



Studying North Central Light Rail Transit (LRT) Options

History of the North Central LRT Study

In 2006, Calgary City Council approved an alignment for the North Central light rail transit (LRT) that roughly paralleled Nose Creek and Deerfoot Trail along the Canadian Pacific Rail line. In 2011, the City engaged with citizens to better understand if that route was the best option. Calgarians responded, highlighting a number of key values and expectations, including the need to look more closely at Centre Street and Edmonton Trail options.

In 2012, the City initiated a study to determine where the future north-central leg of the LRT network should go to provide the best transit service for the community. The concept study is underway and will be completed in 2014.



About the North Central LRT Study

From the beginning, the community has played an important role in creating the North Central LRT study. Input from Calgarians helped to build the project vision statement and a corresponding set of project principles.

Project Vision Statement

The City of Calgary is working to improve mobility in existing and new communities in North Central Calgary by planning a transit service that will connect people and places in the community and enhance the quality of life in the City.



Community Principles

The North Central LRT should:

- Enhance connectivity between people and places, connecting to all modes of transportation in the community;
- Contribute positively to community development and revitalization;
- Be the affordable transportation mode;
- Be accessible for people to get to, board and use;
- Contribute to the character and cohesion of the community through integrated design with no barriers to accessibility;
- Contribute to an efficient traffic management system that promotes the right transportation choice, and reduces congestion and travel times;
- Contribute to the vitality of businesses in the community by promoting business development and access;
- Enhance the environment by contributing to reducing greenhouse gases (GHG), protecting natural areas and urban beautification;
- Create a positive transportation experience – safe, accessible, efficient; and
- Contribute to complete streets including landscaping, urban form, pedestrian and cycling systems.

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Why the North Central LRT?

The north central area is the busiest bus transit service area in the city based on the number of buses per day. Each weekday, more Calgarians choose Calgary Transit to travel along Centre Street than drive, and demand for transit will continue to increase dramatically in the future. The Keystone neighbourhood (north of Stoney Trail) will see 55,000 new residents and 10,000 new jobs over the next 20 years, with the neighbourhood south of Stoney Trail (expected to be completed in 2014) adding 145,000 new residents.

How does the North Central LRT fit with Calgary's overall transit plans?

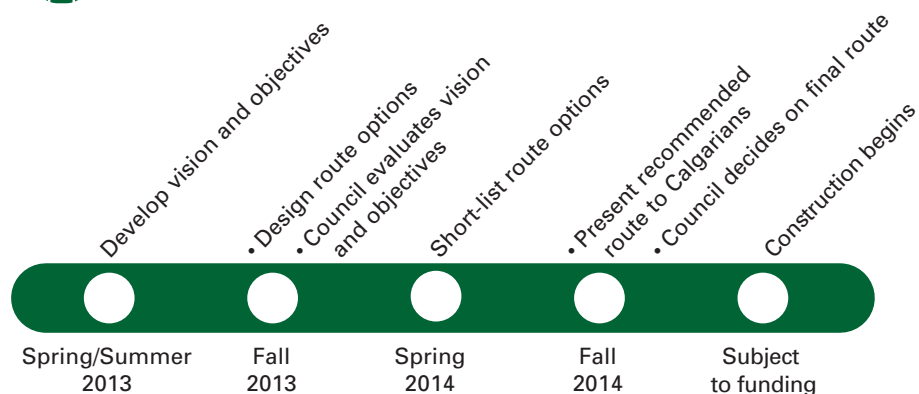
The North Central LRT is the north leg of the next light rail transit corridor, named the Green Line, in Calgary's rapid transit network. As outlined in RouteAhead, a 30-year strategic plan for transit in Calgary, the Green Line will include LRT from North Pointe in North Central Calgary to Seton in the Southeast.



Project timeline



Listening and talking with Calgarians every step of the way.



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