

# Bridging to Tomorrow Update (July 2016)

The City and its project partners, Graham Commuter Partners (GCP), continue to make significant progress on the North Commuter Parkway and Traffic Bridge project - both of which will be complete in October of 2018. The North Commuter Parkway will support the transportation needs of citizens who live in Saskatoon's northeast and work in the Marquis and North Industrial Areas, and will reduce traffic on the city's existing bridges. The new Traffic Bridge will support the growing city centre by allowing motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to cross the river between the downtown and residential areas in the south sector of the city. The new bridge will look similar to the old one, but will be wider to accommodate emergency vehicles.

## North Commuter Parkway

### Parkway Bridge

Crews continue work to build Pier 1. The diaphragm for the pier has been poured and is being backfilled and the columns are being reinforced. This construction will continue over the summer. Progress on earthworks for the east embankment of the bridge remains steady and in mid-July, work on the east embankment will begin. Crews have also begun stripping and backfilling work on the west embankment.

### Parkway Roadways

Clearing and topsoil stripping for the new roadways is now complete and earthwork operations continue along McOrmond Drive and Central Avenue. Storm sewer construction for the new lanes of Central Avenue between Attridge Drive and Fedoruk Drive continues and should be complete in July, at which time overhead power lines will be relocated.

Work to improve the Attridge Drive and Central Avenue intersection continues and this work, as well the Marquis Drive and Wanuskewin Road intersection, should be complete by fall.

## Traffic Bridge

This past month, crews continued working on the footing for the south abutment and are now building the south abutment walls. Concrete work on Pier 3 was also completed and the pier is now ready to support the installation of the first new span of the bridge which will happen later this summer.

Over the next month, work on the south abutment will continue including piling, and the completion of the pile cap and crews will begin to build the south abutment wall. North abutment work, including excavation, backfill, and the installation of footing concrete is now underway.

Renderings of the new pathways on the south side of the new Traffic Bridge were received from GCP. These will be formally submitted to the Meewasin Valley Authority over the summer months to complete their development review.