

Groat Road to remain closed for up to three weeks

Investigation into cause of bridge girder failure ongoing

Groat Road will remain closed to traffic for approximately three weeks as the City and its contract partners work to repair or remove four steel girders that buckled during installation for the 102 Ave Bridge Replacement Project.

"Our next step is to stabilize the girders so that we can inspect them and determine what happened," said Barry Belcourt, Branch Manager of Roads Design and Construction. "Public and worker safety remain our top priority and we will not re-open Groat Road or allow people to work on the bridge until the girders are stabilized."

In order to stabilize the girders, the project team has brought in a much larger crane from outside Edmonton and is assembling it today. The weight of the girders will be transferred to the crane so that workers can inspect the girders and begin repairing or removing them.

"Once the girders are safe and stable, we can begin repairing or removing the damaged pieces," said Belcourt. "As soon as the bridge is re-stabilized, we will remove the crane and re-open Groat Road."

"We understand the inconvenience the Groat Road closure is causing. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work to resolve the situation."

The City continues to manage increased traffic demands along detour routes. Parking bans will remain on 109 Street, 116 Street and 124 Street for peak traffic times until Groat Road is open. Traffic signals have also been adjusted at 116 Street and the 107 Ave/Groat Road intersection to improve traffic capacity.

The City will continue to closely monitor traffic flows on the detour routes, adjust signal timings as necessary and provide additional signage to affected roadways and alternate routes.

ETS Route 128 will continue to detour using Victoria Park Road, 116 Street and 107 Avenue.

The City will update the public as the investigation continues and will notify residents and drivers as soon as Groat Road can safely re-open. Drivers are reminded to give themselves extra time to get to their destinations and use the suggested detour routes: Victoria Park Road, 149 Street to Whitemud Drive, and 109 Street to the High Level Bridge.

At this time the final bridge completion schedule and project budget impacts are not known. The City is focused on stabilizing the bridge for safety and re-opening Groat Road as quickly as possible.

The City thanks Edmontonians for their ongoing patience during construction of the 102 Ave Bridge Replacement Project.

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