

## West Calgary Ring Road Update

### VALLEY BREEZE ARTICLE: MARCH 2019

By now residents will have noticed that some pre-work has already occurred regarding the West Calgary Ring Road (WCRR) project. The WCRR is the final 9 km. of the Calgary Ring Road and extends from Highway 8 north to Crowchild Trail (Fig. 1). Some staking, shallow core work and clearing of brush and some trees from the Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) on the east and south sides of the community occurred in late January / early February. The community entrance sign has also been removed and placed in storage for the duration of construction.

The VRCA has been working in close communication with Alberta Transportation (AT) the past several months. A kick-off meeting was held with AT in mid-October attended by Dave McCarrel, President, VRCA, members of the VRCA Planning Committee (PC) and the VRCA's LEAF team.

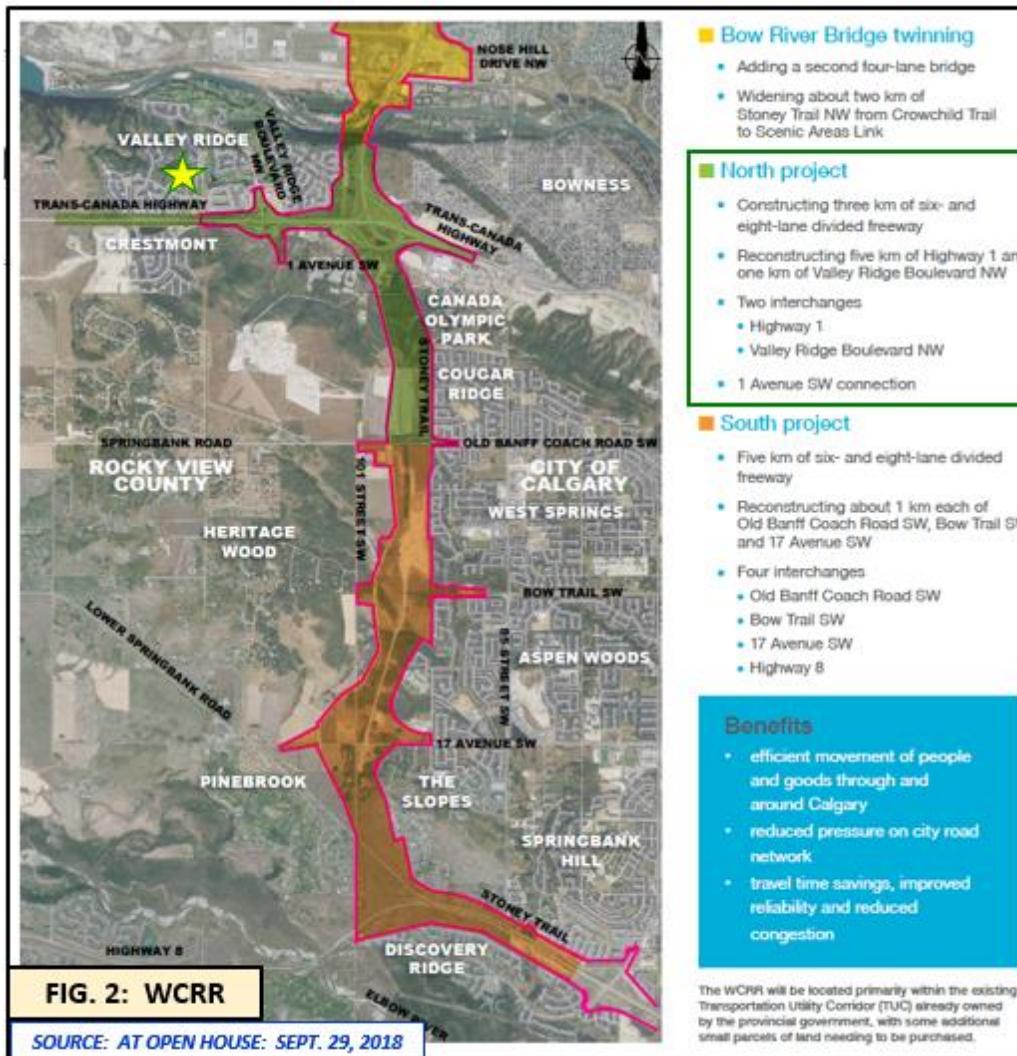
With the expected date of the Provincial election as early as mid-April, at this writing, the announcement of the general contractor for the North Project (see below) is expected to happen in mid-March. Coupled with the good weather in January, pre-work on the WCRR commenced earlier than expected.

Visit AT's website to see a detailed overview of the WCRR project from Hwy 8 to Crowchild, including a 3D fly-over: <https://www.alberta.ca/west-calgary-ring-road.aspx>

The WCRR is comprised of 3 sub-projects (Fig. 2). The construction of our new Valley Ridge Blvd interchange is part of the "North Project" which includes the construction of new Valley Ridge Boulevard interchange, the expansion of the Stoney Trail / Trans-Canada Highway (TCH) interchange and the re-construction of 5 km of the TCH. The North Project is expected to start first. The second project involves the twinning of the Stoney Trail bridge over the Bow River plus widening of ~2km of Stoney Trail from Crowchild Trail south to Scenic Acres Link. The third project is the construction of ~5km of new Stoney Trail freeway from Old Banff Coach Road to Hwy 8.

AT expects the WCRR to be open to traffic in 2022, one year after the expected completion of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road (SWCRR), now under construction, from Hwy 8 to Macleod Trail: <http://www.swcrrproject.com>





Following the announcement of the general contractor for the North Project, we expect to learn more details which we will communicate to the community regarding the timing and impact of construction on Valley Ridge. There will be disruptions to traffic flow as the project progresses and the VRCA asks for everyone's patience and understanding. We will endeavor to communicate with residents in a timely fashion via the VRCA's website, the VRCA's Facebook page, the Valley Breeze and if you are a VRCA member, by e-mail, which will be the fastest mode of providing information to you as construction progresses. Lastly, there is a link on AT's website for the WCRR (above) where you can sign up for email notifications directly from AT.

Please email [planning@vrca.community](mailto:planning@vrca.community) with any questions.

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