

# YELLOWHEAD TRAIL

FREEWAY CONVERSION PROGRAM

## Project Update

### St. Albert Trail to 97 Street

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The City of Edmonton's Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion is a transformational project that improves safety, operational capacity and overall level of service along this key goods movement corridor. Work to convert Yellowhead Trail from an expressway to a free-flowing freeway is progressing, with the St. Albert Trail to 97 Street segment now nearly halfway complete and several major construction activities underway.

#### Construction Progress Update:

- Tunnelling for the new 2 km drainage storm trunk is nearly complete.
- Concrete substructures for the 127 Street and 118 Street interchanges are complete.
- The precast concrete girders for the interchanges have been placed.
- Installation of the mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall supporting the new 118 Street interchange is nearly complete, with more than 90 per cent of panels installed.
- Significant progress on the construction and installation of the drainage infrastructure was made in 2025. To date, the installation of approximately 9,000m of storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure has been installed.

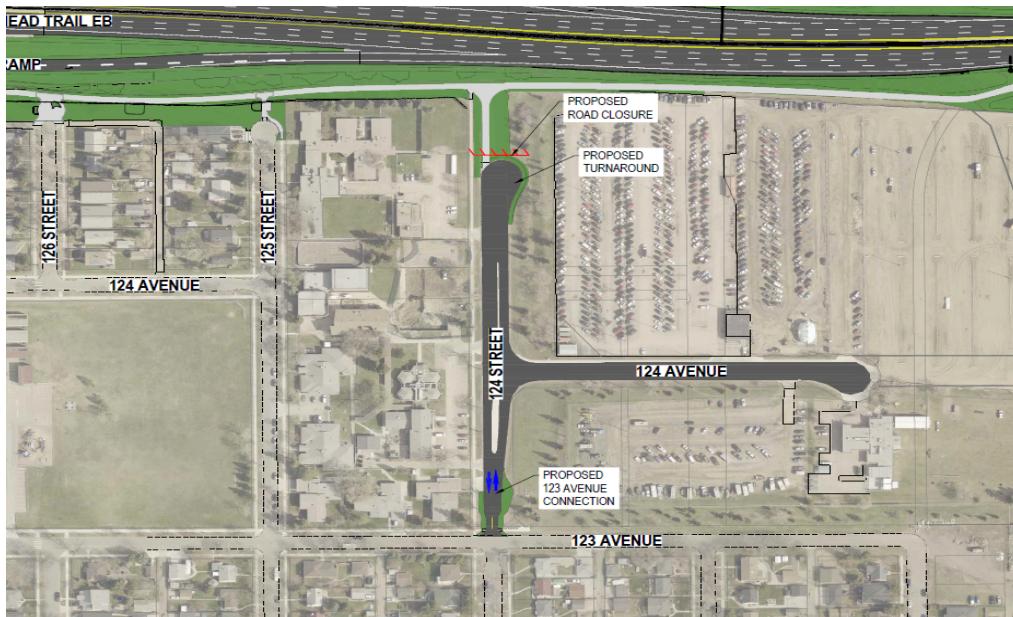
As it is currently, Yellowhead Trail between St. Albert Trail and 97 Street will continue to operate with two lanes in each direction at a speed limit of 50 km/hr. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead, allow extra travel time and consider alternate routes.

#### Yellowhead Trail and 124 Street Intersection Removal:

Transportation network improvements for Yellowhead Trail from St. Albert Trail to 97 Street include removal of the Yellowhead Trail and 124 Street signalized intersection and direct access to 124 Street from Yellowhead Trail. Alternative access to the properties (Yellowhead Youth Centre, K-9 facility and City of Edmonton Impound Lot) along 124 Street will be provided between 123 Avenue and Yellowhead Trail.

The current 124 Street road closure north of 123 Avenue was installed to eliminate traffic short-cutting through the Prince Charles neighbourhood to access Yellowhead Trail. The project expects to achieve the same outcome when the 124 Street street intersection at Yellowhead Trail is removed as part of this project.

The planned road configuration (Figure 1) provides access to the existing facilities and prevents the opportunity for short-cutting through the Prince Charles neighbourhood.



**Figure 1**

### **Upcoming in 2026:**

- Installation of concrete formwork will take place through winter in preparation for placing the concrete bridge decks for the 127 Street and 118 Street interchanges in the spring and summer.
- Forming and placement of the concrete retaining walls will continue through the winter and into spring and summer.
- Installation of new drainage infrastructure will continue through the winter and into spring and summer.
- Earthworks and roadwork will begin in the spring and continue until late fall.

The City of Edmonton appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents during this major infrastructure project. Project information will continue to be shared primarily through newsletters, bulletins, social media and the project website ([edmonton.ca/YellowheadTrail](http://edmonton.ca/YellowheadTrail)). A public information session is being planned for spring 2026 to provide construction progress updates to area residents.

For questions or concerns, please contact:

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