



Bearspaw South Feeder Main Update

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Stage B construction begins in Bowness on May 11.

Cross connection construction

The City of Calgary will begin Stage B construction of the Bearspaw South Feeder Main (BSFM) replacement project on May 11, with work expected to be completed by October 2026.

This stage includes installing a new parallel steel pipeline along 34 Avenue N.W., between 73 Street N.W. and 89 Street N.W. Stage B construction will begin with cross connection work, which includes installing connections from the new pipe to the existing water system.

This work will take place at two locations:

- 83 Street N.W. between 33 and 34 Avenue N.W.
- 77 Street N.W. between 33 and 34 Avenue N.W.

We are completing cross connections first to streamline the upcoming pipe installation process. By completing these steps early, we can expedite the final connection and minimize the window of overall disruption to critical intersections.

Cross connection work will be completed using an open-cut construction method, which involves digging a trench, installing the required pipe components, backfilling the area, and restoring the surface to its pre-construction condition.

77 Street
Construction map

83 Street
Construction map

Construction on 34 Avenue N.W. between 79 and 80 Street N.W., and between 85 and 86 Street N.W.

Feeder main construction along 34 Avenue N.W. starts mid-June using the open-cut method. Construction will take place on two to three blocks at a time with

dedicated crews working on each block. The blocks under construction will NOT be in consecutive order, and will vary along 34 Avenue N.W.

Two weeks before construction starts on impacted blocks, residents will receive the Resident Information Package that will:

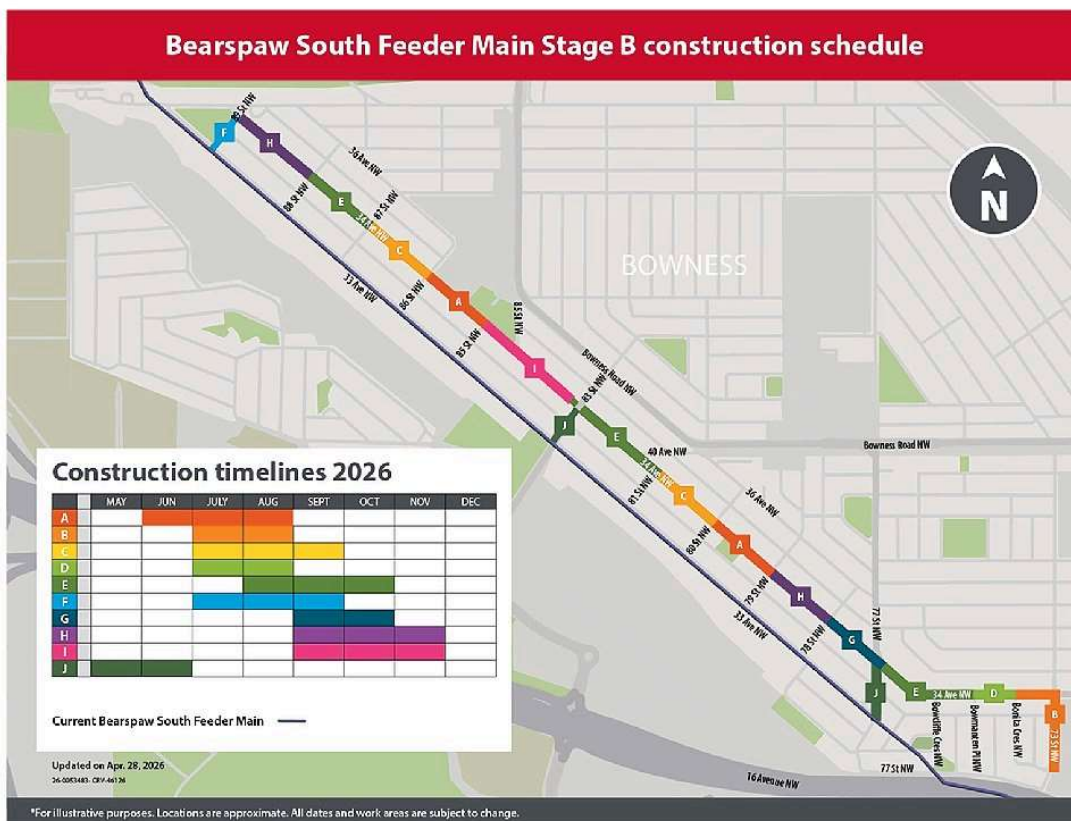
- Provide details about the construction process and impacts.
- Provide information about parking options and detour plans.
- Help you prepare for construction impacts near your property and address any accessibility needs you may have.

