Terwillegar Drive Expansion Program Update April 2021

Overview



Program Purpose

- → Major city building project
- → Accommodate projected travel demand
- → Alleviate congestion
- → Accommodate all users safely and efficiently

Expansion Planning

- → 1980s: Freeway plan
- → Fall 2017: Concept Planning Study begins
- → 2018: Development of the expressway plan and Urban Planning Committee Motion
- → 2019/20: Funding approved for program from City and Province
- → 2020: Pre-construction begins
- → 2021: Construction on Stage 1 begins

Program Stages



Program Schedule

Stage 1				
Project Description	Concept Planning	Preliminary Design	Detailed Design	Construction
Terwillegar Drive Expressway - Rabbit Hill Road to Whitemud Drive	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	Underway (2022 Completion)
Terwillegar Drive Expressway - Anthony Henday Drive to Rabbit Hill Road	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	Underway (2021 Completion)	2021 - 2023
Stage 2				
Whitemud Drive / Terwillegar Drive Interchange Upgrades	COMPLETE	Underway (2021 completion)	2021 - 2022	2022/2023 ¹
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Rainbow Valley Bridges - Rehabilitation / Widening	COMPLETE	Underway (2021 completion)	2021 - 2022	2022/2023 ¹
142 Street Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge	Underway (2021 Completion)	2021 - 2022	2022/2023 ²	2025³
Stage 3				
Anthony Henday Drive Interchange Upgrades	2021	2021 - 2022	2022-2023	2023/2024 ¹

Program Funding

- → All funds are in place
- Program funding is provided by the City of Edmonton (2019 -2021 Capital Budget) in partnership with the Province of Alberta
- → Stage 1: City and Province
- → Stage 2: City and Province
- → Stage 3: Province



Stage One

- → Planned Improvements:
 - Terwillegar Drive widening
 - Intersection upgrades
 - Enhanced bus stops at all intersections
 - Shared-use path (east side)
 - Planned rapid-bus transit services



Image: draft Express Bus Stop Service

Shared-use Path

- Located between Terwillegar Drive and the existing fences
- → Minimizes impacts to existing trees
- Includes connections to bus stops, commercial and residential areas and existing shared-use path network
- → Lighting
- Retaining wall and railings as required



Bus Lanes and Stops

- One dedicated bus lane in each direction
- Segregated transit lanes have been replaced
- Enhanced bus stops at all intersections (northbound and southbound)
- Connections to shared-use path (east) and sidewalks (west) along corridor



Noise

- → Noise study completed
- → No additional noise mitigation is required as part of Stage 1



142 Street Pedestrian / Cyclist Bridge

- New pedestrian/cyclist bridge over Whitemud Drive near 142 Street
 - Cycling/walking community connections
 - Amenities and landscaping
- Need identified through the Terwillegar Drive Expansion, The Bike Plan and the City Plan
- → Public engagement is underway



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