

Jasper Avenue reopening marks end of construction season

Big year for road projects in 2013

The City of Edmonton is wrapping up major road construction projects for 2013, including the Jasper Avenue streetscape between 100 Street and 102 Street. All lanes on Jasper Avenue reopened to traffic on October 16, 2013.



Overall, 2013 was a major construction year, with \$265.8 million invested in road infrastructure, including:

- Major arterial roads: \$87.2 million (25 projects)
- Bridges and interchanges: \$166.6 million for bridges and interchanges (5 projects)
- Arterial milling and overlay: \$12 million (32 projects)

During spring 2013 City Council reallocated \$21 million from the 2013 budget to enhance the City's approach to roadway rehabilitation. The City invested \$12 million of extra funding into arterial milling and overlay. The City is investing \$9 million of extra funding in neighbourhood streets as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Program, which is ongoing at this time.

Although minor work on some arterial projects continues, most major projects have wrapped, including the \$20.9 million Jasper Avenue streetscape.

"It's been a big year for road construction in Edmonton and we are happy that one of our biggest projects, Jasper Avenue, is open to traffic on schedule," said Barry Belcourt, Branch Manager for Roads Design and Construction. "We thank local businesses for their patience over the past two years as we have been repairing the Central LRT Station and working to improve the quality and usability of Jasper Avenue for drivers and pedestrians."

Downtown's main thoroughfare was reduced to one lane in each direction in spring 2012 for repairs to the Central LRT Station and streetscape work on Jasper Avenue. Streetscape work involved replacing the central median with a five-lane roadway, including turning lanes.

New, wider pedestrian-friendly sidewalks feature decorative elements such as paving stones, benches and new streetlights. Access to businesses was maintained throughout construction and crews made efforts to minimize traffic impacts by alternating work between the north and south sides to always keep part of the road open. Total closures on Jasper Avenue were reserved for overnight or weekend work.

Some infrastructure and decorative elements, including streetlights, will be installed in 2014. Underground work on the Central LRT Station concourse continues into December.

"The Jasper Avenue closure has been a major inconvenience for those entering or traveling through downtown," said Belcourt. "At the end of the day, everyone benefits from improved road infrastructure."

Major road projects completed in 2013 include:

- Jasper Avenue streetscape/Central LRT Station rehabilitation
- Capital Boulevard/108 Street streetscape
- Rosedale Road Bridge over MacDougall Hill Road
- 30 Avenue SW Bridge replacement
- Stony Plain Road over Groat Road Bridge
- 17 Street/23 Avenue roadway upgrades
- Whitemud Drive/17 Street interchange
- 23 Avenue/Gateway Boulevard interchange final paving

Multi-year road projects begun in 2013 include:

- Walterdale Bridge replacement
- QEII Hwy/41 Avenue SW interchange
- Stony Plain Road streetscape (158 St to 149 St)
- 63 Avenue/Alendale Road rehabilitation
- Guardian Road/Lewis Estates Boulevard roadway widening

Details for all road projects are available on the City's [Construction on Your Streets Map](#). Photos of various road projects are available on the [City of Edmonton photo archive](#).

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