

First arch lift to take place on new Waltherdale Bridge

The new Waltherdale Bridge project is set to achieve another milestone with the first of two arch lifts planned for today, January 19.



The 950 tonne central arch segment will be lifted about 15 metres in a process expected to take about six hours. Once the central arch is lifted, it will be connected to the larger arch segments currently being supported by red temporary towers on the berms.

Construction on the new Waltherdale Bridge began in 2013. The signature, through-arch bridge will replace the existing, 102-year-old Waltherdale Bridge. The new three-lane bridge will be a showpiece in Edmonton's river valley and will feature a sweeping multi-use path that will connect to the upgraded trail system in the area. The central section to be lifted was previously assembled on the south bank construction laydown area, transferred onto barges, dramatically floated upstream and placed between the berms in November, 2015.

The second heavy lift is planned for spring when the arch will reach its ultimate height 54 metres above the river (about the same height as the High Level Bridge). The new Waltherdale Bridge is scheduled to open to traffic by the end of 2016, with overall project completion by fall 2017.

To minimize traffic disruptions, the old Waltherdale Bridge will remain in service until construction on the new bridge is completed.

Viewers can watch the lift on Edmonton's [livesream camera](#).

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