

POLO PARK AREA INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

A **POLO PARK AREA** STUDY FOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, completed in 2001, made recommendations for future transportation improvements within the study area, bounded by Saskatchewan Avenue to the north, Portage Avenue to the south, CPR La Riviere Subdivision to the east and Route 90 to the west.

A major roadworks project is underway and will address some key recommendations for improvements such as delays at intersections, traffic flow and congestion, active transportation, area aesthetics, and accessibility.

The City of Winnipeg recognizes many businesses and people living and working in the surrounding area will be affected by this project work. The area also connects suburban commuters to downtown and other surrounding neighbourhoods. Given all those affected, a public information and consultation process is now underway.

What is the Scope of the Project?

The project includes extending and widening St. Matthews Avenue from Route 90 to Empress Street, improvements to St. James Street from Maroons Road to Ellice Avenue, and intersection improvements at Ellice Avenue/St. James Street. Some land acquisition will be needed to accomplish this, and the City is communicating with affected property owners. If the costs of acquiring property needed for the extension of St. Matthews are too high, that portion of the project may be cancelled. Available funds would then be redirected to other roadway and traffic improvements in the area.

Other project components consist of sidewalk improvements including new sidewalks; additions and improvements to the existing land drainage system; connections to existing and future Active Transportation corridors; landscaping to improve aesthetics; and relocation and/or protection of several utilities.

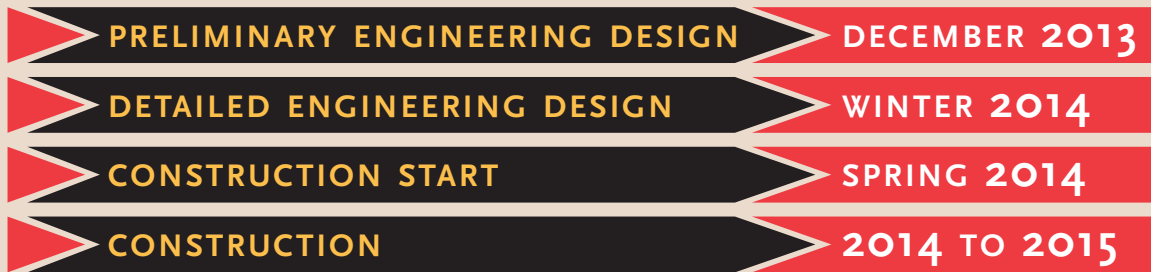
Construction will start in spring 2014 and may extend into the 2015 construction season.

These infrastructure improvements have been included in the City of Winnipeg 2013 Capital Budget. Additional work may be identified and completed by 2015.



Public Open House, November 26 – see over for details

Project Timelines



How can I have a say in the project?

Understanding and responding to the needs of the community is a project priority. Contact with project stakeholders and representatives from affected neighbourhoods has begun, and follow up on any issues will be ongoing.

A public open house will be held to provide an opportunity for area residents and businesses to meet project representatives and review more information. Informative newspaper ads and updates on the City website will also address and respond to city-wide interest on the project.

Project representatives want to know what you think about the project in terms of access to surrounding businesses, planning for cyclists using the area, pedestrian accessibility, transit, safety, and aesthetics.

What about neighbourhood concerns during construction?

The public consultation process will identify neighbourhood concerns such as traffic congestion (traffic flow and access for all road users), parking, hours of work, and safety. The City will work with area residents and businesses to identify alternate traffic routes and will continue to monitor other concerns that may arise.

Access through the area, including emergency and Transit services, will be maintained at all times. Occasional closures that may occur will be brief. Extended construction work hours may be required at times. Public and worker safety as well as the City's Noise By-law will be taken into account always.

We want to hear from you!

Please join us at an Open House – details below.

Call **311** or email us at ppii@winnipeg.ca

For more information about the project, please visit:

www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/majorprojects/

You Are Invited

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Please join us at a **PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE** to learn about the preliminary project plan and contribute your feedback.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013
4PM – 8PM

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1405 St. Matthews Street

We look forward to seeing you!