

June 1, 2020

Dear Business Owner, Property Owner, Resident:

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

The second and final phase of construction on the Sid Buckwold Bridge is well underway on the east half of the bridge and is proceeding on schedule.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

On site, crews have now completed the installation of the concrete medians and much of the work from the last few weeks is anticipated to continue for the next several months. Work on site over the next two weeks includes:

- Demolition of expansion joints and bridge barriers. This work is anticipated to take several months to complete.
- Construction of the concrete median barriers and supporting slabs. This work is anticipated to take several months to complete.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Street East lane restrictions will remain in place until mid-July barring weather delays and unforeseen circumstances.
- Bridge jacking (lifting) on the north east section of the bridge will continue in order to complete required repairs.
- Installation of the sidewalk and curb.
- Repairs to existing bridge deck drains and installation of new bridge deck drains.
- Installation of the bridge walkway railing.
- Delivery of the first of the bridge expansion joints is anticipated to arrive on June 6, 2020 with installation of these joints to follow.

We would also like to remind businesses, citizens and area traffic that with the return of retail commercial activity as part of the Province's Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, pay parking requirements and enforcement, including parking time limits, has been reinstated to help ensure parking turnover for customers and businesses in high-demand pay parking zones including zones adjacent to this project. For more information, visit [saskatoon.ca/payparking](http://saskatoon.ca/payparking).

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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, June 8, 2020.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation while this necessary work is carried out. In compliance with the restrictions under the current Public Health Order, we continue to work with our contracted partners to ensure appropriate physical distancing and other appropriate safety measures are in place while performing work for the City.

Sincerely,

**Transportation & Construction Department**

Technical Services Division

City of Saskatoon