

Construction Bulletin Fort Road Widening

February 22, 2022

Project Overview

As part of the Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion Program, the City of Edmonton is widening Fort Road from four lanes to six lanes, which includes reconstructing the existing CN Rail bridge structure to accommodate the widened roadway. The project also includes the construction of an industrial collector road (125 Avenue) providing improved business access connecting Yellowhead Trail westbound from 61 Street to Fort Road.

Purpose of Bulletin

As part of the ongoing construction progress and traffic staging **Fort Road will be closed in both directions** between 125 Avenue and 127 Avenue. During the closure, traffic will be rerouted to 66 Street (Yellowhead Trail to Fort Road) utilizing the newly constructed 125 Avenue (Fort Road to 66 Street).

Schedule

- The road closure and associated traffic detour is scheduled to begin at approximately 6:00 am on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.
- It is anticipated that Fort Road will remain closed for approximately three months.
- Please be aware that construction schedules are weather dependent and subject to change.

Current or Upcoming Construction Activities

- Construction of two temporary rail bridges over Fort Road
- Installation of underground drainage infrastructure and communications utilities

Traffic Accommodation (Map attached)

- Fort Road will be closed in both directions between 125 Avenue and 127 Avenue.
- 66 Street will remain open in both directions from Yellowhead Trail to Fort Road.
- Access to local businesses on Fort Road will be maintained at all times.
- Emergency access will be maintained at all times.
- Residents on 126A Avenue will continue to use 127 Avenue for access.
- No parking will be permitted in signed areas during construction.

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Pedestrian Accommodations

Pedestrians requiring assistance to safely detour around the work area can access the project's dedicated taxi service. The locations for taxi pickup and drop-off are indicated by a green star on the attached site map.

To access the service please:

- Call Yellow Cab / Barrel Taxi at 780-462-3456
- Ask for a "Fort Road Bridge Transfer" and specify if you are at the "South Pickup" or "North Pickup" location.
- You will be picked up at the designated location and transferred around the work area to the designated drop-off location.
- There is no cost to pedestrians for using the taxi service.

Pedestrians can also detour around the work area using the sidewalk along 125 Avenue and 66 Street.

Be Safe

In addition to strict health and safety precautions, we are taking extra steps with our contractors to ensure all work follows the most recent COVID-19 guidelines set by Alberta Health Services. Please exercise caution and be safe when near our work sites.

For More Information

We understand that our work may cause some inconvenience and we thank you for your patience and cooperation during construction. To learn more about the project and sign up for updates, please visit: <u>edmonton.ca/**YellowheadFortRoad**</u>.

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FORT ROAD WIDENING - UPDATED TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATION MAP

