

Bishop O'Byrne High School

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## Macleod Trail / 162 Avenue S Interchange

The City of Calgary has retained ISL Engineering and AECOM to complete updated planning for an interchange at Macleod Trail / 162 Avenue S.

A pair of initial information sessions were held on October 23 and 25, 2014 in order to introduce the project and to provide interested community members with background information and an opportunity to provide input on initial interchange options and evaluation priorities in the early stages of the study.

The purpose of this second pair of drop-in information sessions is to:

- Report back on what we heard at the first information sessions.
- Provide an update on the progress of the study including:
  - Evaluation of interchange types, and short-listing of the interchange to two possible configuration options that will be evaluated further.
  - Potential operational improvement concepts for the Shawville Blvd / 162 Avenue intersection.
- Listen and Learn from stakeholders and the public, and respond to issues, concerns and suggestions.

Comments and questions from community members and other stakeholders will be carefully considered by the project team. Where possible, input will be incorporated into the plan. If input cannot be incorporated, the City will explain why.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### When will the project be finished?

This Interchange project has three stages:

- **Stage A:** Functional planning and preliminary engineering which is currently underway
- **Stage B:** Detailed Design Tender Preparation/Contract Administration
- **Stage C:** Construction is expected to begin in 2016 and completed in 2017.

The final report of the planning study is scheduled to be completed by the Summer of 2015.

#### How does this interchange fit into The City's Transportation Network?

The interchange at Macleod Trail and 162 Avenue S will be an integral part of The City of Calgary's overall transportation network, helping to enhance Macleod Trail as a gateway to the City from the provincial highway network, and completing the free-flow section from 194 Avenue to Lake Fraser Gate.



## What are the long term benefits of the interchange?

Construction of the interchange and roadway at this location will:

- Enhance mobility for commuters, cyclists and pedestrians while accommodating access to surrounding businesses and services.
- Improve access and connectivity to and from Macleod Trail for the communities of Sundance, Midnapore, Shawnessy, Somerset, Bridlewood and Evergreen, and the Shawnessy Towne Centre.
- Coordinate with planned provincial improvements at Macleod Trail and Stoney Trail (formerly Highway 22X), in conjunction with the planned Southwest Ring Road.
- Increase road capacity to accommodate priority growth areas in southwest Calgary, including transit-oriented development around area LRT stations.

## What will the interchange cost?

The current budget for the interchange is set at \$55 million. Updated estimates will be prepared as part of the planning study.

## What is the connection between this project and the Southwest portion of the Calgary Ring Road?

Alberta Transportation's Southwest Calgary Ring Road project is separate from but in the vicinity of the Macleod Trail / 162 Avenue Interchange project. The City is working with the Province to ensure that plans for roadways connecting to the Ring Road are coordinated and minimize impacts during construction. The City of Calgary and Alberta Transportation are currently discussing the possibility of maintaining inbound access from southbound Macleod Trail to south Shawville Blvd (near the Home Depot). The Province hosted a number of open houses about the Southwest Ring Road in Fall 2014, with information available at [www.SW-CRR.ca](http://www.SW-CRR.ca).

## Where can I get more information?

- Visit the project website at [www.calgary.ca/macleod162ave](http://www.calgary.ca/macleod162ave)
- Phone 311
- Email [macleod@islengeering.com](mailto:macleod@islengeering.com)

