

Funding The Future

Collaborating on major infrastructure projects for economic and community growth.

Calgary's infrastructure focuses on building a vibrant and resilient city for both current and future generations. Collaborating on and supporting major infrastructure projects helps the city invest in creating inclusive, accessible, connected and resilient communities.



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TOTAL PLANNING-LEVEL COST:

\$240 million

The Blue Line Northeast LRT Extension



The Blue Line Northeast LRT Extension will extend LRT service from Saddletowne Station to 88 Ave NE, improving transit access for high-density northeast Calgary communities. The extension will also provide a critical connection to the Airport Transit Connector, linking the Blue Line to Calgary International Airport and one of the region's largest employment hubs.

Federal investment in the Blue Line Northeast LRT Extension will deliver rapid-transit benefits to growing northeast communities while establishing the critical connection point for Calgary's future Airport Transit Connector.

PROJECT BENEFITS:

Usage:

- Estimated **10,800** passengers per weekday.

Reduced Emissions:

- Saves up to 1,500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year

Job Creation:

- Estimated 771 regional jobs during construction

Improved Mobility:

- Estimated 11,000 Calgarians living within 800m of the station in 2048
- Estimated 1,200 jobs within 800m of the station in 2028

Service Enhancements:

- Brings rapid transit closer to growing northeast communities

- Improves connections to the surrounding bus network

- Provides the future interchange between the Blue Line and Airport Transit Connector

- Supports housing growth and transit-oriented development near the future station

Status:

- Engineering design began in spring 2024.
- The Government of Alberta has allocated \$43.3 million over three years toward construction.
- The project is a priority candidate for the Strong Transit Fund.
- Construction timing remains subject to securing the required funding.
- The Blue Line Extension is a foundational component of Alberta's passenger-rail vision, establishing the future connection point among Calgary's LRT network, Calgary International Airport and future regional passenger-rail services.

PROJECT FEATURES:

- 1 km extension from Saddletowne Station
- 1 new station
- Future connection to Calgary International Airport via the Airport Transit Connection
- Small 'Park and Ride' and a bus loop
- Community Activity Centre with planning and development underway for Transit Oriented Development



Advancing the project now will reduce future construction complexity and help transit infrastructure keep pace with northeast Calgary's residential and employment growth.