



## Capital Project Updates

Construction crews will be finishing the landscaping, sidewalks and cycle tracks in the first stage of development for [Blatchford](#). Construction will also be starting on the next stage of development, including grading and removals of existing infrastructure, underground utility work and the installation of roads and sidewalks. Blatchford Renewable Energy will continue to connect homes and buildings to the community's District Energy Sharing System, which provides environmentally-friendly heating, cooling and hot water services. The community will keep growing this year as home builders continue construction and as residents continue to move into the community throughout the year.

Construction for the [Neighbourhood Renewal Program](#) will get underway or continue on 12 neighbourhoods this year with construction starting in: Garneau, Malmö Plains, Lorelei and Calder. Neighbourhood Renewal work will continue in Alberta Avenue, Canora/West Jasper Place, Central MacDougall, Highlands, Inglewood, Strathcona, Eastwood/Elmwood and Grandview Heights. Alley renewal construction will begin in North Glenora this spring and wrap up in 2022, and will also begin in Lorelei this spring and continue into 2023.

The City has an ambitious construction schedule in parks and open spaces that includes work on more than 50 projects. Renewal work will get underway at [Emily Murphy Park](#), Hermitage Park and the Victoria Golf Course Clubhouse. A number of playgrounds in the river valley will be redeveloped at [Emily Murphy](#), Victoria and Queen Elizabeth.

[Jasper Avenue New Vision](#) is in full swing, moving into the revitalization of westbound Jasper Avenue from 97 Street to 100 Street, 97 Street from Jasper Avenue to 102 Avenue, Thornton Court south of Jasper Avenue and a section 99 Street from Jasper Avenue north towards Shocter Alley. Work to complete Phase 2 of construction started on March 1, 2021 and is anticipated to be complete by winter 2021. Work on [Imagine](#)



[Jasper Avenue](#) 109 Street to 111 Street, including the installation of the underground stormwater tank, began in February 2021. Traffic is reduced to a single lane in each direction to accommodate construction. The work is expected to be completed in fall 2021.

[Blackmud Creek Pedestrian Bridge](#) replacement work began in March, starting with demolition of the existing bridge. Work has paused and will resume with installation of the new bridge scheduled for later this summer.

Construction begins this spring for Stage One North for the [Terwillegar Drive Expansion](#), between Whitemud Drive and Rabbit Hill Road. Stage One includes: increasing the roadway to four lanes in each direction (three for motor vehicles and one for dedicated transit); intersection upgrades, including new left and right turning lanes and shared-use path crossings; bus stop upgrades; shared-use path on the east side of Terwillegar Drive including connections to the communities and lighting; and continued landscape naturalization. Construction for Stage One North, between Whitemud Drive and Rabbit Hill Road begins spring 2021 and is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2022.

Work on the [Ada Boulevard bridge](#) over Wayne Gretzky Drive began April 20, 2021. Ada Boulevard is closed from 69 Street - 71 Street for five months. The road and sidewalks will be closed for the duration of the project. Pedestrians and cyclists have been directed to detour to 112 Avenue. Access to the river valley is through 112 Avenue.

Glenora Bridge rehabilitation will allow for Glenora Bridge to be used for decades in the future, providing a safe and efficient connection. Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2021 and will be staged for traffic to continue to flow both eastbound and westbound as well as turning lanes. Work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

[City Hall Fountain and the City Hall Plaza surface rehabilitation](#) will provide a safe public area, create barrier-free spaces, increase pedestrian access, maintain the urban tree canopy and provide year-round opportunities for Edmontonians. Phase 1 work that



began in 2018 and the surface around City Hall is now complete. Final post-winter testing on City Hall fountain will occur mid-May and it will open when it is safe to do so.

The City is leveraging its expertise in major infrastructure projects to support Homeward Trust in the development of its five new [supportive housing sites](#). The City is leading construction of the buildings, which will be completed and transferred to Homeward Trust by the end of 2021. The City received \$35.2 million in support from the federal government's Rapid Housing Initiative that will allow us to expedite construction and provide housing for at least 210 people by the end of 2021.

In partnership with the Government of Alberta and the Edmonton Soccer Association, the City broke ground in March on the [Edmonton South Soccer Centre Expansion](#) project. Construction will take 18 months, with anticipated completion in Fall 2022. The project will build two new indoor fields and a new parking lot, adding another year-round facility for sport groups, including soccer, ball hockey, lacrosse and inline hockey.

The [Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion Program](#) is a [coordinated, multi-year effort](#) including several sub-projects that will be under construction in 2021:

- [156 Street to St. Albert Trail](#) begins construction in 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2023.
- The [Noise Reduction System](#) from 97 Street to Fort Road begins construction 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2022.
- [Fort Road Widening](#) begins construction in 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2023.
- [East Widening](#) continues construction in 2021 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

The [Metro Line Northwest LRT extension](#) from NAIT to Blatchford started construction in summer 2020. The extension is expected to open in 2024/2025. Construction work for 2021 includes: continuing underground utility work (installing duct banks, foundations, water mains, sewers, fire hydrants); installing the trackway (the concrete structure the LRT tracks will be installed in); Starting construction on the stations, platforms and utility buildings; and adding landscaping along 109th Street.



Marigold Infrastructure Partners is officially on board to design and build the [Valley Line West](#) LRT. They've started taking ground samples of the alignment to inform their detailed designs and construction plans. This work will continue throughout 2021. Early works, including utility relocations, building removals and land acquisitions are continuing. Construction on the temporary transit centre at West Edmonton Mall, which is being built to accommodate Valley Line West construction at the existing transit centre location, is set to kick off this May, with the temporary transit centre slated to open in the fall of 2021.

TransEd will be completing all roadworks including final reconstruction and paving, traffic signals, signage and line painting on [Valley Line Southeast](#). All overhead and underground wiring for train power and communications is being strung to allow for full system and train testing. Operations and Maintenance is staffing up to get ready for providing LRT service. Testing and commissioning activities are underway along 66st, and will begin extending north as more of the system comes online.