

Broadway Construction Update May 13, 2025

Thank you for your continued interest in Link rapid transit. As construction begins on 44 stations around Saskatoon, including four on Broadway Avenue, we wanted to provide an update on what to expect over the next few weeks.

Construction Timeline:

Construction of the first station on Broadway is planned to start on May 20th with completion of all four stations expected by mid-July, weather permitting and barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The southbound station located at Five Corners will be built first and the southbound station located in front of the Ace Burger and St. Joseph's Parish Hall will start the following week. Each station will take about four weeks to complete. The northbound stations, outside Ècole Victoria School and Oskāyak High School will begin construction after the completion of the southbound stations.

For updates on construction timelines please visit saskatoon.ca/linkconstruction.

What does construction entail?

The 2025 construction season will consist of pouring a raised concrete pad in the sidewalk and a concrete pad in the roadway, installation of electrical conduits, installation of tactile strips and relocation of traffic signal poles and streetlights where required. A transit shelter and other furniture will be added prior to Link service launch in 2028.

What is the impact on traffic during this time?

This work has been planned during the closure of the Broadway Bridge repairs project to minimize disruption to the community.

Road closures and detours will be in place to guide motorists around each work zone. Road restrictions are not anticipated on Broadway between Main Street and 11th Street.

What is the impact on Transit during this time?

Saskatoon Transit will detour off Broadway Avenue starting May 12th and will reroute to Victoria Avenue, due to the Broadway Bridge construction. Bus stops on Broadway Avenue, between 8th Street and 12th Street, will be temporarily relocated to 8th Street and Victoria Avenue with new short-term signage pointing transit riders to the next closest stop. Saskatoon Transit routes to and from Downtown will use Victoria Avenue and the Traffic Bridge.



Transit service alerts and real-time bus information are available on third-party apps like <u>Transit</u> and on desktops through <u>Google Maps Transit</u>.

How is on-street parking impacted?

On-street parking spaces will be inaccessible in locations where construction is occurring, and full road closures are in place.

With transit detours operating for the summer, some transit stops will be available for paid on-street parking until the Broadway Bridge is opened. Please look for posted signage to indicate time limits and requirements for pay parking.

Will there be impacts to access to business storefronts? Will sidewalks be closed?

Store front access is intended to be maintained at all points during construction, although due to sidewalk construction there may be some detours. S idewalk closed detour signs will be installed where required and construction fencing used to keep pedestrians safe. Please obey all signs and remain behind the construction fencing for everyone's safety.

How will it impact summer on Broadway Avenue, since there are so many festivals during this time?

It is expected that construction will be done by mid-July. The City will work together with the contractor to minimize conflicts between the work and events planned during construction.

Where are the Link stations and what is the anticipated impact in each area?

More information specific to each station location has been provided on the following pages.

Still have questions?

Please reach out to the project team at any time at <u>link@saskatoon.ca</u>. You can also find more information not only about construction, but about the project as a whole, at saskatoon.ca/link.



STATION SPECIFICS

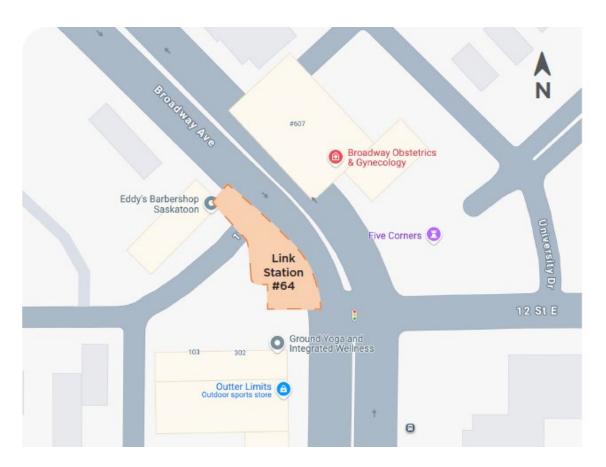
Station 64 - 5 Corners

Station 64 is located at the "Five Corners" and will be a stop for transit heading south. There will be changes to the pocket park there, as well as minimal parking loss.

