

Civic Operations Centre FAQ

What is the Civic Operations Centre (COC)?

The Civic Operations Centre is situated on 173 acres of land within City limits between the CN Railway tracks and Valley Road, just west of Circle Drive. Once complete, it will include Saskatoon Transit operations as well as the City's first permanent snow management facility. The COC will be designed like a campus, with various buildings and facilities on the site. The COC will provide direct access from Valley Road to the new Circle Drive South Bridge and road system, which will allow for the movement of equipment, materials, and vehicles more quickly around the city. The majority of COC traffic will be on Circle Drive South.

What will the Transit facility involve?

Saskatoon is experiencing robust growth and there's a desire to expand service by increasing the number of routes and frequency of bus service. The facility will be required to permit maximum operational efficiency, facilitate a safe, healthy working environment, and allow for future expansion. It will be approximately 50,000 m² in size.

The Transit facility will include:

- LEED certification
- Indoor bus storage for a fleet of over 200 buses (regular and articulated)
- Quick service, fueling, and wash lanes
- Maintenance bays for all aspects of bus fleet maintenance
- Storage for equipment, parts and consumables
- Bus entrances and exits on the south side of the building
- Administrative offices, dispatch centre, staff amenities, and training facilities
- Exterior bus staging areas
- Parking for staff and visitors

What is a Snow Management Facility (SMF) and how does it work?

Snow will be brought to the site and deposited on the concrete pad, where plows will push it into a very large snow peak. The pad has a capacity of 1 million cubic metres of snow. Snow melt and runoff will be controlled and flow into a settling pond, where sand and other debris can be collected. The snow melt is monitored, and when appropriate, released into the storm water system. The SMF is planned to open January 2017. There will be a "no tailgate slamming" policy for all general public and private snow haulers.

When will the Civic Operations Centre open?

Construction started in January 2015 and will be completed by late December 2016. Saskatoon Transit will start moving its operations to the site in January 2017. The Snow Management Facility will also open in January 2017.

What work is planned at the COC between now and December?

Transit Facility

- Complete installation and test operation of bus lifts, wash, paint booth
- Finish installing and testing HVAC, plumbing, electrical systems
- Paint, install flooring

Snow Management Facility

- Pour concrete swales and bottom of pond
- Pave access road

Site and Landscaping

- Construct concrete curbs
- Place asphalt
- Build Valley Road intersection
- Place topsoil
- Plant trees, shrubs, grass

Berm

- Final grading and grooming
- Build CN access road

Hours of Work

- Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday (only if required) 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Noise and Dust

- Normal construction noise from large equipment such as excavators and dump trucks is expected
- If dust control is required, Ellis Don (contractor) will provide control measures

For more information about the COC project, visit saskatoon.ca/coc