

## Groat Road scheduled to re-open April 7

### *Contractor working around the clock to open road for commuters*

The contractor has made significant progress over the course of the last week and as a result, the City of Edmonton plans to re-open Groat Road to traffic by 6 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7.

"Since March 17, our priority has been to stabilize the girders and ensure that the structure is safe so that we could get traffic flowing on Groat Road again," said Barry Belcourt, Manager of Road Design and Construction. "Our contractor has committed to doing all the work necessary to give drivers access to Groat Road in time for the morning commute on Tuesday, April 7. The only thing that could hold us back now is wind in excess of 15 km/h."

The super crane that had been brought in to manoeuvre the girders and shift them into place is being disassembled and will be moved off site tomorrow. Additional bracing will be installed over the weekend and engineers will assess the overall stability of the structure. The contractor will provide documentation to the City that demonstrates that it is completely safe for traffic to move beneath the girders.

"Once access to Groat Road has been restored, the contractors will continue working on a plan for a detailed analysis of the girders and lay out a new schedule for the project. We will know more in the weeks ahead how construction will move forward and what kind of temporary, off-peak road closures may be necessary," added Belcourt.

The City thanks everyone for their patience as we work to resolve the 102 Ave Bridge girder situation.

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