

DUBLIN AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REGIONAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Public Engagement Summary

September 2019

Background

The Dublin Avenue Bridge over Omand's Creek is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Bridge replacement will be coordinated with improvements to nearby roadways, including the reconstruction of Dublin Avenue from St. James Street to Midland Street and the rehabilitation of St. James Street from Saskatchewan Avenue to Notre Dame Avenue. A study is required to develop a preliminary design for the bridge replacement and road improvements.

Engagement

Engagement activities were undertaken to ensure stakeholders in the area were aware of the project and impact and were able to provide feedback. Feedback was provided through:

- Email inquiries
- Phone inquiries
- Property owner meetings
- Online survey

Promotion

Public engagement opportunities were promoted using the following methods:

- City of Winnipeg website
- Hand-delivered notices to businesses
- Mailed postcard to residents and businesses
- Emails to stakeholders
- Promotional signage at bus stops in the project area
- Social media posts on City of Winnipeg accounts

What We Heard

- Concern regarding potential delays on bus routes 77 and 28 during construction
- Project does not include active transportation, particularly for cyclists
- Project should consider budget constraints and prudent judgement of additions for pedestrians and cyclists in what is an industrial, pass-through area
- Tax dollars should not be used on repairs to bridge if the bridge is scheduled for replacement

Engagement and promotion details

Date	Activity	Details
October 2018	winnipeg.ca/dublin	Website content posted, including background, timeline, and frequently asked questions.
November 2018	Stakeholder letter	Hand-delivered to 36 businesses within project area.
April 30, 2019	Webpage update	Project map and additional project information updated.
April 25 – May 23, 2019	Online survey	Eight (8) self-selected respondents
April 25 – May 23, 2019	Promotional signage at bus stops	Placed at the eight bus stops that will experience rerouting during project construction.
May 6, 2019	Postcard	1,905 postcards Canada Post unaddressed postcards delivered in project area.
May 9, 2019	Stakeholder email	Email notification for online feedback.
April 26 to May 6, 2019	Facebook and Twitter posts through City of Winnipeg accounts	Three posts. City accounts have approximately 91, 600 followers (Twitter) and 23,000 followers (Facebook) as of the writing of this report.

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What We Heard	How It Was Considered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Predicted minor delays on bus route 77 Crosstown North during intersection construction and Route 28 Brookside Express detour during bridge construction and road reconstruction would not be minor. - The plan should include re-timing the route and adjusting for major delays. - Transit riders will be left exposed to extreme weather conditions due to delays. - Ensure temporary bus stops are included in Transit information distributed via online tools and apps. 	<p>Plans and detours were established with Winnipeg Transit input and information. Winnipeg Transit’s schedules and system of online tools and apps can be consulted during construction for up-to-date information on bus route information.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active Transportation does not appear to be included in the project. - The City needs to be prudent in the decision to add features for pedestrians and cyclists in this industrial, pass-through area. 	<p>The project team reviewed the existing and planned active transportation routes in the vicinity of the project. The Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies does not envision new dedicated cycling infrastructure on either Dublin Avenue or St. James Street within the project limits. The proposed cycling routes in the area are Elgin Avenue West, Saskatchewan Avenue, and Border Street. Further evaluation of the project area confirmed this direction, based on the industrial nature of the road, high volume of trucks and property constraints. For the proposed work on St. James Street, a new sidewalk has been included on the east side of St. James Street where none existed previously. This is in response to evidence of foot traffic and will improve safety for pedestrians on the route. Improvements along Dublin Avenue will enhance pedestrian accessibility with new sidewalk pavements and improved sidewalk widths over the bridge structure.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City needs to be prudent in the decision to add features for pedestrians and cyclists in this industrial, pass-through area. 	<p>The project team reviewed the existing and planned active transportation routes in the vicinity of the project, including those noted in the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies, and made decisions based the area’s characteristics and current use as an industrial area (see above for further detail).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why are tax dollars being spent fixing a bridge when replacement is ahead? 	<p>Maintenance must continue to keep the current load-restricted bridge safe and operational through to the end of its lifespan. The new bridge is designed to meet modern construction codes and standards.</p>

Next Steps

It is anticipated that most construction activity will be in 2020. However, construction of a new bridge on Dublin at Omand’s Creek is planned for the winter of 2019-2020.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Promotional materials
- Appendix B – Project Information Boards
- Appendix C – Online survey results

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Appendix A – Promotional materials

Dublin Avenue Bridge Replacement and Regional Street Improvements



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Access to all business will be maintained throughout the project. However, do you foresee any issues that could be solved by adjusting construction timing?

