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Walterdale Hill closes for Walterdale Bridge project

Expect major traffic delays starting May 5

Work on the ongoing Walterdale Bridge Replacement Project is ramping up with the closure of Walterdale Hill on **Monday, May 5, 2014**.

Motorists should expect significant delays on 109 Street and Saskatchewan Drive. Suggested detour routes include 99 Street/Scona Road, Groat Road or Queen Elizabeth Park Road across the existing Walterdale Bridge, which will remain open throughout construction.



"Starting Monday May 5, Walterdale Hill Road will be completely closed until August," said Roads Design and Construction Special Projects Director Byron Nicholson. "We realize this will have a major impact on downtown commuters, however it is a necessary part of building the new Walterdale Bridge. We're asking everyone's patience and understanding as we work to replace essential transportation infrastructure."

Edmonton Transit Routes 9 and 197 will detour via Saskatchewan Drive and Queen Elizabeth Park Road. A temporary bus stop has been added at the bottom of Queen Elizabeth Park Road. More information on transit impacts is available at takeets.com.

Multi-use trails affected by construction remain closed. New trail detours will be in effect to accommodate work on Walterdale Hill Road. Detour information is available on the project website: edmonton.ca/walterdalebridge.

In addition to the realignment of Walterdale Hill Road, in 2014 the project team will complete construction of concrete blocks needed to support the bridge arches. Edmontonians can expect to see the signature bridge arches arrive on site and assembled later this year.

Construction on the \$155 million project began in January 2013 and is anticipated to be completed by late 2015, with demolition of the existing bridge in early 2016. Previous work included construction of in-river berms as well as the realignment of Queen Elizabeth Park Road.

For more information:

Visit edmonton.ca/walterdalebridge

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