

Media Advisory

July 02, 2014

City of Edmonton

Walterdale Hill reopens to traffic July 3

Thanks to cooperative weather, diligent work crews and effective project management, Walterdale Hill will reopen to traffic by 3 p.m. on **Thursday, July 3**, a month ahead of schedule. The road was closed May 5 for realignment as part of the Walterdale Bridge replacement project.



Access to the Kinsmen Sports Centre and John Walter Museum has permanently changed to match up with the altered road alignment. The new access will be from the intersection where Queen Elizabeth Park Road now meets Walterdale Hill. There will be signs directing traffic to stay left to turn. A map of the change is available on the project website.

Pedestrian access across Walterdale Hill has also changed, with a temporary signalized crossing where Queen Elizabeth Park Road meets Walterdale Hill.

Edmonton Transit Routes 9 and 197 that were detoured via Saskatchewan Drive and Queen Elizabeth Park Road will return to Walterdale Hill July 4.

Construction of the Walterdale Bridge is ongoing, with crews working on concrete thrust blocks that will support the bridge arches. Arch construction is expected to begin this fall. The \$155 million project is anticipated to be completed by late 2015, with demolition of the existing bridge in early 2016.

The City thanks drivers for their patience over the past few months as we continue work on this essential infrastructure. For more information go to edmonton.ca/walterdalebridge.

Media are invited to speak with Allan Bartman, General Supervisor, Special Projects (Roads Design & Construction) about the early opening of Walterdale Hill:

Date: Wednesday, July 02, 2014

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Century Place Lobby (9803 – 102A Avenue)

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