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City of Edmonton

Closure of 102 Avenue Bridge over Groat Road starts July 1

Drivers advised to find alternate routes during 15-month construction

Starting **Tuesday**, **July 1**, the 102 Avenue over Groat Road Bridge will be closed to traffic for 15 months as the City constructs a replacement bridge.



"This is a major closure that will have significant impacts for commuters coming downtown from the west end," said Byron

Nicholson, Director of Special Projects. "We ask drivers to give themselves extra time, especially in the first few days as everyone adjusts to the detours."

Motorists are advised to use other routes including Stony Plain Road, 107 Avenue and 111 Avenue. 102 Avenue will remain open on either side of the bridge for local traffic, and access to both the Royal Alberta Museum and local businesses.

There will also be overnight and weekend closures on Groat Road in July to accommodate demolition of the existing bridge:

- Night closures will be on July 2-4, July 7-11, and July 14-18, from 7:30 p.m. 6 a.m.
- Weekend closures will be on July 4-7, July 11-14, and July 18-21, from 7:30 p.m. Friday 6 a.m. Monday.

Motorists are advised to detour on Victoria Park Road, 149 Street or 109 Street during the Groat Road closure.

ETS Routes 1, 14, 100 and 120, which currently use 102 Avenue, will detour to Stony Plain Road starting **June 29**. ETS will also provide a free local shuttle for pedestrians throughout construction. More information is available at <u>takeETS.com</u>.

For pedestrians, the Groat Road shared-use path will remain closed until September. Signed pedestrian and cyclist detours remain in effect.

There will be access to both the Royal Alberta Museum and High Street shopping area during construction; however, new parking bans and peak hour tow-away zones will be in effect along 124 Street, 137 Street and 138 Street.

Edmontonians can follow the project online with via two live webcam feeds. Project information and detour maps are also available on the project website at <u>edmonton.ca/102avenueovergroat</u>.

For more information:

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