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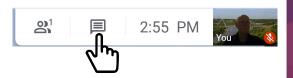


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### **Meeting Objectives**

- → Update you on the project
- → Share information on the temporary transit centre
- → Respond to your concerns about the temporary transit centre
- → Answer outstanding questions



#### **Presenters**

- → Brad Smid, Project Director, Valley Line LRT
- → Andrew Gregory, Manager, Transit Planning
- → Connie Marciniuk, Community Safety Liaison
- → Glen Dennis, ETS Manager Operational Support
- → Brian Latte, LRT / Traffic Integration Manager, LRT E&R
- → Cameron Nattress, Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator



#### **Councillors**

- → Andrew Knack, Ward 1
- → Sarah Hamilton, Ward 5



#### Other attendees

- → Danielle O'Brien, Communications Coordinator, LRT E&R
- → Bruce Ferguson, Branch Manager, LRT E&R
- → Don Read, Planner, City Planning
- → Hazel Battad, Engineering Project Manager, LRT E&R



#### Other attendees (continued)

- → Lee Thomas, Senior Engineer, ETS
- → Po Sun, Engineering Program Manager, LRT E&R
- → Vannaphone Phetlathy, Program Manager, LRT E&R
- → Jack Stuempel, Community Relations Advisor, LRT E&R (facilitator)



# **Introductions - Summerlea Community League**

#### Registered attendees

- → Christine Belter
- → Mike Loowell
- → Terry Howlett
- → Lexy Strumecki



## **Introductions - Thorncliff Community League**

#### Registered attendees

→ Sharon Quickfall



## **Introductions - Aldergrove Community League**

#### Registered attendees

→ Mark Edey



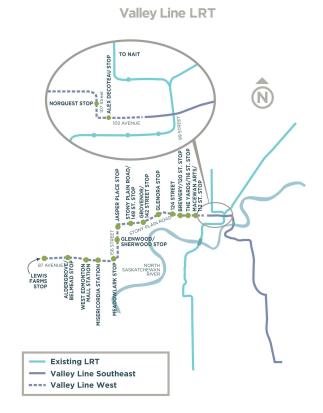
### **Agenda**

- → Project update Brad Smid
- → Temporary transit centre addressing concerns:
  - Design & Features Brad Smid
  - Safety & Security Andrew Gregory, Connie Marciniuk & Glen Dennis
  - Traffic & Parking Brian Latte
- → Area Council Cameron Nattress
- → Question & Answer group

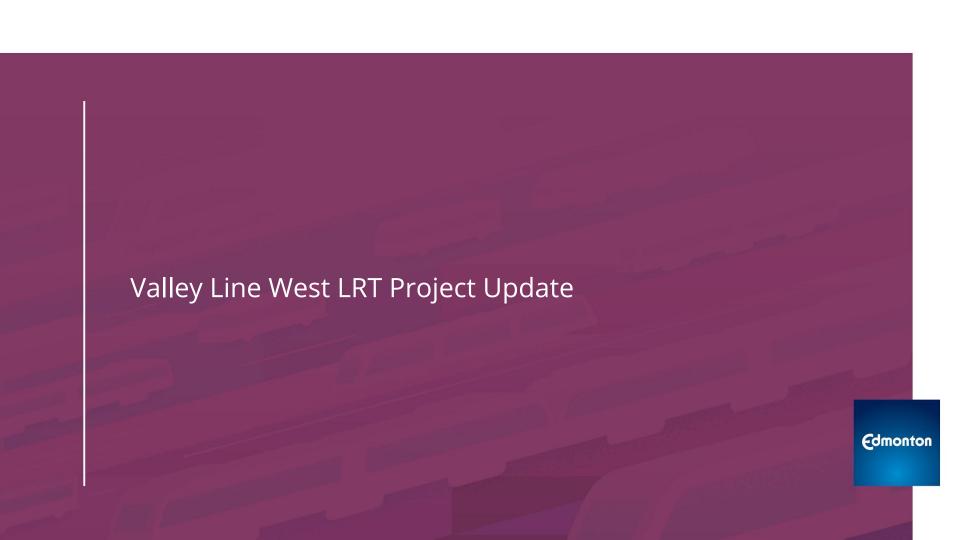


#### **Valley Line West - Planning for Our Future**

- → LRT Expansion is part of our City Plan
- → We're planning for a city of 2 million people
- → Valley Line West helps meet our future transit needs
- → It's a low-floor urban LRT that will connect the communities it serves







### **Valley Line West LRT - Project Update**





- → We've selected Marigold Infrastructure Partners to build the LRT.
- → Construction will begin sometime next year and will last for 5 to 6 years.

