

7 Avenue LRT Refurbishment Project

2 Street S.W - 9 Street S.W.



PROJECT UPDATE - October 2007

Welcome to the 7 Avenue LRT Refurbishment Project. This newsletter will update you on the project status, upcoming events/milestones and answer questions you may have about the project.

The project is well into the design phase and construction is anticipated to begin in early 2008. Building owners and operators are encouraged to inform their tenants of the project and its development. If you would like the project team to meet a particular tenant(s), please feel free to contact Ryan Murray to set up a meeting.

If, after you read through this update, you have any questions or comments, you can contact Transportation Infrastructure at 268.2649 or ryan.murray@calgary.ca. Our website is www.calgary.ca/ti. Also, feel free to forward this update to your tenants, clients, co-workers, or anyone you feel appropriate.

Sincerely,

Ryan Murray
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Public Consultation

All property owners along 7 Avenue, between 2 Street S.W. and 9 Street S.W. have been contacted and, in most cases, the project team has met with the owners to review the project scope.

The project team is currently in consultation with property owners directly adjacent to the future stations. These meetings provide the owners an opportunity to comment and influence how the station will integrate into their respective building.

IMPORTANT

If you haven't met with our team and would like an opportunity to meet and be introduced to the project, please let us know and we will be happy to book an appointment.

LRT Stations - Progress Report



Looking east at the site of the future 7 Street S.W. Station.

7 Street S.W. Station

- The design phase is in progress.
- Property owners have been contacted and the project team is working with them on the integration of the station into their respective buildings.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2008 with completion anticipated for early 2009.
- The current 7 Street S.W. Station will remain open until the new station is complete.

6 Street S.W. Station

- The design phase is in progress.
- Property owners have been contacted and the project team is working with them on the integration of the station into their respective buildings.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2008 once the 7 Street S.W. Station has begun with completion anticipated for spring 2009.
- The current station will be closed during construction for approximately one year.



Looking west, the current 6 Street S.W. Station will be closed and refurbished in 2008/2009.

4 Street S.W. Station

- The design phase is in progress.
- The project team is now working with The Province of Alberta on the station's integration into the Provincially-owned land located directly adjacent to the station.
- The +15 walkway from the current 4 Street S.W. Station that connects to the Sears building will remain operational once the new station is complete.
- The start date for this construction is 2009 or 2010.
- The current station will be closed during construction for approximately one year.

3 Street S.W. Station

- The design phase is in progress.
- Property owners have been contacted and the project team is working with them on the integration of the station into their respective buildings.
- The current station will be closed during construction for approximately one year.
- Construction will begin once the new 6 Street S.W. Station opens in 2009.

LRT Stations - Progress Report, continued...

8 Street S.W. Station

- The pre-design has just begun.
- Property owner has been contacted and The City's architectural consultants will be working with the property owner's consultants during the pre-design phase.
- The start date for construction is 2009 or 2010.
- The current 8 Street S.W. Station will remain open until the new station is complete.

Streetscape

The landscape, or "streetscape," design is being finalized for non-station blocks. The streetscaped blocks will include consistent features, throughout the 7 Avenue Corridor:

Benches	Planters
Bike Racks	Trees
Waste Receptacles	Street-lights and LRT catenary poles
Bus Shelters	

Particular elements, such as benches, waste receptacles, trees and the light/catenary poles will look similar to the layout opposite the 1 Street S.W. Station.

Building owners whose property is located along 7 Avenue and whose property does not border a station will be contacted and provided an opportunity to comment on the preliminary streetscape design once it is complete. We anticipate the preliminary design will be ready for review within the next month.



Streetscape includes benches and tree planting.

Public Art

As part of the refurbishments along 7th Avenue, Transportation Infrastructure is working in cooperation with The City of Calgary Public Art Program to produce dynamic public art along the 7th Avenue Transit corridor.

The Public Art Program was formed in 2004 after Council approved a Public Art Policy setting aside one per cent of City dollars to spend on capital projects for the creation of public art. A recent project you may know include the "Jumping Trout" by Violet Costello and Bob Thomasson located at the Glenmore/Macleod Trail interchange. Public art enriches communities by providing artistic, recreational and cultural choices. Quality public art provides a distinct and vibrant character for public places and ensures a visual legacy for all to enjoy.

At this stage, the project team and the public art team are defining the goals and objectives of the 7th Avenue LRT Refurbishment Project in regards to public art. Stay tuned for more information on the public art project and the artists commissioned in future newsletters.