An important consideration for this spot is having construction completed in time to allow for a patio installation by the Broadway BID. The patio will be installed in the parking stalls behind the station.

A road closure will be in place between the Broadway Bridge and 12th Street and the driveway crossing into the parking lot west of the intersection will also be closed. Vehicles accessing businesses will need to enter and exit from 12th Street East & Eastlake Avenue.

Construction at Station 64 is expected to start May 20th.



Station 65 - Ecole Victoria School

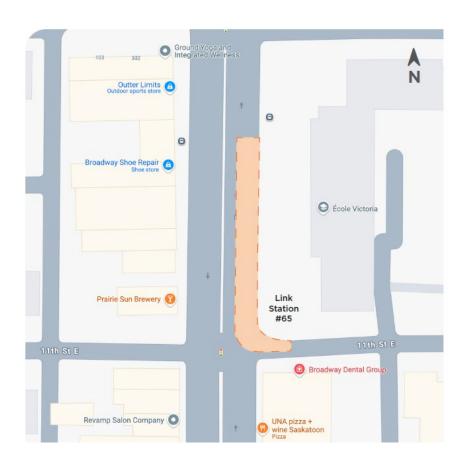
Station 65 is the last northbound stop on Broadway before the route heads Downtown. This location is an active site with elementary students and events taking place at the Little Stone Stage. The station is positioned to minimize interference with the stage while expanding the existing public space.

During construction, a road closure will be in effect between 11th and 12th Street northbound. Traffic will be rerouted to the opposite side of the street with one lane of traffic in each direction.

An important consideration for this location is maintaining student pick-up and drop by the FirstBus service and parents of elementary students. Road closures and parking restrictions are not anticipated along 11th Street or 12th Street. If temporary closures are required, Ecole Victoria School and FirstBus will be notified three days in advance.

Construction fencing will be in place around the construction zone to ensure student safety. Please ask students to always stay behind the fence for everyone's safety.

Construction at *Station 65* is expected to start early to mid-June when construction of *Station 64* at 5 Corners is complete.



Station 66 - Ace Burger/St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Station 66 is a southbound stop on Broadway before the route turns east on 8th Street.

During construction, a road closure will be in effect between 8th and 9th Street southbound. Traffic will be rerouted to the opposite side of the street with one lane of traffic in each direction. The driveway crossing to the parking lot between the St. Joseph's Parish Hall and the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church will also be closed. Vehicles using the parking will need to enter and exit from the back alley.

The Saskatoon Carshare parking space at this location has been relocated ahead of construction. The new designated parking space is on 9th Street south of the Oskāyak High School.

Construction at Station 66 is expected to start May 26th.



Station 67 - Oskāyak High School

Station 67 is an important station for not only the community but for students going to high school. For that reason, construction will be staggered to maintain easy access between transit service detoured to 8th Street and the front entrance.

Saskatoon Transit will be detouring off Broadway Avenue starting on May 12th to accommodate the Broadway Bridge repairs project. Students using the Oskāyak High School transit service at the end of the school day will get on the bus at a temporary stop in front of the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church located at 8th Street & Broadway Avenue. The first bus will arrive at 3:20pm and again at 3:30pm. This bus will head back downtown taking either Idylwyld Drive or Victoria Avenue. This temporary stop location will be in effect when students return to school in the Fall 2025.

When school is out for summer, the second phase of construction will proceed, blocking pedestrian access to the main entrance of the school from 9th Street. Anyone accessing the school's front entrance during the summer will need to approach from Main Street.

A road closure will be in effect between 11th and 12th Street northbound during both phases of work. Traffic will be rerouted to the opposite side of the street with one lane of traffic in each direction.

The first phase of construction at *Station 67* will start in early to mid-June when construction of *Station 66* in front of Ace Burger/St. Joseph's Parish Hall is complete.