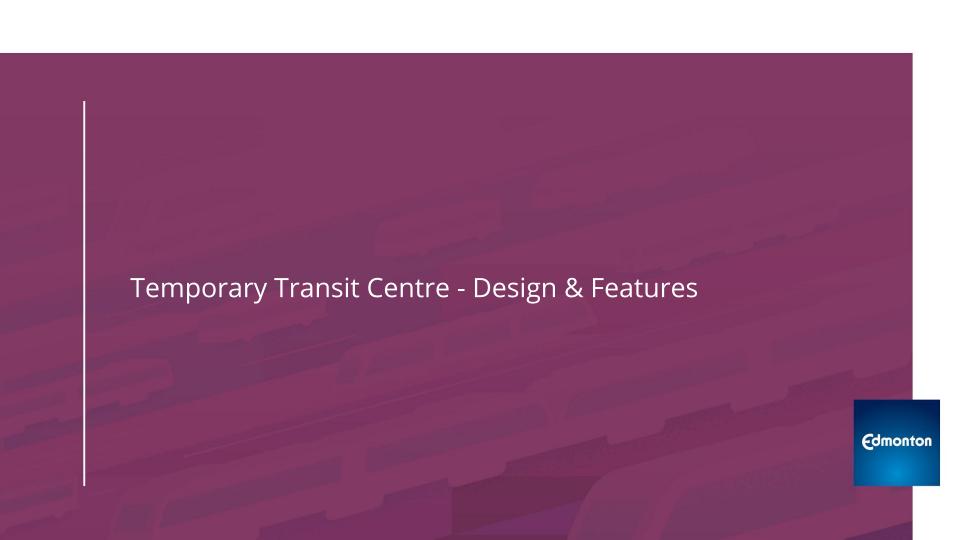


### **Valley Line West LRT - Project Update**

#### **REZONING**

- → On Sept. 22, Council gave two readings to an application from West Edmonton Mall ownership to rezone the overflow parking lot for future commercial use.
- → The application is approved when Council gives it a third and final reading.
  - ◆ The date is TBD.





#### **Temporary Transit Centre - Design & Features**

- → We're temporarily relocating the transit centre to accommodate Valley Line West LRT construction.
  - ◆ Located in a portion of the mall overflow parking lot north of 90th Avenue and east of 175th Street.
  - ◆ Relocated for 5-6 years
- → We'll find the contractor to build the temporary transit centre between January February 2021.
- → Construction on the temporary transit centre is scheduled for Spring 2021.



# **Temporary Transit Centre - Design & Features**





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# **New Transit Centre - Design & Features**







#### **Temporary Transit Centre - Safety**

- → A transit centre will provide a safer and more convenient transit exchange than on-street transfers.
- → Without a transit centre at or near West Edmonton Mall:
  - More passengers would need to cross the street to make transfers.
  - More buses would continuously stop in existing traffic lanes.
  - Potential loss of direct service between West Edmonton Mall and some nearby neighbourhoods.



#### **Temporary Transit Centre - Safety**

- → Multiple factors
- → Crime Triangle
  - When protective factors are built around each angle crime is less likely to occur.

• We have the ability to reduce the opportunity and suitability.





#### **Temporary Transit Centre - Safety**

- → Property safety measures:
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
  - 9 p.m. routine
- → No matter how you travel, it is always important to take precautionary measures.



