



YELLOWHEAD TRAIL

FREEWAY CONVERSION PROGRAM

Project Update

St. Albert Trail to 97 Street

January 2026

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.
- Replacement of the Sherbrooke neighbourhood noise wall is underway, with the majority of the existing wall between St. Albert Trail and 127 Street removed. Installation of pile foundations for the new wall is expected to begin in early February 2026.

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.

Upcoming in 2026:

- Installation of concrete formwork will take place throughout 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.
- Installation of the new noise attenuation wall panels will begin in the spring and continue until late fall.
- Earthworks and roadwork will begin in the spring and continue until late fall.



Yellowhead Trail at 127 Street - Looking East

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). A public information session is being planned for spring 2026 to provide construction progress updates to area residents.

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