

TOP 8

THINGS TO KNOW

about the Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion Program



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It's happening!

The City of Edmonton has funding commitments from all three levels of government (federal, provincial and municipal) to transform Yellowhead Trail into a freeway by the end of 2027.



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Freeway means no more stopping at traffic lights

This means three lanes of free-flowing traffic in each direction travelling at approximately 80 km/h. To do this, the current signalized intersections and direct accesses on or off Yellowhead Trail will need to be removed.



#3

Getting on and off Yellowhead Trail

Once Yellowhead Trail is converted into a freeway it will look a lot different. Yellowhead Trail will have several new and modified interchanges and no traffic lights. Road users will exit and enter Yellowhead Trail at the nearest interchange or new parallel service road.



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The cost

The federal and provincial government will be contributing approximately \$242 million each with the City providing remaining funds for a total of \$1 billion.



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It's needed now and in the future

Currently 63,000 – 81,000 vehicles use Yellowhead Trail every day. Within 20 years, there will be 87,000 – 155,000 vehicles daily. Yellowhead Trail is already experiencing delays in peak periods.

Safety is also an important part of making Yellowhead Trail a freeway. An average of 1,000 vehicle accidents occurred annually on Yellowhead Trail over the past 10 years. Having traffic flow freely will help prevent accidents.



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What's happening?

Over the next several years, planning, design and public engagement on the multiple projects that make up the freeway conversion will continue. Construction started in 2019 on roadways and areas surrounding Yellowhead Trail.

Work on Yellowhead Trail started in 2020 and is anticipated to be complete by 2027.



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What's the difference?

Intersection – where two roads cross at the same level. Drivers need to cross another lane of traffic travelling in a different direction.

Interchange – where two roads cross each other at different levels. Drivers don't need to cross another lane that is travelling in a different direction.



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We need you!

Your input is important to us. We are committed to working together on a plan that balances turning Yellowhead Trail into a freeway with community, business and commuter needs. Sign up online to get involved and learn about upcoming public engagement opportunities where you can share your feedback: edmonton.ca/YellowheadTrail

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