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LRT Capital Line South Extension Project Update (April 2023)

Dear Ward Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi residents:

I have some new updates to share regarding Phase 1 of the LRT Capital Line South Extension Project, which aims to extend the Capital Line from Century Park to Ellerslie Road.

Proposed the project scope change

The LRT project team is proposing a project scope change to keep the project on budget. Key highlights of the proposed scope change include:

- LRT crossing at Ellerslie Road to be changed from elevated to at-grade (street) level.
- Deferral of expanding the number of Heritage Valley Park & Ride's stalls from 1100 to 1900.
- Reduced number of LRT cars to be purchased, and reduced capacity combined with partial deferral of the LRT operations & maintenance centre.

More details on the proposed scope change are available at:

<https://pub-edmonton.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=180578>

- **Important Notice:** Edmonton City Council's Executive Committee will discuss the proposed scope change at its **May 3, 2023** at 9:30 AM meeting at City Hall and Edmontonians have an opportunity to provide input during this meeting. **Edmontonians who wish to speak in front of Council's Executive Committee to provide input (in person or remotely) regarding the proposed LRT scope change are required to register in advance.** Register online at edmonton.ca/city-government/council-committee-meetings (see the City Clerk Frequently Asked Questions link) or Register by telephone by calling 780-496-8178 from 8:00am-4:30pm (Monday-Friday).

Twin Brooks Station 2023 public survey results

Between December 14, 2022 and January 22, 2023, the City of Edmonton gathered public feedback and provided education through a survey about the Twin Brooks station that was approved by the previous Council in 2019 as part of Phase 1 of the Capital Line South LRT extension project. The survey closed with a total of 1,788 respondents (1,072 [60%] of which were from Twin Brooks residents) and over 2,600 comments were received in the open-text questions. The City has compiled the feedback from the survey and has composed it into a survey summarized report, which is now published on the city website at edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/Capital-Line-South-LRT-Extension-Summary-of%20-Survey-Results-Twin-Brooks-station-April-13.pdf?cb=1681651922

The LRT Facility names

The Capital Line South Phase 1 extension facility names have been announced as follows:

- LRT Stations – Twin Brooks Station and Heritage Valley North Station
- LRT Bridge – Blackmud Creek LRT Bridge



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- LRT Operation and Maintenance Facility – Llew Lawrence Operations and Maintenance Facility

Early construction update

In 2023, the City's contractor for early works construction will be excavating and installing shafts at the 23 Avenue and 111 Street intersection to prepare for future tunnelling work for the underpass. As part of preparing the site, utility companies will be relocating underground utility lines at this intersection. The work is anticipated to take up to 18 months, and will require lane closures and pedestrian detours. In addition, there may be relocating of some power, water and drainage utilities to avoid potential conflicts with the future Capital Line South LRT extension infrastructure. Please see the project website at edmonton.ca/CapitalSW for further details.

Updated noise study

The noise study was updated in December 2022 to address residents' concerns that the 2018 results were outdated. Noise monitoring was completed in the backyards of select property owners along the alignment. The updated results indicate that average noise levels, with projected traffic volumes representative of the year 2050, were between 52-62 dBA. These noise results remain below the 65 dBA threshold in the City's [Urban Traffic Noise Policy](#). If you are interested in reading the complete 2022 noise study, please email LRTprojects@edmonton.ca or call 780-496-4874.

The procurement process to select a design-build contractor

In June 2022, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to identify and shortlist qualified bidders to design and build this LRT extension. Two bidders were shortlisted that include Capital Line Design Builders (with members Aecon, AECOM, and Ledcor) and PCL-Graham South Line Solutions (with members PCL, Graham, and Jacobs). The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to the two shortlisted bidders on March 31, 2023, with the selection of the Design-Build contractor to occur in late 2023/early 2024. **Please note:** a design-build contractor is a different strategy as compared with the P3 model used for the city's other LRT projects such as the Valley Line.

For additional information regarding the Capital Line South Extension Project, please visit the project website at edmonton.ca/CapitalSW.

Sincerely,
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