

Bridging to Tomorrow Update (October 21, 2015)

Request for Regulatory Approvals Underway

As the project advances through the Commercial and Financial Close process, Graham Commuter Parkers (GCP) is proceeding with obtaining the regulatory approvals required to begin construction in the South Saskatchewan River.

Approvals are required from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, Saskatchewan Water Security Agency, and Meewasin Valley Authority.

Traffic Bridge Design Details

The new Traffic Bridge is proposed to be a four span arrangement, with new reinforced concrete piers constructed around the existing piers within the river. The bridge geometry will be similar to the existing bridge, however the bridge will be slightly wider and taller, to accommodate wider traffic lanes, wider pathways on both sides, and overhead clearance for emergency vehicles.

In compliance with the requirements of the Project Agreement, the new bridge structure will be a modern truss structure and will include two 3.7 m wide traffic lanes and two 3.0 m multi-use pathways. The project will include direct pathway connections to Rotary Park, however the configuration of these has yet to be confirmed by GCP.

Next Steps

While construction could begin in late 2015/early 2016, GCP cannot confirm a construction start date until approvals from the various regulatory agencies are secured.

Once the City reaches financial close with GCP later this month, a report outlining the financial details of the proposal will be provided to City Council.