Review the project boards and fill out a comment form at winnipeg.ca/dublin.

For inquiries, please call **204-488-5742**
or email dublin@winnipeg.ca.





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**RE: Dublin Avenue Bridge Replacement and Regional Street Improvements
(Dublin Avenue and St. James Street)**

The City has begun a preliminary design study to replace the Dublin Avenue Bridge over Omand's Creek, along with improvements to regional streets in the area.

At present, the Dublin Avenue Bridge is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Bridge replacement will be coordinated with improvements to nearby roadways, including the reconstruction of Dublin Avenue from St. James Street to Midland Street and the rehabilitation of St. James Street from Saskatchewan Avenue to Notre Dame Avenue. See map on reverse of this letter.

Access to businesses will be maintained during construction, with road and bridge works staged to maintain traffic and minimize disruption to the public as much as possible. Pending council approval of the project and budget, a full closure of Dublin Avenue at Omand's Creek is anticipated over the winter of 2019 to 2020 to allow for bridge replacement work. Roadwork on Dublin Avenue and St. James Avenue is planned to occur in 2020.

At this time, a study is required to develop a preliminary design for the bridge replacement and road improvements. The project team is connecting with stakeholders to better understand construction impacts.

If you have any questions about the project or would like to share information on how your business currently uses these roads, truck/delivery requirements that should be considered, or if you would like to sign-up to receive project updates, contact us at dublin@winnipeg.ca or at 204.488.5742.

Please include your name, address, email and phone number. Your contact information will only be used to relay project information including details of an upcoming public information session in early 2019.

Additional project information can also be found online at winnipeg.ca/dublin.

Sincerely,
Cam Ward, Project Manager



Appendix B – Project Information Boards

Introduction



In the following pages, you'll find an overview map of the project area, information regarding elements of the project including bridge design, construction timelines and traffic and transit management during construction.



Dublin Avenue Bridge Replacement and Regional Street Improvements

Project Overview

The Dublin Avenue Bridge over Omand's Creek is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

