

## **KGL Constructors Public Information Session Q&A**

**June 22, 2021**

### **When will the section of the SCWRR from Fish Creek Boulevard to 22 X be opened?**

The Southwest Calgary Ring Road, including the section from Fish Creek Boulevard to 22X, is expected to be available to traffic in October 2021.

### **With all the great new interchanges being built, why is there a set of traffic lights on 22X near the school at 53rd Street Southwest?**

The design for traffic control at the intersection of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and Highway 22X is appropriate given the traffic volumes that use this intersection. The traffic volumes at this intersection warrant signals, but do not warrant an interchange.

### **Turning left on 24th Street from west bound on Spruce Meadows Green is extremely sharp even at a low speed. With icy conditions this could be very dangerous. Can this be reviewed?**

The ramp has been constructed per the approved design. Spruce Meadows Green, although built by the Province, falls under the jurisdiction of the City of Calgary. The geometric design is conducive to the posted speed limit of 60 kilometers an hour.

### **When is KGL anticipating the opening of the 162 Avenue on and off ramps?**

The Southwest Calgary Ring Road, including the 162 Avenue on and off ramps, is expected to be available to traffic in October 2021.

### **Why has 101st left turn onto Highway 8 and left onto 101st been closed years in advance of that interchange being completed? When will it reopen?**

The decision to partially close this intersection was not taken lightly. Factors considered in the decision included the eventual full closure of the intersection, the current pace of construction progress, and drivers' adaptability to changing traffic patterns. Upon review of various options, the decision was made to proceed with the current partial closure at the intersection. This partial closure is permanent and will remain in place.

Ultimately the intersection of 101 Street and Highway 8 will be closed completely because an interchange is being constructed at Highway 8, connecting the West Calgary Ring Road with Highway 8. This interchange will provide access from eastbound Highway 8 to northbound Stoney Trail. Access to communities west of 101 Street from Stoney Trail will be via new interchanges at 17th Avenue, Bow Trail and Old Banff Coach Road. Timing of the full closure of this intersection is not confirmed and will be communicated when information becomes available via the West Calgary Ring Road project website and newsletter.

### **When will the wildlife fencing be installed in the Elbow Valley to direct wildlife to the underpass?**

The installation of wildlife fencing is currently underway.

### **How much will traffic increase after the SWCRR is fully open from 22X?**

Currently, traffic volumes on portions of the Calgary Ring Road already opened to traffic range from approximately 40,000 to 80,000 vehicles per day. Additional information regarding traffic volumes can be viewed [here](#).

When the Southwest Calgary Ring Road is open to traffic it will take several months for traffic volumes to normalize as drivers begin using the road. Traffic volumes on the Southwest Calgary Ring Road are anticipated to be similar to other portions of the Calgary Ring Road.

**Is the Elbow Valley shoreline eroding faster than anticipated? Is this new work being done? What are the environmental concerns of sediment and minerals seeping into the water?**

KGL is aware of the potential erosion and is the process of mitigating these issues as part of DFO permits. The area is being monitored and repairs will continue through the summer months.

**From Highway 8 through to Fish Creek Boulevard the weeds are rampant, when will grass, trees, shrubs and overall landscaping be completed?**

The planting of trees and shrubs as well as mowing and other landscaping is currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

**Will the Highway 8 section be completely open in the fall?**

KGL's scope of work on highways 8, which ends at 85th Street will be open to traffic. There will be additional closures in the area associated with West Calgary Ring Road construction. To view additional information on the West Calgary Ring Road, visit the project website at [www.westringroad.ca](http://www.westringroad.ca)

**Why won't the eastbound portion of Highway 8 not be completed as in the original alignment?**

KGL has worked with Alberta Transportation and the West Calgary Ring Road contractors to ensure both scopes of work do not overlap. As a result, this section of Highway 8 will remain in its current condition until West Ring Road construction moves forward.

**When will eastbound Glenmore Trail between the Sarcee Trail interchange and 37th Street bridge return to 80km/h?**

The speed limit will return to 80 kilometres per hour when the interim weave from southbound Sarcee to 37th St is closed as part of construction of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road. A specific timeframe for this work is not available at this time.

**Can KGL provide a date when the access to 69 Street SW from Westbound Stoney Trail will be repaired?**

Repairs are currently underway and will continue for the next several weeks.

**Can KGL provide a date when the 69 Street SW overpass asphalt will be completed?**

At this time, KGL anticipates that this work will be completed in August, which is dependent on multiple factors that may affect the construction schedule such as weather.

**Is the speed limit of 60 km/h between Sarcee Trail and 37th Street SW is permanent or KGL will raise it to 80 km/h?**

The speed limit will increase to 80 km/h when the interim weave from southbound Sarcee to 37th St is closed as part of construction of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road. A specific timeframe for this work is not available at this time.

**Can you guys post updated pictures of the project to the website?**

Yes, we are in the process of getting additional photos added to the website.

**Will there be tree plantings in the Elbow River section?**

Yes, tree and shrub planting has begun and will continue through August.

**Was low impact lighting installed in the Elbow Valley?**

Yes, energy efficient lighting will be installed along the corridor.

**Is Spruce Meadows Way summer closure linked to this project?**

This closure is not a part of KGL's scope of work.

**Will there be a noise barrier or bushes on 37th Street across from the casino?**

There will be a small berm constructed just east of the roundabout, however there are no plans for a noise wall. The berm will have landscaping features including bushes and shrubs.

**When will there be a sound wall along Weaselhead Park?**

Based on the most recent noise modeling study, there will not be a noise attenuation wall along Weaselhead Park. During the operating period, Mountain View Partners will implement additional noise mitigation measures should the thresholds be exceeded.

**How do we get that noise wall pushed down farther from Anderson to Southland?**

Plans for noise attenuation measures are based on the most recent noise modeling study. During the operating period, Mountain View Partners will implement additional noise mitigation measures should the thresholds be exceeded.

**Why is there no noise attenuation north of the pedestrian bridge along the eastbound exit ramp from Southwest Calgary Ring Road to Anderson Road?**

Plans for noise attenuation measures are based on the most recent noise modeling study. During the operating period, Mountain View Partners will implement additional noise mitigation measures should the thresholds be exceeded.

**Upon completion of noise attenuation measures, what noise testing will be performed to confirm that the noise attenuation design is sufficient to meet noise attenuation regulations and will the affected residents who live adjacent to the highways be informed of these test results?**

Noise mitigation measures have been designed and installed to meet provincial guidelines. During the operating period Mountain View Partners will implement additional noise mitigation measures should the thresholds be exceeded.

**What will be the heights of the wall along Woodbriar? Minimum and maximum heights?**

The noise attenuation wall that is north of 130 Ave ranges in height from 1.8 to 2.7 metres.

**Is here consultation to residents affected by the walls along SWRR 130th to Anderson?**

The noise attenuation designs associated with KGL's scope of work have been finalized. Plans for noise attenuation measures are based on the most recent noise modeling study. During the operating period, Mountain View Partners will implement additional noise mitigation measures should the thresholds be exceeded.

**Why is the middle of Somerset on the south side not protected from the noise? Ramp noise is extreme at time with heavy motor bikes and trucks frequently accelerating on the nearby ramp.**

Plans for noise attenuation measures are based on the most recent noise modeling study. During the operating period, Mountain View Partners will implement additional noise mitigation measures should the thresholds be exceeded.

**Will there be anything done to reduce traffic noise for the berm area between pedestrian walkway and 24th street?**

Based on the most recent noise modeling study, there will not be further noise attenuation in this area.