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Bridging to Tomorrow Celebrations: Tuesday, October 2

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Two special events are being planned on Tuesday, October 2 to commemorate the completion of the City of Saskatoon's largest ever infrastructure project. In just days, the Bridging to Tomorrow project, which includes the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, McOrmond Drive and Central Avenue extensions, and the new Traffic Bridge will be completed on time and on budget.

"The City is grateful for the strong partnerships we have with the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, and Graham Commuter Partners on this project," says Dan Willems, Acting General Manager of Corporate Performance. "All of this new infrastructure will shorten commute times, offer more transportation options for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, and help grow the economy, all of which improve our quality of life."

Events will focus on the theme of community and bridging together citizens in celebration. At the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, a morning celebration will include a grand entry with local Indigenous leaders, residential school survivors, and City and government officials. Citizens will be invited to walk around and explore the bridge for the entire morning.

Beginning at noon, a more informal event will be held on the deck of the new Traffic Bridge. The event will start with a bridge walk that will include citizens, local community leaders, school children, and walking, cycling and running groups. It will begin on both ends of the bridge and meet in the middle in a celebration of community. Citizens are invited to bring their own lunch to the new Traffic Bridge or purchase their lunch from food truck vendors that will be set up on the deck. The Traffic Bridge Party will include local cultural entertainment and history and information about the Bridging to Tomorrow project will be on display.

Chief Mistawasis Bridge, McOrmond Drive and Central Avenue extensions will open to vehicular traffic later in the day. The Traffic Bridge will open to vehicular traffic on October 3.

For more information on the Bridging to Tomorrow project, visit saskatoon.ca/bridging.

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