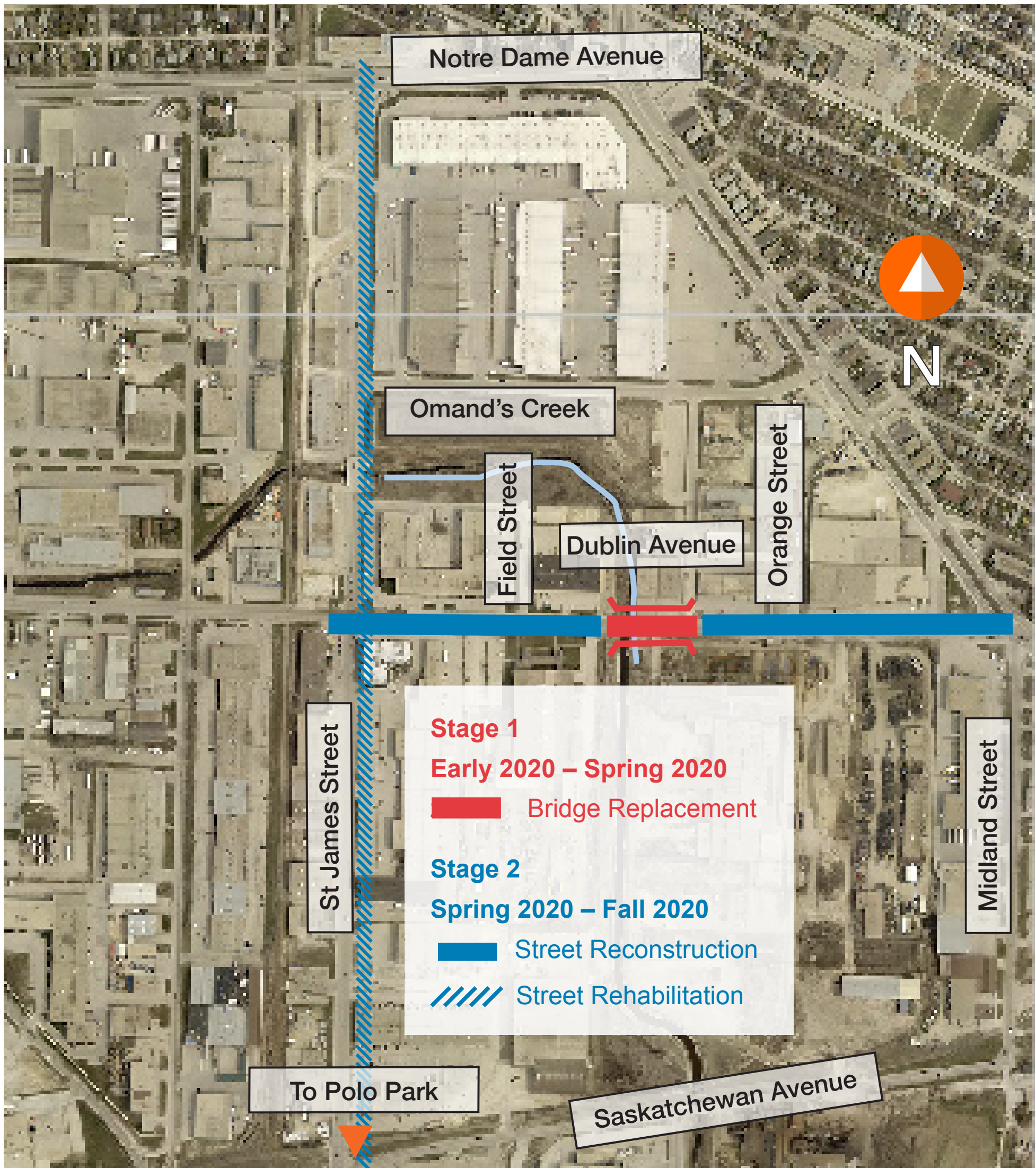
- A new bridge will meet current standards for vehicle weights, eliminating load restrictions
- A new bridge will have wider sidewalks for active transportation
- The creek channel north of Dublin Avenue will be stabilized to address and prevent erosion

Bridge replacement will be coordinated with improvements to nearby roadways.

- Reconstruction of Dublin Avenue from St. James Street to Midland Street
- Rehabilitation of St. James Street from Saskatchewan Avenue to Notre Dame Avenue
- New sidewalk will be installed on the east side of St. James Street from Saskatchewan Avenue to Notre Dame Avenue

