Bridging to Tomorrow Update (November 2016)

As the Bridging to Tomorrow project approaches the one year mark, the City is pleased with the progress that has been made at each site. Work on the Traffic Bridge began in December 2015 and North Commuter Parkway site construction began in January of 2016.

North Commuter Parkway

At the North Commuter Parkway, the west in-river pier is complete and construction of the centre in-river pier is underway. This part of the project goes beyond bridge construction. It also involves storm sewer installation as well as several kilometers of earthworks for the roads connecting to the new bridge. Work also involves improvements to the intersection of Attridge Drive and Central Avenue, which is nearing completion, and the realignment of the eastbound off-ramp from Circle Drive East to Attridge Drive.

The North Commuter Parkway will support the transportation needs of citizens who live in Saskatoon's northeast but work in the Marquis and North Industrial Areas.

Traffic Bridge

At the Traffic Bridge, crews are putting the finishing touches on construction of an in-river berm on the north side of the river so they can start building the two north piers. The south in-river pier, the north and south bridge abutments, and the first new span are complete and demolition of the last original span will start in mid-November.

The new Traffic Bridge will support the growing city centre by allowing drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to cross the South Saskatchewan River. Once complete, it will resemble the original bridge, but will be wider to accommodate larger vehicles like fire trucks and buses.

Traffic and Trails

Construction of new roads to connect Marquis Drive to Central Avenue and McOrmond Drive will continue throughout the winter, and improvements to the Central Avenue and Attridge Drive intersection to accommodate increased traffic will wrap up this month. Once complete, the intersection will be wider – with double turning lanes for people turning northbound, greatly improving traffic flow.