



January 30, 2019

McLeod Community League  
14715-59 Street NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T5A 1Y3

Dear Leanne:

**RE: Concept Planning Study for Yellowhead Trail and 66 Street Intersection Closure**

**The City of Edmonton has launched the concept\* planning study for the closure of the intersection at Yellowhead Trail and 66 Street. This study is part of Yellowhead Trail's transformation into a freeway with a target speed of 80 km/h.**

To create a freeway, all current signalized intersections along Yellowhead Trail will be removed and two new interchanges will be built. Road users will exit and enter Yellowhead Trail at the nearest interchange or from a parallel service road.

The freeway will improve traffic flow along Yellowhead Trail as traffic volume continues to grow and will significantly improve safety at several high-collision locations.

**Yellowhead Trail and 66 Street**

The Yellowhead Trail Strategic Plan directs **access to and across Yellowhead Trail at 66 Street to be closed, which includes the removal of traffic signals.** Alternate access to surrounding properties will be reviewed as part of the planning study.

Additional changes slated for the **66 Street project area:**

- Closure of access to Yellowhead Trail at 68 Street north and south of Yellowhead Trail
- Closure of access to Yellowhead Trail at 67 Street north and south of Yellowhead Trail
- Closure of direct accesses to Yellowhead Trail from all alleys and driveways between 68 Street and 66 Street
- Closure of access to Yellowhead Trail at 62 Street
- Internal roadway changes will create alternate connections from 61 Street to Fort Road
- A new collector road (125 Avenue) connecting westbound Yellowhead Trail from 61 Street to 66 Street as part of its continuous alignment to Fort Road

Please see map attached.

The closure of the intersection and accesses will result in necessary changes to the surrounding roadway network. While the future roadway design will be based on technical requirements, traffic analysis and safety, the planning study includes a significant public engagement component to understand how roadway changes will affect users.

We are hosting two public engagement events to share project information and hear from members of the public. Promotion of these events will begin in February; we will be providing information to you to help share this information with your community residents.

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

Jerry Forbes Centre for Community Spirit  
12122 - 68 Street  
Drop-in 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Balwin School  
7055 - 132 Avenue  
Drop-in 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please visit our website for project details and to sign up for updates at [edmonton.ca/Yellowhead82to50Street](http://edmonton.ca/Yellowhead82to50Street).

If you wish to meet to discuss the project in more detail, please contact Mary Ann Houghton of Twenty/20 Communications to arrange a meeting at [maryann@twenty-20.ca](mailto:maryann@twenty-20.ca) or call 780.850.8824.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this important city-shaping project. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 780-496-1763 or [jolanta.wandzel@edmonton.ca](mailto:jolanta.wandzel@edmonton.ca).

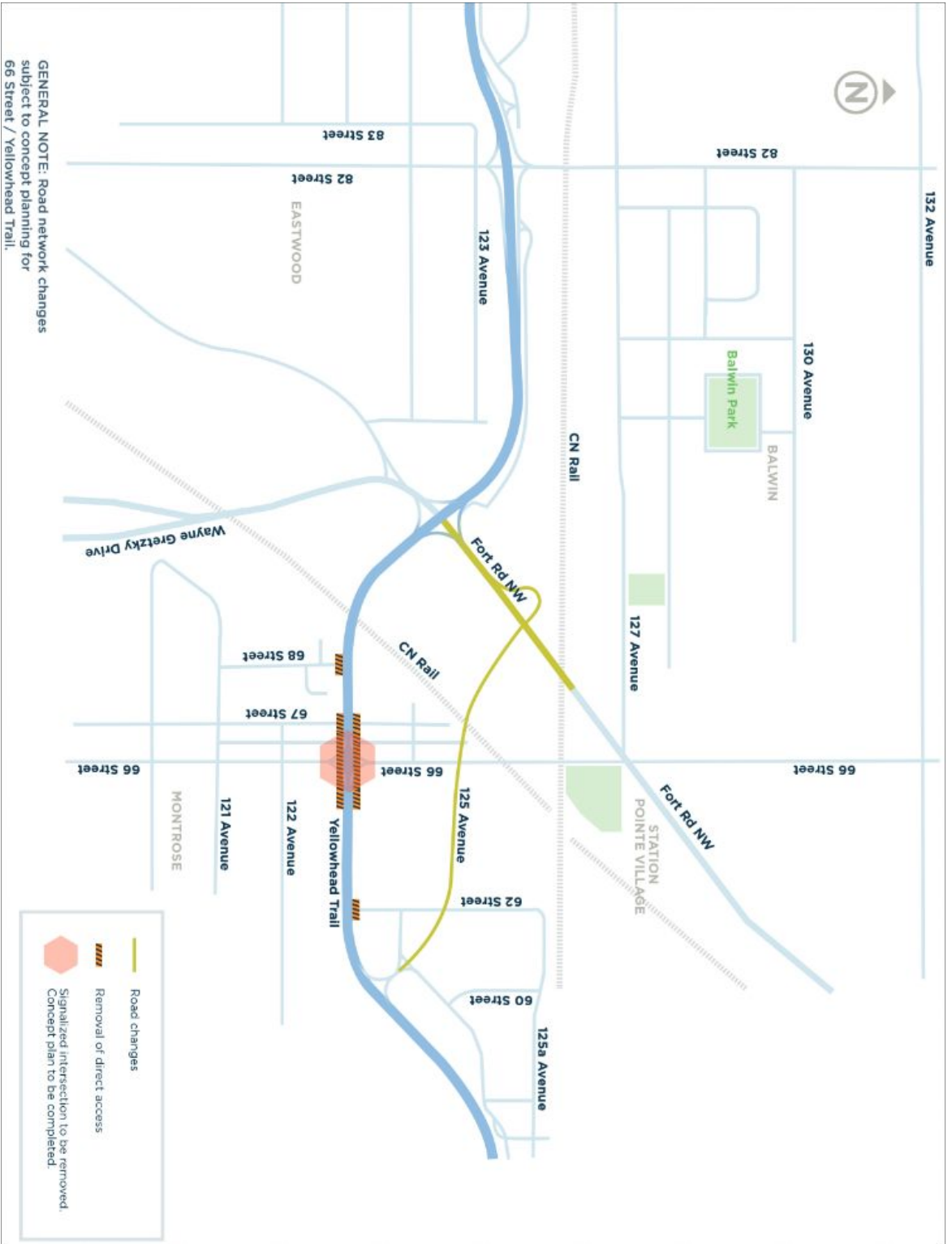
Sincerely,



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Project Stage	Definition	Timeline
*Concept Plan	Develop a plan for <i>what</i> will be built and what it will look like, including changes to the broader roadway network.	2019
Preliminary Design	Develop the concept plan in more detail, determine issues and constraints and how those can be managed. Prepare schedule and budget.	2019-2020
Detailed Design	Refine the preliminary design and prepare plans and specifications that can be used to guide construction and ensure that changes are built to standards.	2020
Construction	Build the plan.	2021-2023



GENERAL NOTE: Road network changes subject to concept planning for 66 Street / Yellowhead Trail.