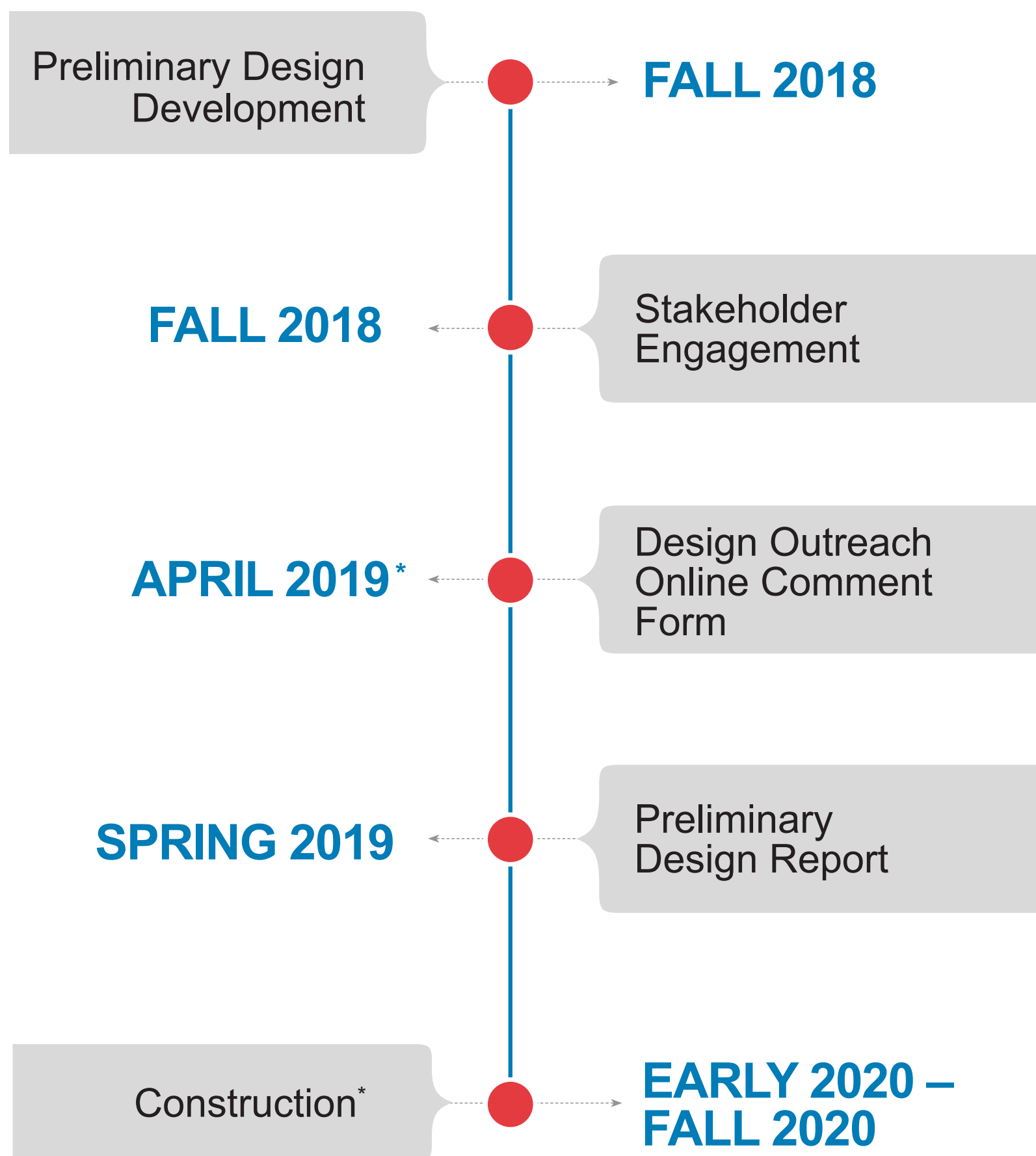
The purpose of the project is to replace the current bridge structure, for strength, safety and functionality while improving nearby roadways. Construction is currently targeted for early 2020.

