service life and was demolished early in the 2026 construction season.





Construction of New Eastbound Bridge

Construction of the new eastbound bridge continued throughout 2026, with notable milestones being completed during this year's construction season including:

Girder Delivery and Installation

Girders were successfully delivered and installed for the construction of the new eastbound bridge.



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Bridge Deck Pour on the New Eastbound Bridge

The bridge deck was poured on the new eastbound bridge, marking a significant milestone towards the completion of the bridge.



Intersection Improvements at Lott Creek Boulevard

Upgrades have been made to the intersection of Lott Creek Boulevard to improve overall safety and capacity at this busy intersection, and to accommodate twinning of Highway 8. Improvements include the addition of separate lanes for left-turning vehicles off Highway 8 for both eastbound and westbound traffic. The optimization of traffic lights at the intersection is ongoing.



Paving Work

Significant progress was made rehabilitating existing pavement and paving newly constructed areas. Remaining paving activities will continue into 2027.



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Traffic Moved onto New Westbound Lanes

Westbound traffic was successfully moved onto the new westbound lanes. The future Highway 8 eastbound lanes were temporarily closed to public traffic while the new eastbound bridge construction continues.



Wildlife Fencing Installation

Installation of wildlife exclusion fencing began along both sides of Highway 8 from Stoney Trail to Stonepine Way. The installation of fencing will enhance safety for drivers while encouraging wildlife to move freely through the Elbow River valley.





Additional Information

Highway 8 is a provincial highway, and traffic updates and road conditions are reported through 511 Alberta.

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