

Construction begins on ETS Northeast Transit Garage

Enhanced facility will contribute to revitalization of Fort Road area

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Ward 7 Councillor Tony Caterina, City Manager Linda Cochrane and Edmonton Transit System (ETS) Branch Manager Eddie Robar officially kicked off construction of the new ETS Northeast Transit Garage today. Located at the corner of Yellowhead Trail and Fort Road, the \$186 million facility will contribute to the revitalization of a community rich with history.

"The Northeast Transit Garage is an essential component of Fort Road revitalization," said Councillor Caterina. "I am thrilled for what this, along with the Station Pointe development now underway, means for services and economic opportunities for area businesses and residents."

"This project is significant for both the community and also for the City of Edmonton as a whole," said Linda Cochrane, City Manager. "With a modern design and capacity to potentially house electric buses, the Northeast Transit Garage plays a key role in serving generations to come with better transit choices."

With more than 500,000 square feet (the equivalent of 10 football fields), the future garage will replace the 55-year-old Westwood Transit Garage. The new facility will have capacity for 300 buses, administrative and operational space, and a credit union. The site has been designed to meet LEED-Silver certification. Construction is anticipated to be completed by early 2019.

The site honours the past by including a public landscaped area around the 80-year-old Canada Packers smokestack, for which historical designation was secured in 2015.

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