

Smith Crossing of Whitemud Creek on 23 Avenue – Project Update, December 2007

Background

On March 19, 2007, the City of Edmonton retained the Graham Design Build team for the design and construction of the Smith Crossing of Whitemud Creek on 23 Avenue in southwest Edmonton which includes the twinning of 23 Avenue from 119 Street to Hodgson Way and 119 Street from 23 Avenue to 34 Avenue. The 23 Avenue and 119 Street widenings are part of the city's arterial road program to facilitate growth within the City of Edmonton.

Current Status

The project is currently on track for the scheduled opening in the fall of 2008:

- Earth works are complete
- Storm drainage under the new roadways is complete.
- Stormwater ponds are operational as of the end of October.
- Girders for the new Smith Crossing bridge have been installed. Work on the bridge is now on hold until spring.
- The site was prepared for winter in November, and the project has shut down until construction can commence in the spring.
- Paving is now complete for the new lanes of 119 Street and is progressing according to schedule on 23 Avenue.

Future Work

- Both 119 Street and 23 Avenue will continue to operate in their current configuration. The new lanes will not be opened to traffic over the winter months as traffic lights and other works will not be complete.
- In the spring of 2008, traffic will be rerouted to the new lanes. Pavement rehabilitation and drainage improvements on the existing roadway will then commence. This work is expected to be completed in August 2008, and at that time all 4 lanes of each roadway will open to traffic
- Street lighting for the new lanes of 119 Street will be installed by the spring of 2008, before traffic is rerouted from the existing lanes.
- Traffic signals at 119 Street and 28 Avenue and at 23 Avenue and Hodgson Way/Magrath Road will be put into operation in 2008 when all 4 lanes are opened to traffic.
- Landscaping will continue in the spring of 2008.

Your Role in the Project

We appreciate your patience with the disruptions caused by this important infrastructure upgrade. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact the project office:

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