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Circle Drive over 33rd Street to be rehabilitated this summer

Major repairs are planned on Circle Drive over 33rd Street this summer. Following the Canada Day weekend, the entire northbound overpass will undergo a two and a half month long rehabilitation.

“The northbound structure over 33rd Street was built in the 1990s,” says Todd Grabowski, Manager of Asset Preservation for Bridges. “During the City’s annual deck testing program, we could see that it is at an age where proactive work is necessary to ensure it continues to serve its purpose for years to come.”

The rehabilitation project will include asphalt removal and replacement, and repairs to the deck and expansion joints, among other things. The work is extensive and will affect northbound traffic on Circle Drive. Southbound traffic will not be affected by the rehabilitation project.

“Beginning on July 3, drivers heading northbound on Circle Drive can expect delays at 33rd Street, especially during the weekday morning peak times, as traffic will be reduced to one lane,” says Grabowski.

The lane reduction is expected to slow down northbound traffic on Circle Drive, but not completely stop it. Even so, it is expected that a significant number of drivers will divert to alternate routes, so the City will be adjusting traffic signals to accommodate drivers opting to detour or exit off the northbound ramp at 33rd Street.

Every day, approximately 20,000 vehicles pass over the northbound lanes of Circle Drive at 33rd Street.

More information about the 2018 Building Better Roads plan is available at saskatoon.ca/betterroads. You can also access Traffic Detour Service Alerts at saskatoon.ca/servicealerts or follow [@YXEServiceAlert](https://twitter.com/YXEServiceAlert) on Twitter.

The City thanks drivers for their patience while this necessary work is carried out. Slow down, pay attention and respect work zones. Watch for pedestrians and work crews and, for everyone's safety, obey all detours, signs, and barriers.

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