The most up-to-date Information will always be available at calgary.ca/bears pawfeedermain.

Construction will take place within the public right-of-way, which is public land used by The City and utility companies to install and maintain infrastructure such as streetlights, trees, gas, power, and telecommunications. The amount of space the right of way take up varies by community and often extend beyond the paved road into areas that may appear to be part of a private yard.

The following map shows the current construction sequencing plan.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change based on project needs.





Questions or concerns?

Visit the project's Community Resource Centre, located at the Bowness Community Association, during their regular hours:

Office hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Construction Liaison hours:

The BSFM Construction Liaison is on-site on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Temporary Parking Impacts Along 34 Avenue N.W.

During construction, on-street parking and driveway access will not be available. Residents will need to park in the alley behind their homes or on nearby streets.

To ensure garbage collection, emergency response, and other essential services continue without disruption, please keep the following in mind.

Alley parking rules:

The Parking Bylaw regulates parking, and Waste & Recycling Services have requirements for garbage collection. These bylaws and requirements are in place to ensure services continue uninterrupted. Please be mindful of the following:

- Keep alley entrances clear. Park at least 5 metres (16 ft) from alley entrances to allow large vehicles to turn safely.
- Do not park at the end of a closed alley or in turnaround areas.
- Leave at least 1 metre (3 ft) of space between your vehicle and garbage or recycling carts.
- Alleys must be at least 6.1 metres wide to accommodate parking, with at least 3 metres of clear passing space.
- Keep 5 metres clear in front of garage entrances.

Adjacent street parking:

Some people don't use their vehicles every day or may go away and leave their vehicle on the street. When you park in front of your own home, your neighbours probably know the vehicle is yours. But on an adjacent street it may look unfamiliar to residents, and if left too long, may appear abandoned.

Keep the following parking regulations in mind:

- **72-hour rule:** A vehicle can be considered abandoned if it is not moved within 72 hours. Citizens sometimes make complaints about an abandoned

vehicle due to concerns that an unfamiliar vehicle has been stolen and abandoned. This could result in your vehicle being tagged or towed.




- **Garbage bins:** As in alleys, make sure there's at least 1 metre (3 ft.) of space between any vehicle and the closest cart.
- **Driveway and garage clearance:** Make sure there's at least 5 metres of space between your vehicle and a garage or driveway entrance.
- **Excavation clearance:** If you are parking near the construction, make sure there is enough room for vehicles, including construction vehicles, to move around you.

This information and much more will be delivered to homes about two weeks before construction starts on each block.

Upcoming community cleanup event

Need to clean out your garage? You're in luck.

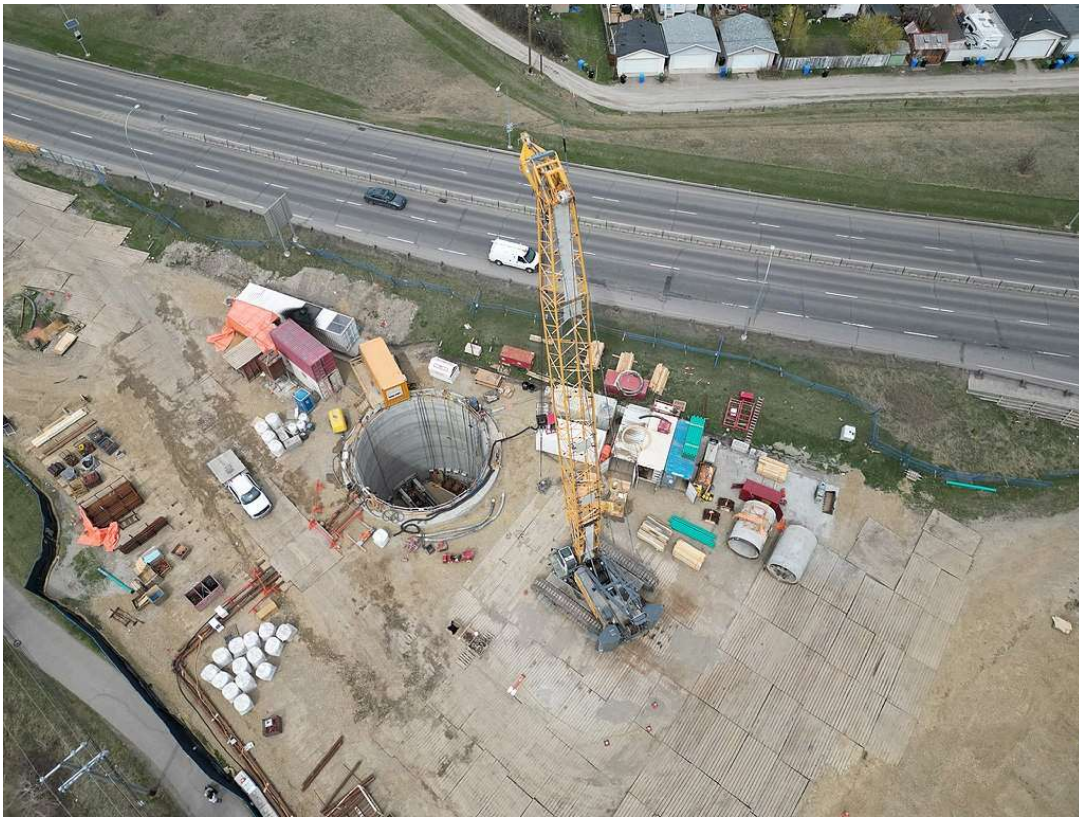
The [Bowness Community Cleanup](#) takes place May 9, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at RockPoint Church (12 Bowridge Dr.). Also on May 9, the [Parade of Garage Sales](#) runs from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at homes across Bowness and Montgomery. Visit the links above for accepted items at community cleanups and to registration your garage sale for the official event map.

