

Second arch lift to take place on new Walterdale Bridge

April 12, 2016

The second and final arch lift on the new Walterdale Bridge is scheduled to take place on April 12, 2016, given continued favourable weather conditions.

This lift will raise the 2,000 tonne signature bridge arch about 20 metres to its ultimate height of 54 metres above the river (about the same height as the High Level Bridge).

In November 2015, the central section of the arch was floated on barges to the bridge site and placed on steel supports. In January 2016, that same section of the arch was lifted 15 metres and connected to the arch segments already resting on the berms.

This final lift will connect all of the arch pieces. The lift is expected to take about eight hours.

Construction on the new Walterdale Bridge began in 2013. The signature, through-arch bridge will replace the existing, 103-year-old Walterdale 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 new Walterdale 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 Walterdale Bridge will remain in service until construction on the new bridge is completed.

Viewers can watch the lift on Edmonton's livestream camera at edmonton.ca/walterdalebridge

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