Capital Line South Extension (Phase 1)

Century Park to Ellerslie Road

Project Overview



Agenda

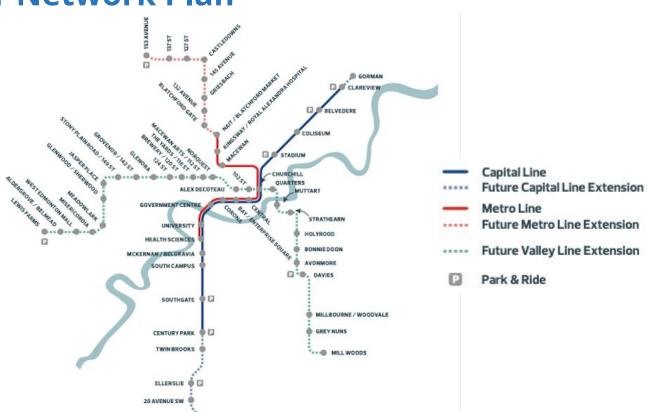
- Project overview
- Intersection crossings
- Noise study
- Visual screen fence
- Q&A





LRT Network Plan

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Project Overview

- Phase 1 Century Park to Ellerslie Road
- Underpass at 23 Ave
- 2 stations (Twin Brooks and Ellerslie Road)
- 2 bridges (Blackmud Creek & Anthony Henday Drive)
- Operations & Maintenance Facility (south of AHD)
- 3 at-grade crossings
 - Saddleback Road, 12 Ave, 9 Ave



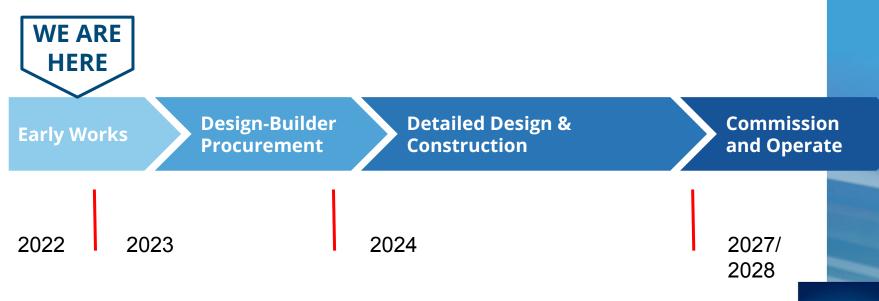
Project History

- Capital Line South Concept 2008 *
- Preliminary Design 2010 *
 - LRT track alignment & underpass at 23 Avenue
- Preliminary Design 2017-2018
 - Added Twin Brooks station and OMF *
 - Completed noise attenuation study (2018)
 - Public engagement
- Preliminary Design (updated) 2020
 - Ellerslie Road to Allard/Desrochers *



^{*}Council approved

Project Schedule



Schedule is subject to change once Design-Builder (DB) has been selected.

Early Works (2022-2023)

- Utility relocations
- Building assessments
- Visual screen fence
- Stormwater tunnelling and lift station (23 Ave & 111 Street)
- Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF) site preparation
- Tree removals as required





Design & Construction (2024-2027)

- Design and construction will occur simultaneously
- Construction will take place at many locations at once
- Larger, more complex items will start early in the project
- Schedule (determined by DB contractor)
- Lane closures will occur (determined by DB contractor)
- Public notifications sent out as required
 - Sign up for ongoing email updates
- Testing & commissioning



Public Communications

Phase 1 (now):

- Led by City communications
- Website updates and mailouts, as required
 - Go to edmonton.ca/capitalsw
 - Sign up to receive email updates
- Public outreach, as required
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Phase 2: <u>After Design-Build contractor selection</u>

- Led by DB Contractor (supplemented by the City)
- Website updates and mailouts, as required
 - Sign up to receive email updates (eventually)
- Public outreach, as required
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)







Intersection crossings

- LRT Crossing Assessment Framework (2017)
- Council approved process that identifies the level of need for a bridge or underpass at intersections the LRT will cross.
- Saddleback Rd, 12 Ave, 9 Ave did not meet the criteria for grade separation.
 Council approved this recommendation.

LRT Crossing Assessment Framework for LRT Grade Separations Network **Urban Design Accessibility** Feasibility & **Operations** & Social How the various Construction How the **Environment** transportation Feasibility, surrounding and How the modes link to construction broader surrounding one another and costs and risk transportation communities and adjacent assessments network is stakeholders are developments impacted impacted



Traffic Modelling

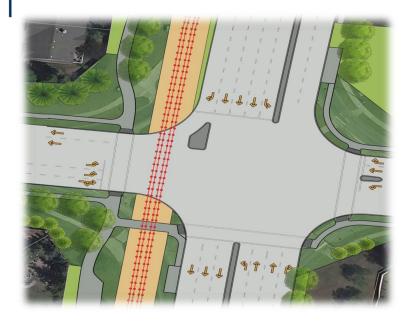


Saddleback Road and 111 Street (2018 Preliminary Design; subject to change during detailed design)