-  May 9
-  9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
-  12 Bowridge Dr. N.W.

This is a convenient way to get rid of unwanted items and prepare for construction.

Consider donating gently used items to one of the many non-profit donation locations across Calgary. Taking a little time now can make construction on your block much easier later on.

Stage A construction update



Stage A microtunneling construction, from the Shaganappi Pump Station to 73 Street N.W. on the west side of the Bow River, remains on track. Work to start the sixth and final tunnelling shaft on 16 Avenue N.W. is scheduled to begin May 13.

The facts about tunneling shafts

We've heard some questions about what the Stage A microtunnelling shafts will look like and whether they'll be visually noticeable. The short answer: they won't be!

- Five of the six shafts needed for microtunnelling have already been built, and the final shaft will be constructed in May to finish the tunnelling and pipe installation.
- These shafts are temporary work areas used to launch the microtunnel boring machine, deliver pipe sections and equipment, and remove soil as the tunnel is dug. Pipes are installed as the tunnel is excavated.
- Once pipe installation is complete and the boring machine is removed, all but one shaft will be fitted with a narrower concrete tube, backfilled, and fully restored at the surface. A standard round manhole cover—like those used throughout the city—will remain to allow for access for future maintenance and inspections.
- One shaft will retain a larger access point to provide maintenance access to valves. While this entry point will remain above ground, it will be significantly smaller than the current shaft and will be minimally intrusive.

To learn more, watch the video [Understanding how microtunnelling works](#) on the Replacement Project web page.

Traffic impacts

We appreciate your patience as construction moves forward. We are mindful of how our work impacts traffic in the community and want to keep you informed of detours and delays so can plan ahead. The map below highlights what to expect, and the latest updates are always available on [The City's traffic map](#).



Both eastbound lanes on 16 Avenue N.W. between Monterey Avenue N.W. and Montgomery Avenue N.W. are currently closed. Single lane traffic on 16 Avenue N.W. will be maintained in both directions.

Help us spread the word

Bears paw South Feeder Main - Residential Contact Form 2026



Some residents are unaware that construction is coming to 34 Avenue N.W. Please help by sharing this information with neighbours, friends, and family in the area.

Encourage them to submit a Resident contact information form so we can send timely updates directly to their inbox.

Together, we can make sure everyone stays informed and prepared.

Stay in the Know During Construction

We have several ways for you to stay informed and supported throughout construction — and we encourage you to share this information with others in the area.

Get Updates Online

Visit the [Feeder Main area construction](#) page for the latest updates, timelines, and impacts as work progresses.

Keep an Eye on Your Mailbox

We know not everyone is online, so we continue to deliver printed notices and information letters directly to impacted homes. Please watch your mailbox — and share this information with neighbours who may need it.

Questions? Email Us

Have a question or need support? Contact the project team at bsfmproject@calgary.ca.

Call us

Call 311 and ask to speak to a member of the project team.

Visit Us in Person

Stop by the Community Resource Centre for face-to-face support:

Location:

Bowness Community Association, 7904 43 Ave N.W.

Hours:

- Monday & Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Available supports include:

- Connecting residents to social and emotional support services
- Listening to concerns, answering project questions, and sharing community feedback with the project team
- Providing information about upcoming outreach, engagement opportunities, and special events.

[Calgary.ca/bearspawfeedermain](https://calgary.ca/bearspawfeedermain)

[Call 311](tel:311)

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