

May 4, 2020

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 20th Street from Idylwyld Drive north bound is not permitted due to the current traffic accommodation. As a way for north bound traffic to access 20th Street, a temporary U-turn is in place at Auditorium Avenue. This temporary traffic measure will remain in place as long as it is safe to do so.
- 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:

- Installed the remainder of the privacy screen on the construction fencing.
- Milled (removal) the existing asphalt and water proof membrane on the bridge structure.
- Poured 150 ft of concrete barriers.
- Poured all bridge concrete median slabs.
- Demolished the bridge curbs.
- Scaffolding put in place.
- Patched the bridge piers.
- Removed the formwork from the bridge pier.

Current work on site includes:

- Barrier demolition continues. The required lane restrictions on 19th Street East and 1st Avenue North access ramp to accommodate this work will remain in place until mid-May. The restrictions are anticipated to continue to be modified throughout the duration of this work.
- Begin pouring the concrete bridge median barriers.
- Begin concrete repairs on the bridge deck.
- Demolition of the sidewalk.
- The demolitions of the bridge expansion joint.

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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. 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,

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City of Saskatoon