Project Area



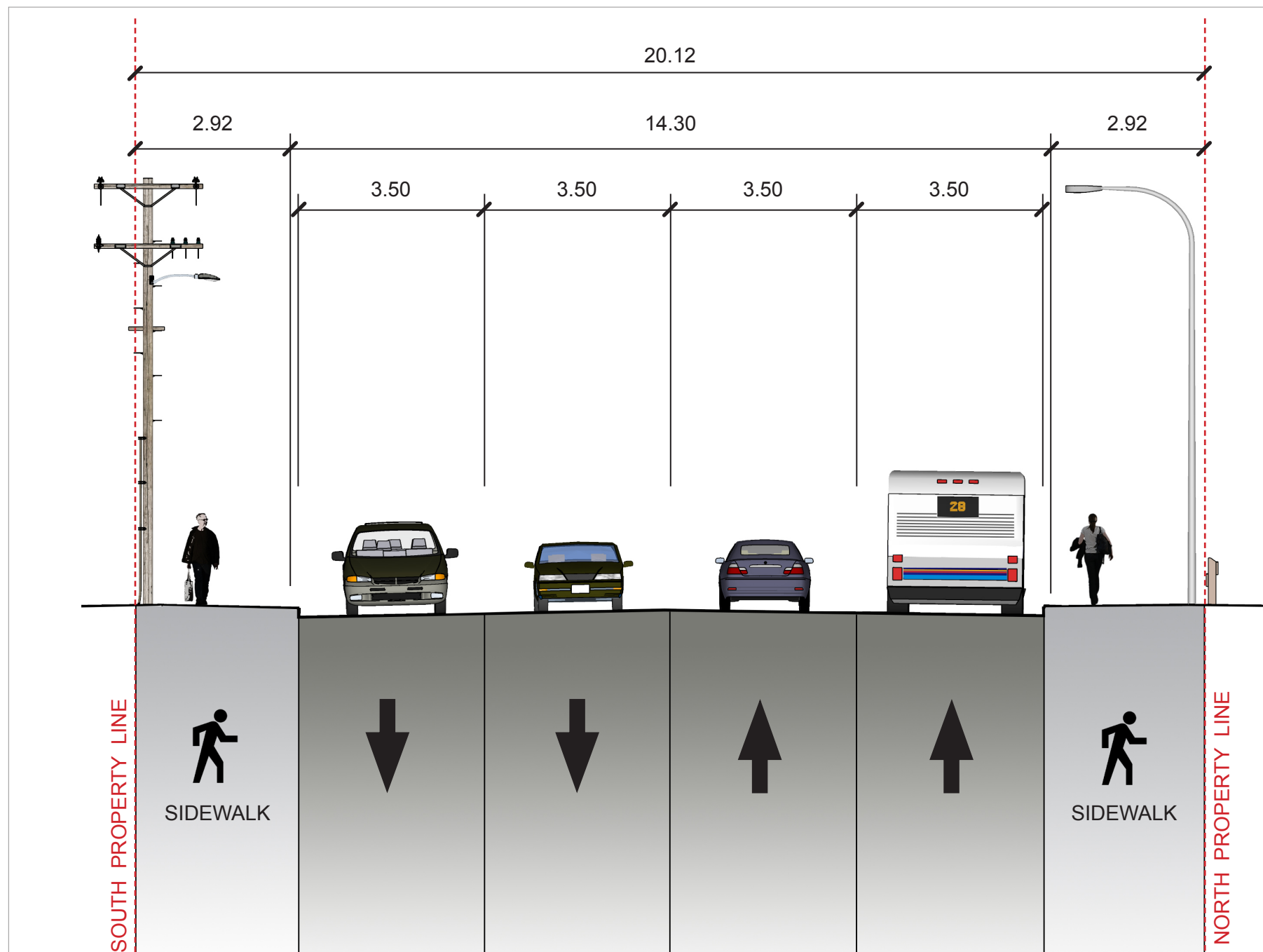
Project Timeline

Dublin Avenue Bridge Replacement and Regional Street Improvements



*The information session that was previously planned was replaced with outreach to the community and additional targeted stakeholder engagement. See the Engage tab for more information on how to connect.

Road Construction



Once complete, the new crossing at Omand's Creek will include two vehicle lanes and sidewalk in each direction.

Bridge Construction



Dublin Avenue bird's eye view of the project.

Traffic Management During Construction

Stage 1 Bridge Replacement Early 2020– Spring 2020

 Bridge Replacement



Access to businesses will be maintained during all stages of construction.

- No through traffic across the bridge
- Two-way Traffic on Dublin Avenue on either side of bridge

Stage 2 Roadwork Spring 2020 – Fall 2020

 Street Reconstruction

 Street Rehabilitation



- Dublin Avenue reduced to single lanes of traffic westbound only
- St. James Street reduced to single lane each direction

Project Improvements

Weight restrictions on Dublin Avenue bridge will be removed

Improved sightlines for vehicles and pedestrians

- 1** Hydro poles and overhead lines will be relocated
- 2** Chain link fencing will be replaced with concrete wall and railing
- 3** Sidewalks on bridge will be widened



New sidewalk on the east side of St. James Street between Saskatchewan and Notre Dame Avenues



Roadway and pavement condition improved for a smoother drive

Fire hydrants relocated and set back further from the road.