### **Temporary Transit Centre - Security**

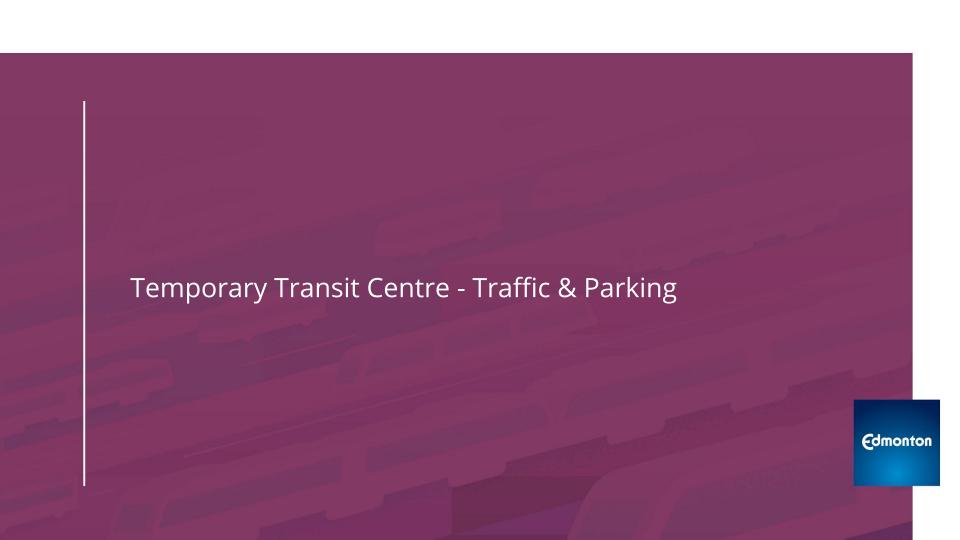
- → There will be:
  - Emergency phones
  - Security cameras and a security office/trailer
  - SMS Texting on Transit Watch Line
  - Private security guards contracted by the COE may be deployed to WEM Transit Centre
  - ◆ Peace Officers dedicated to ETS Properties
  - Foot patrol inspectors will also regularly interact with citizens, operators and security personnel



### **Temporary Transit Centre - Security**

- → Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are applied in all new transit rehabilitation and improvement projects.
- → Improved lighting will be installed to ensure the area is well-lit.
- → Lighting on 90 Avenue was improved as part of the road upgrades completed this year.





# **Temporary Transit Centre - Traffic & Parking**

#### **TRAFFIC**

- → There will be marginal traffic increases on 90 Avenue, mainly due to bus activity.
- → We don't expect traffic increases on 95 Avenue due to the temporary Transit Centre.
  - ◆ 90 Avenue is not a through commuter traffic route and is only used by vehicles with destinations between 170 Street and 178 Street.
- → The City is developing a comprehensive traffic strategy to address west end traffic shifts resulting from LRT construction.

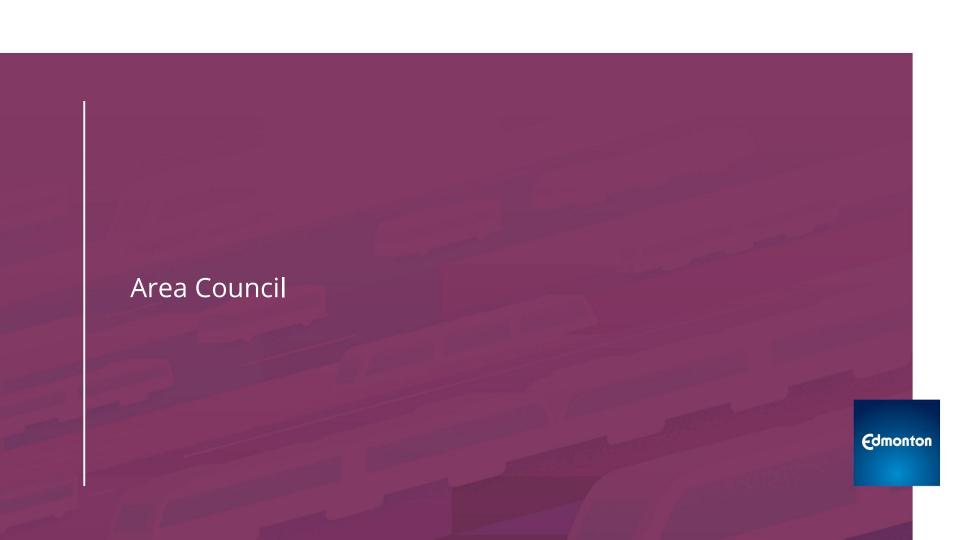


## **Temporary Transit Centre - Traffic & Parking**

#### **PARKING**

- → It is unlikely that ETS riders would use Summerlea streets for parking.
  - ◆ The walking distance from the residential streets to the transit centre is significant.
- → If parking becomes an issue, then we will look into implementing parking controls in the neighbourhood.





# **Questions & Answers**

Please type your questions in the chat box.



#### **Our Commitment**

- Keeping you informed on the project
- Working with you through LRT construction
- Answering your questions and concerns



# Thank you

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