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Dear Business Owner, Property Owner, Resident:

**Re: Sid Buckwold Bridge Rehabilitation Bi-weekly Update**

Work on the Sid Buckwold Bridge continues to progress on schedule on the east half of the bridge. During this work, worksite restrictions, social distancing, and other precautionary measures remain in place to protect crews and residents and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Throughout the final phase of the project:

- The City will continue to monitor detours that are not part of this project, but that are adjacent or near to the project area, to reduce impacts to local area traffic and businesses as much as possible.
- The northbound lanes heading into downtown will remain closed with two-way traffic accommodated in the south bound lanes.
- The left turn onto 20<sup>th</sup> Street from Idylwyld Drive north bound is not permitted due to the current traffic accommodation. As a way for north bound traffic to access 20<sup>th</sup> Street, a temporary U-turn will remain in place at Auditorium Avenue throughout the project.
- The bridge walkway will remain closed.
- The Meewasin Trail on both sides of the bridge remains open.

Over the past two weeks, the contractor has completed the following:

- Removed asphalt on the bridge.
- Removed the bridge railing.
- Completed a preliminary survey of the work site.
- Poured concrete for pier strengthening.

Current work on site includes:

- Installation of privacy screen on the construction fencing.
- The lane restrictions on 19<sup>th</sup> Street East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South to accommodate critical crane work for the River Landing Project have been extended until end of the day Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Due to high wind conditions, work was unable to be completed over the weekend.
- The current lane restrictions on 19<sup>th</sup> Street East and the restrictions set to begin this week on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North access ramp to accommodate bridge barrier demolition will remain in place until mid-May. The lane restrictions will be modified throughout the duration of the work.
- On April 23, 2020, two-way traffic will resume and be maintained on 19<sup>th</sup> Street East and the southbound access to the bridge from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North.
- Removal of the formwork from bridge pier.
- Survey of bridge post tension cables.
- Removal of existing waterproofing membrane on bridge.

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Nearby businesses who have not received a copy of the *Thrive During Construction Guide*, which includes tips to help businesses affected by construction navigate and social media marketing materials, can contact us for a copy.

More information about the Sid Buckwold Rehabilitation project is available at [Saskatoon.ca/sidbuckwold](https://saskatoon.ca/sidbuckwold). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Customer Care Centre at 306-975-2476 or by e-mail at [customercare@saskatoon.ca](mailto:customercare@saskatoon.ca). The next project update is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2020.

The City thanks businesses and residents for their patience while this necessary work is carried out.

Sincerely,

**Transportation & Construction Department**

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