

North Crosstown Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is The City implementing BRT service in the north?

The North Crosstown BRT is one of four new BRT routes in The City of Calgary’s primary transit network. The new route fills important gaps in the existing transit network, and provides reliable, direct connections to major destinations, underserved communities and transit hubs like LRT stations. The North Crosstown BRT project includes station upgrades along the corridor, and the addition of transit priority measures such as queue jumps or signal priority.

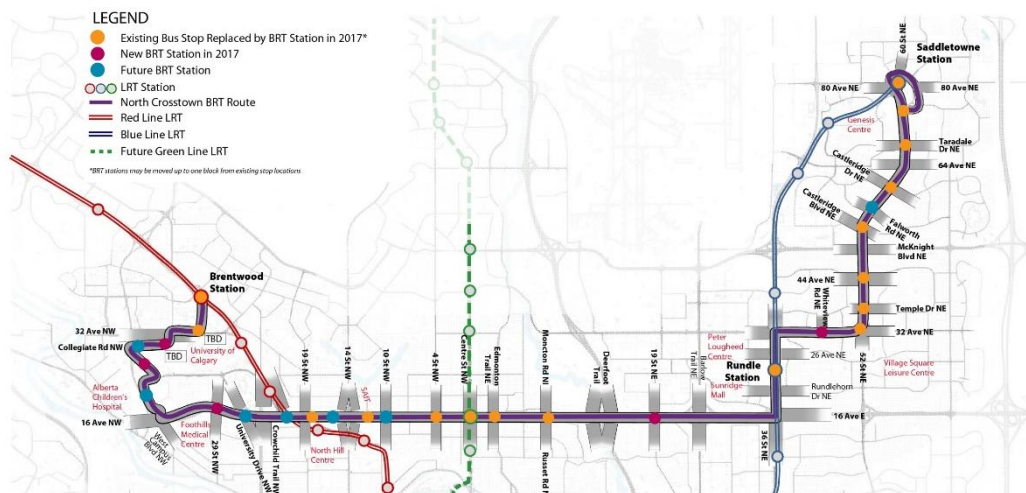
The North Crosstown BRT project is a Council-identified priority in Calgary Transit’s long-term, strategic plan RouteAhead.

The North Crosstown BRT route will improve:

- Direct east-west connectivity across the city as an efficient, reliable alternative to other routes and LRT services
- Service to major destinations such as Foothills Medical Centre, Alberta Children’s Hospital, SAIT, University of Calgary, McMahon Stadium, North Hill Centre, and the Genesis Centre
- Service to numerous schools, recreation/sports facilities and shopping centres
- Connectivity between Brentwood and Saddletowne LRT Stations. Riders will not have to go downtown or transfer, to cross the north side of the city
- Transit service reliability and passenger capacity in north Calgary and along 16 Avenue North

See the route and stop locations below.

Proposed North Crosstown BRT Route and Station Locations





What is Bus Rapid Transit?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a frequent, reliable, direct bus service. BRT routes have fewer stops than a regular bus route, which means they can cover greater distances, more quickly.

The North Crosstown BRT will operate in regular traffic lanes and transit vehicles will be given signal priority and queue jump lanes at some intersections.

Has The City engaged with residents and businesses in the area?

The City met with stakeholders including Alberta Health Services, University of Calgary, Foothills Hospital, SAIT, and some business and property owners along the proposed route.

In the spring of 2016 the North Crosstown BRT was also included in the online engagement for The City's BRT program, and The City attended seven community events to provide residents with information about the upcoming service.

In fall 2016, The City asked the public to provide feedback about the route, station locations and design through an online comment form. The comment form was open from October 24 - December 23, 2016, and 825 responses were received. For a detailed summary of the input provided, please see the [What We Heard Report](#).

When will construction start?

The City is continuing to refine the designs, and it is estimated construction will start in the spring of 2017, and the BRT service will be running in the fall of 2018.

What will happen to existing transit routes when the BRT service starts?

Transit service reviews will be conducted before the North Crosstown BRT service begins to study existing bus routes and determine if changes are required to the existing routes.

Will parking lots be constructed along the route?

There are no plans to construct park and ride locations along the North Crosstown BRT route. The stations are intended to serve local communities and will primarily be accessed from within the community via feeder buses, walking, cycling, or using the existing park and ride facilities along the routes (e.g. Whitehorn LRT Station).

What is the project budget?

The design is approximately 75% complete. Based on this the cost estimate is \$20.4-24.7 million.

How can I get more information or provide feedback on the North Crosstown BRT?

Citizens can stay informed or provide feedback by visiting the project web page (Calgary.ca/northxtownbrt) or calling 311.