

Welcome to the Public Open House

Highway 18 and Highway 44 Road Widening and Other Improvements

Your input is important!



Getting Around

1. Pick up a copy of the information package

The information package includes a Public Information Sheet and Questionnaire.

2. Browse the information boards and ask questions

Representatives from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) and Al-Terra are here to answer your questions about the project.

3. Your input is important!

Please complete and return the questionnaire.

The information provided today is available on the project website
<https://www.alberta.ca/highway-planning-studies>
or by scanning the QR code below:



What is the purpose of this Public Open House?

Today's session aims to inform stakeholders, landowners, and the public about the preliminary design for the proposed widening and other improvements to Highway 18 and Highway 44 within the Town and County limits of Westlock.

Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) invite you to view the displayed plans and provide feedback on the proposed improvements.

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What is the main goal of the improvements?

The purpose of this project is to resurface and upgrade Highway 18 and Highway 44 through the Town of Westlock to accommodate current and future traffic volumes.

Featured improvements include:

- ♦ Increasing roadway capacity by providing two through travel lanes in each direction.
- ♦ Implementing access management strategies to minimize traffic conflict points.
- ♦ Enhancing pedestrian facilities to promote and support active transportation.
- ♦ Construction of new service roads to support access management
- ♦ Improving existing frontage service roads to facilitate the turning of large trucks.
- ♦ Reconstruction of Highway 44 and Highway 18 intersection with concrete pavement.
- ♦ Upgrading existing signal lights and street lights.

Together, these improvements are designed to support the long-term growth and development of the Town, the County, and the surrounding community.

What has been done to date?

2010: Corridor Planning Study

TEC completed a Planning Study for Highway 18 and Highway 44. This study was completed through public consultation and discussions with the Town of Westlock.

Three key improvement priorities within the Town were identified and they included:

- ♦ Improved access to businesses
- ♦ Installation of traffic lights at some intersections
- ♦ Enhanced pedestrian safety

What has been done to date?

2024: Design

TEC requested that Al-Terra review the 2010 Study and its technical recommendations again to help move forward with the design based on those 2010 recommendations.

Due to the time that has passed, Al-Terra was requested to update the recommendations, as necessary, based on current traffic conditions and existing development. Our team reviewed and confirmed that the upgrades proposed in the 2010 Study are still valid.

Based on this update and review, traffic projections indicate that the proposed network will be able to handle traffic growth through to the year 2042 and beyond.

What has been done to date?

2025: Public Open House

This Open House is being held in order to receive valuable public and stakeholder feedback. The design plans shown in this session were recently shared with the Town by TEC for feedback, which included a presentation to the Town Council.

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What are the Next Steps?

The project team will review the feedback gathered today (and feedback from stakeholders). This feedback will be considered when updating the design.

The Department (TEC) will also be proceeding with:

- ♦ Holding one-on-one meetings with affected landowners, residents, school boards, and businesses impacted by the proposed improvements.
- ♦ Engaging in discussions with landowners regarding right-of-way acquisition for these improvements.
- ♦ Coordinating with utility companies to identify impacts and any necessary relocations or adjustments.
- ♦ Engaging in formal discussions and negotiations with Canadian National Railway (CN) to secure a crossing permit for the realigned 96 Avenue south leg at Highway 18.
- ♦ Developing a plan for how traffic will be managed during the reconstruction of the Highway 18 and Highway 44 intersection and other heavy traffic areas.

When will the Department (TEC) be constructing these improvements?

The Highway 18 and Highway 44 improvements are not in the current three-year construction program. However, this project may move forward based on the successful negotiations with the stakeholders, which can advance construction schedule.

For Additional Information

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