



# FactSheet

## SouthLRT

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## South LRT Extension

### Making public transit more accessible and efficient

In January 2006, the City of Edmonton opened the Health Sciences Station – the first new LRT station in 14 years and the first completed phase of the South LRT Extension. By the end of 2009, another 7.5 kilometers will be added, and is expected to double current weekday ridership of 50,000 by the time it reaches Century Park (Heritage Mall).

Four new stations will be opened in 2010:

- McKernan/Belgravia and South Campus opening April 26, 2009
- Southgate and Century Park opening April 25, 2010.

### LRT Route

The LRT will travel south from the Health Sciences Station at U of A, along the west side of 114 Street. After stopping at McKernan/Belgravia Station (76 Avenue/114 Street), it will continue south to Belgravia Road. The LRT will travel underneath Belgravia Road and emerge west of the Neil Crawford Centre. It will stop at the South Campus LRT Station and transit centre (Foote Field).

The LRT will continue south and curve east near the Alberta School for the Deaf. South of 61 Avenue it will curve south and travel underneath the southbound lanes of 111 Street to emerge in the median (opposite the Lendrum Shopping Centre). It will continue south in the median of 111 Street to the Southgate LRT Station, then move south across the Whitemud Drive on a special LRT bridge, to the Century Park LRT Station.



### Construction Features

- A pedestrian underpass under 114 Street at 76 Avenue.
- Two LRT underpasses – a 114-metre tunnel under Belgravia Road, and a 90-metre underpass beneath the southbound lanes of 111 Street to bring the LRT into the median, south of 61 Avenue.
- A one-way bridge connecting buses and pedestrians from the South Campus Transit Centre to Fox Drive.
- Two bridges – one over Belgravia Road for the busway and one over Whitemud Drive for the LRT.
- 26 new LRVs (Light Rail Vehicles) have been ordered. The first train arrives May 2008.
- A fully landscaped multi-use recreation trail follows the entire length of track.

### Planning – a public process

The City has worked with community members, stakeholder groups and neighbouring institutions to develop South LRT Extension Concept Plans. These plans include decisions around key issues such as track alignment, station location, pedestrian access and crossings, noise barriers, landscaping decisions, plans to manage impact on traffic, and community safety issues. The plans are approved by City Council.

### Governments working together

With a total budget of \$673 million, the South LRT Extension from the Health Sciences Station to Century Park is jointly funded by the City of Edmonton, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Alberta.

#### South LRT Extension Concept Plans

University Station to the Health Sciences Station

- Approved November 21, 2000

Health Sciences Station to Belgravia Road

- Approved June 26, 2001

Belgravia Road to 54 Avenue

- Approved September 17, 2003

54 Avenue to Century Park

- Approved February 13, 2007