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City of Edmonton

102 Ave Bridge Project/Groat Road Closure Update

Crane in position to begin attaching girders today

Over the weekend the City of Edmonton finalized its stabilization strategy to secure the buckled girders on the 102 Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.

After closely examining the project engineering drawings and comparing them with the damaged girders, contract crews moved a large 1,200 tonne crane into position and will begin attaching the girders to the crane today.

"The crane is now in the 'hot zone' and ready for the next phase of our stabilization strategy," said Barry Belcourt, Branch Manager, Roads Design & Construction. "Today our contractor will begin the delicate task of attaching cables from the crane to the girders in order to stabilize the bridge."

Once the crane cables are attached, the contractor will begin lifting the girders to transfer the weight off the structure and onto the crane. The lift is expected to take place Tuesday, March 24.

"We achieved our week one goals and we're on track for week two, which is all about stabilizing the bridge structure and assessing the girder damage," said Belcourt. "The continued snowfall is not slowing us down, however the safety of both our workers and the public remain our top priority."

Once the girders are attached to the crane, City engineers and project contractors will begin closely inspecting the overall bridge structure to determine how best to stabilize it so that Groat Road can be safely reopened to traffic.

Traffic detours, signal modifications and parking bans remain in place. The City continues to closely monitor traffic flows associated with the ongoing Groat Road closure and will make changes as necessary. The City thanks everyone for their patience as we work to resolve the 102 Ave Bridge girder situation.

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