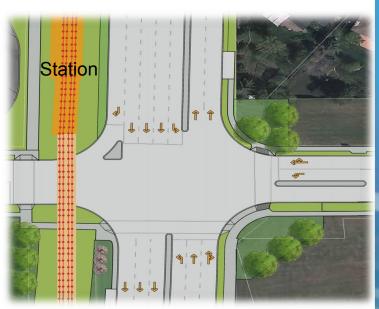
- Traffic modelling software was used to:
 - Consider traffic, train and pedestrian movements for the short-term and long-term
 - Predict traffic volumes across
 Edmonton
 - Analyse intersection capacity
 - Model the LRT movement through the system
 - Model the flow of the LRT and traffic through the entire network

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Traffic Modelling



12 Avenue and 111 Street (2018 Preliminary Design; subject to change during detailed design)



9 Avenue and 111 Street (2018 Preliminary Design; subject to change during detailed design)





Noise Studies

- In 2009, an initial noise study was conducted
- In 2018, the noise study was updated.
- ACI conducted 8 noise monitorings:
 - 1 on public land
 - 7 in residential backyards



Example of noise monitor



Noise Monitoring Locations (red circles)



Noise Monitoring Methods

ACI uses specialized noise monitors to perform measurements from 24-48 hours.

Equipment:

- Sound Level Meter
 - Omni-directional microphone

Conditions for Monitoring:

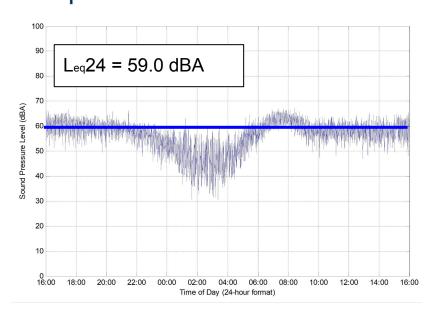
- Wind speeds are below 15 km/hr
- Monitor is downwind/crosswind from source
- No precipitation
- Only performed from Monday to Friday
- Performed from April to October (no snow)



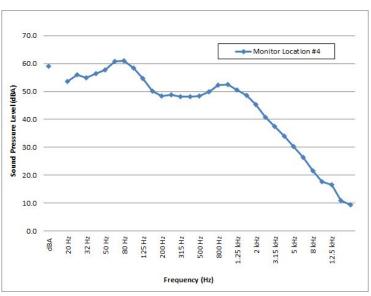
Example of noise monitor



Noise Monitoring Results



24-Hour Broadband A-Weighted Leq Sound Levels (*Loudness*)



24-Hour ¹/₃ Octave Band Leq Sound Levels (*Frequency Content*)



Noise Measurements of Existing LRT

In 2018:

- ACI conducted measurements of existing LRT Line



Noise Measurement Location (red circle)



Setup for Noise Measurement



Noise Modelling

Noise Modeling Software:

- CadnaA Noise Modeling Software
- ISO 9613-2 1996 Acoustics Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors
- Considers:
 - Elevation contours, vegetation, etc.
 - Meteorological conditions

Noise Model Includes:

- Digital Drawings of Study Area
- (Current & Future)
- Traffic Noise Monitoring Data
- LRT Noise Data



Screen shot from CadnaA



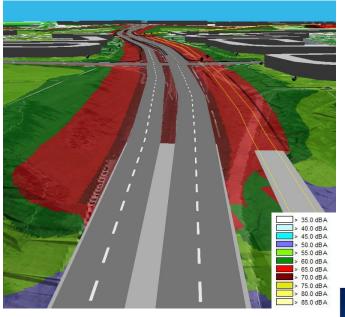
Noise Modelling Results

Noise Modelling Conditions (2018):

- Future Case
 - 2050 Traffic Projections
 - Proposed preliminary design alignment
 - Proposed topography

Results:

Noise ranged from **52.2-62.3** dBA L_{eq}24.



Screen shot from CadnaA



City of Edmonton Criteria

<u>Urban Traffic Noise Policy (UTNP) C506A:</u>

"The City of Edmonton will seek to achieve a projected attenuated noise level below <u>65</u> <u>dBA Leq24</u> or as low as technically, administratively, and economically practicable, where any urban transportation facility (arterial roadways, <u>light rail transit</u>) is proposed to be built or upgraded through or adjacent to a developed residential area where private back yards will abut the transportation facility. Funding for noise attenuation, where appropriate, and subject to availability, is considered in the cost of the project."

Since the noise ranged from **52.2-62.3** dBA, noise attenuation is not required.





Visual Screen Fence - History

- 2010 Visual Screen Wall
 - Decorative concrete wall proposed
 - Initial noise study completed
- 2018 Visual Screen Wall
 - Noise study updated
 - No noise attenuation required (less than 65 dBA)
- 2022 Visual Screen Fence
 - Wooden visual screen fence developed
 - Public outreach to obtain consent



Visual Screen Fence - Proposed Location



Visual Screen Fence - Proposed Location



Visual Screen Fence



- New fence is optional
- Existing gates will be replaced
- New gate may be installed at property owner's cost
- Development permit applied and paid for by the City
- Construction anticipated to start in spring 2023.

Where are we today with Consent Forms?

- 64 property owners
 - Including 3 condo boards
- 56 consent forms signed so far



Thank you

- Keep your eye on <u>edmonton.ca/capitalsw</u> for updates:
 - On the website, sign up for ongoing email updates
 - LRT questions?
 - 780-496-4874 (voicemail)
 - Irtprojects@edmonton.ca
- Councillor Rice:
 - jennifer.rice@edmonton.ca
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- Twin Brooks Community League:
 - o president@twinbrooks.ca