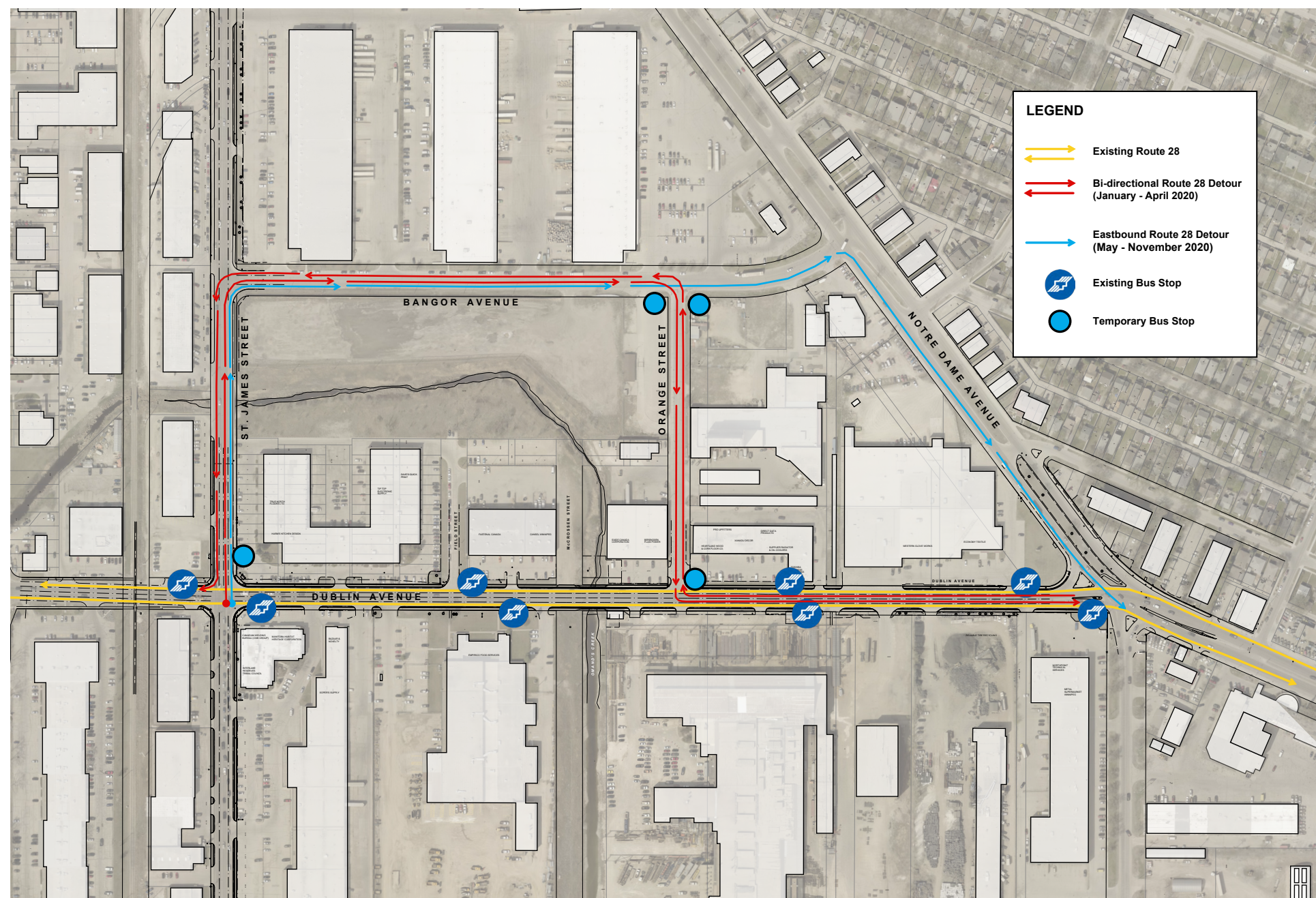
Winnipeg Transit Routes

Route 77 – Crosstown North

The route runs on St. James Street north-south from Maroons Road to Notre Dame. There will be no impacts on this route other than minor delays during construction on St. James Street and during intersection construction.

Route 28 – Brookside Express

This express route runs east-west on Dublin Avenue from Sherwin Road to Notre Dame Avenue. The proposed detour pictured would be in place from the beginning of bridge construction until the end of road reconstruction on Dublin Avenue.



Transit Stops and bus service may be adjusted during construction. Always consult current Winnipeg Transit schedules during construction for up-to-date information.

The detour is only for the construction timeframe and is not a permanent altering of the bus route.

Environmental Management

The design will incorporate best practices to protect the creek environment and aquatic habitat. Measures include:

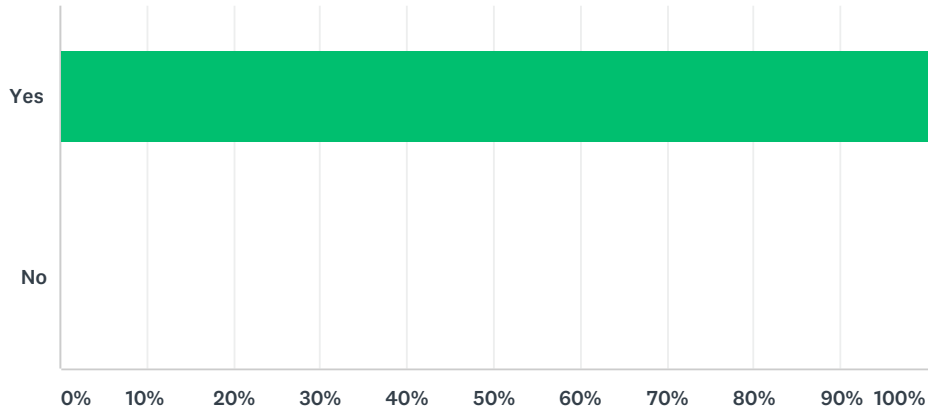
- Construction during winter (not during fish spawning season, also when water levels are lowest and potential for runoff is reduced).
- Protect riverbank area during construction.
- The project will comply with regulatory requirements including those with the City of Winnipeg Waterways, Provincial Waterways, Manitoba Sustainable Development, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), and any others to secure the regulatory approvals that may be necessary to protect the area from environmental harm.
- This is an industrial area; where contaminants are found they will be removed, and the area remediated as part of the scope of the project.



Appendix C – Online survey results

Q1 Project information boards are available for review on the project website: winnipeg.ca/dublinHave you had an opportunity to review the information on those 10 boards?

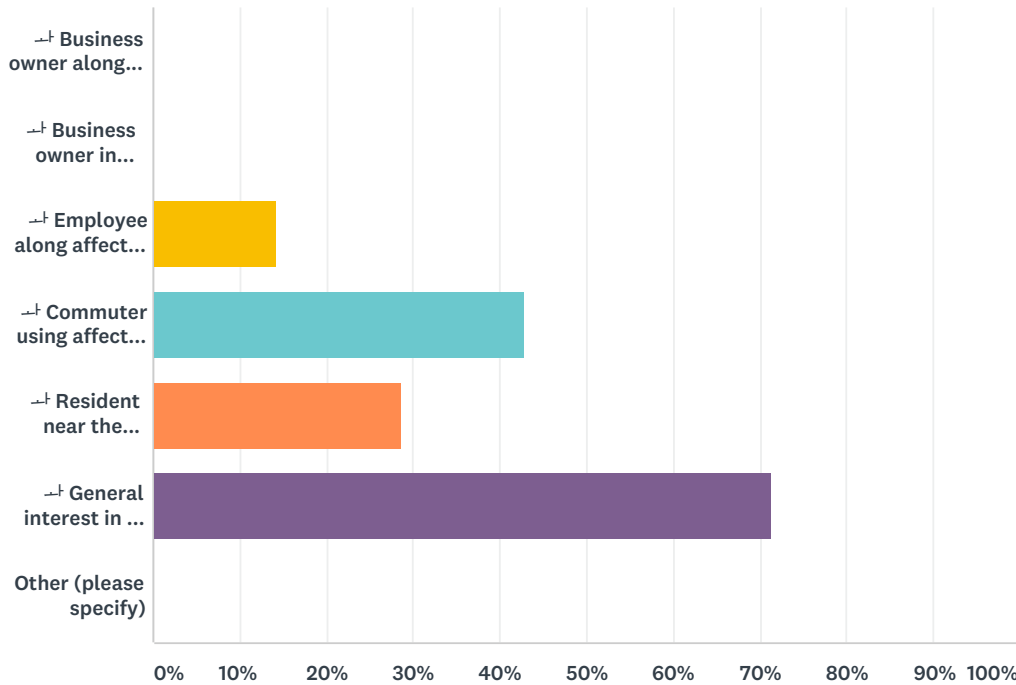
Answered: 7 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	7
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		7

Q2 What is your connection to this project?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 1

