

Valley Line West LRT Project Fall 2020

## Edmonton

# VALLEY LINE WEST DOWNTOWN TO LEWIS FARMS

The Valley Line is a 27-km urban-style LRT line that will operate between Mill Woods in southeast Edmonton and Lewis Farms in west Edmonton. It is being developed in two stages: Valley Line Southeast between Mill Woods and 102 Street downtown (currently under construction) and Valley Line West between 102 Street downtown and the Lewis Farms Transit Centre (currently being procured for construction).

#### Background

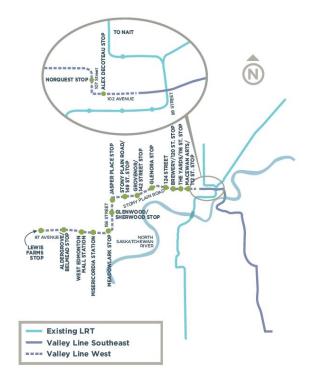
City Council approved the route for Valley Line West in 2009 from an initial list of 15 options, to provide connections between areas that are densely populated and those that are intended to have higher density in the future. In 2012, City Council approved the concept plan, which defined the location of the LRT tracks, stops and stations along the route. The City completed preliminary design in 2013.

In 2016, the Government of Canada provided funding through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) to update the preliminary design that was completed in 2013. The funding also covered work to determine the most appropriate project delivery method and position the City to be ready for procurement and construction upon confirmation of all funding.

The Valley Line West has been made possible through key funding partnerships with the Province of Alberta and Government of Canada:

- The City of Edmonton is contributing \$444 million
- The Province of Alberta is contributing **\$1.04 billion**
- The Government of Canada is contributing \$948 million





#### Next Steps

With funding secured, the City has completed its competitive procurement process for Valley Line West and has selected a preferred proponent to build the LRT project that is the best value for Edmontonians. Construction is expected to begin in 2021 and take five to six years to complete.

## Highlights

The Valley Line West will feature:

- 14 street-level stops and two elevated stations (at the Misericordia Hospital and West Edmonton Mall)
- A new bridge crossing Groat Road at Stony Plain Road and another



An artist's rendering of the Alex Decoteau Stop

crossing Anthony Henday Drive at 87 Avenue

- Connections to transit centres at Jasper Place, West Edmonton Mall and Lewis Farms, and an expanded Park & Ride at Lewis Farms Transit Centre
- A transfer point with the existing LRT system (Capital and Metro lines) at Churchill Square
- An LRT connection to major destinations, including Norquest College, MacEwan University, the Misericordia Hospital and West Edmonton Mall
- Low-floor urban vehicles and operations, including step-free boarding
- Smaller-scale stops that are spaced closer together
- The use of traffic signals in place of gates, bells and crossing arms to manage LRT, pedestrians, vehicles, and bike crossings
- The project will help spur our recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing a much-needed economic boost and influx of jobs to our city, province and country.

### Find Out More

- Visit <u>edmonton.ca/valleylinewest</u>
- Call the LRT Projects Information Centre at 780-496-4874 (voicemail) or email Irtprojects@edmonton.ca