

April 20, 2015

Dear businesses and residents,

### **Temporary Closure of 17 Street Over Sherwood Park Freeway**

As part of the Northeast Anthony Henday Drive project, the 17 Street/Sherwood Park Freeway interchange is being reconstructed to a full diamond interchange, with two new bridges replacing the existing bridge. These improvements will enhance safety and capacity in preparation for increased traffic expected when the Edmonton Ring Road is completed in fall 2016.

**This is an advanced notification that the 17 Street bridge over Sherwood Park Freeway will be closed from May 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015\***. The closure is required to demolish the existing 17 Street bridge and reconstruct the interchange at 17 Street in its entirety. A temporary traffic intersection will be constructed where the old 76 Avenue flyover was, to assist the flow of traffic in the area. The 17 Street closure and reconstruction will be done in 5 separate stages.

#### **STAGE 1: Demolition of the existing 17 Street bridge. May 1, 8:00 pm to May 4, 5:00 am.\***

17 Street and Sherwood Park Freeway will be closed for the demolition. Eastbound Sherwood Park Freeway traffic will be detoured at the 34 street interchange and sent to Baseline Road or Whitemud Drive. Westbound Sherwood Park Freeway traffic will be detoured via Anthony Henday Drive to Baseline Road or Whitemud Drive. 17 Street traffic will be detoured at Baseline Road and Whitemud Drive to Anthony Henday Drive or 34 Street. Following the demolition, Sherwood Park Freeway will be reopened, but 17 Street will remain closed. However, the ramps will be reopened for eastbound to southbound traffic and southbound to westbound traffic.

#### **STAGE 2: Construction of a temporary intersection at 76 Avenue. May 1 – May 10\***

A temporary intersection with traffic signals will be constructed where the 76 Avenue Flyover was previously located. Permitted movements at this intersection will be eastbound Sherwood Park Freeway to southbound 76 Avenue and northbound 76 Avenue to eastbound or westbound Sherwood Park Freeway. The left turn from westbound Sherwood Park Freeway onto 76 Avenue will not be permitted.

#### **STAGE 3: Reconstruction of the eastbound to southbound ramp. May 11-September 30\***

Once the new 76 Avenue intersection is open, the eastbound to southbound ramp at 17 St will be closed and traffic will be detoured to 34 Street or the new 76 Avenue intersection. At this stage, 17 Street will be closed at 77 Avenue to allow the south approach to the bridge to be re-graded.

#### **STAGE 4: Reconstruction of the southbound to westbound ramp. June 22-September 30\***

The southbound to westbound ramp will be closed for reconstruction in mid-June. Traffic will be detoured to 34 Street. At this stage, 17 Street will be closed at 90 Avenue to allow the north approach to the bridge to be re-graded.

#### **STAGE 5: Opening the new bridge at 17 Street. September 30, 2015\***

17 Street will be reopened with northbound and southbound traffic moved onto the new northbound 17 Street bridge. All four ramps will be opened, and the 76 Avenue temporary connection will be removed. This stage will then remain in place for the remainder of the project until the new southbound bridge is completed.

When completed in the fall of 2016, the 17 Street interchange will provide the general public with an uninterrupted commute for the City of Edmonton and Sherwood Park to the 17 Street Area, with improved access as a full diamond interchange.

For traffic updates on this project, visit the Northeast Anthony Henday Drive Project website at [www.northeastanthonyhenday.com](http://www.northeastanthonyhenday.com) and follow @NEAHCityLink on Twitter.

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