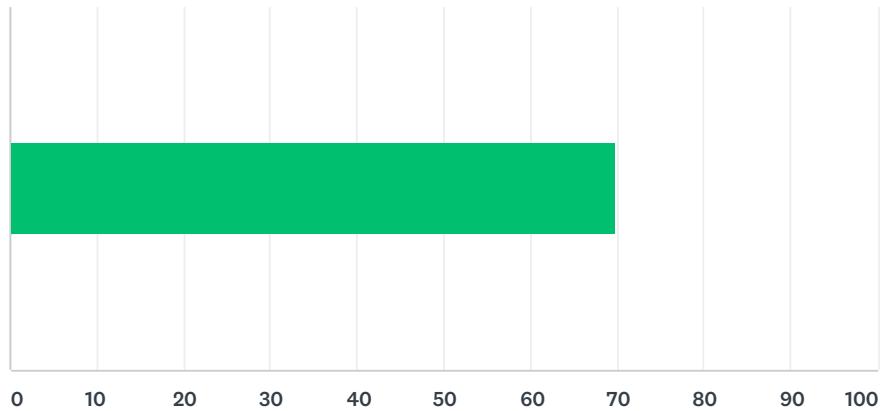


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Business owner along affected streets	0.00%	0
Business owner in project area	0.00%	0
Employee along affected streets/project area	14.29%	1
Commuter using affected streets	42.86%	3
Resident near the project area	28.57%	2
General interest in the project	71.43%	5
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 7		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q3 I was able to find the information I was looking for as part of the information package hosted on the Dublin project page.

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

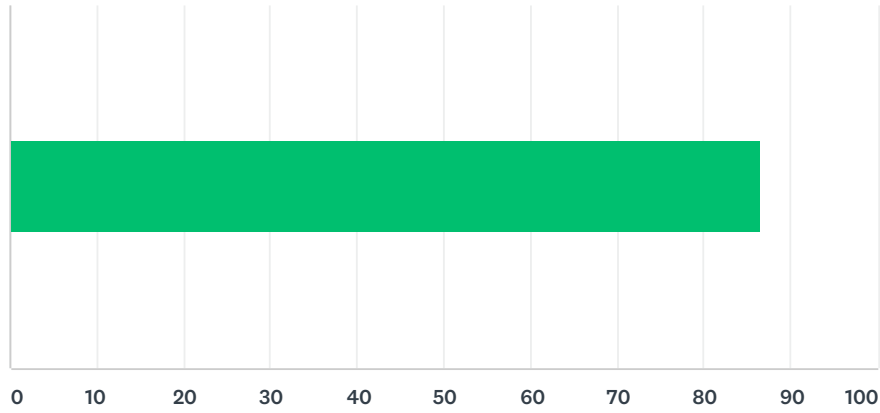


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	70	559	8
Total Respondents: 8			

#		DATE
1	92	5/23/2019 1:40 PM
2	49	5/23/2019 4:08 AM
3	98	5/22/2019 6:14 PM
4	100	5/17/2019 1:08 PM
5	27	5/10/2019 5:13 AM
6	51	5/8/2019 3:58 PM
7	73	4/29/2019 2:34 PM
8	69	4/25/2019 10:20 AM

Q4 I understand the purpose of this project

Answered: 7 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	87	606	7
Total Respondents: 7			

#		DATE
1	93	5/23/2019 1:40 PM
2	98	5/23/2019 4:08 AM
3	97	5/22/2019 6:14 PM
4	100	5/17/2019 1:08 PM
5	60	5/10/2019 5:13 AM
6	90	4/29/2019 2:34 PM
7	68	4/25/2019 10:20 AM

Q5 If not, please specify:

Answered: 0 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 Access to all business will be maintained throughout the project. However, do you foresee any issues that could be solved by adjusting construction timing?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q7 Do you have anything else you would like to add?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The storyboard that says for route 77 "no impacts ... other than minor delays" is being so optimistic that I feel the writer has never been on a bus, in Winnipeg, in their life. Please re-time the route and adjust the schedule to account for the major delays that will occur. If the bus driver needs to layover at Red River College for a few more minutes (highly unlikely), that's fine. Running 15 minutes late (or more) down St. James St. when it's minus 30, is not acceptable. Also please adjust the 28 schedule during construction, so the bus riders can see when the bus will arrive at the temporary bus stops , using the online tools and apps.	5/22/2019 6:14 PM
2	I don't see the words "cyclists" or "bicycles" anywhere. City of Winnipeg policy for the past 10 years is to include active transportation in all major street projects.	5/10/2019 5:13 AM
3	With the constraints on the city's infrastructure budget, it is important that the city exercise prudent judgement of nice to have vs. need to have for this project. This is an industrial, pass through area. Safety of course is the priority; but before making decisions around nice-to-have additions for pedestrians and cyclists, it will be important for the City to evaluate to what extent they believe that space will realistically be used by pedestrians and cyclists.	4/25/2019 10:20 AM