

# Bridging to Tomorrow Update (December 2016)

The Bridging to Tomorrow Project includes the construction of the North Commuter Parkway and replacement of the Traffic Bridge. Work on the Traffic Bridge began in December 2015 and North Commuter Parkway bridge construction began in January of 2016. Both bridges and surrounding road infrastructure is slated for completion in October of 2018. Graham Commuter Partners (GCP) is the contractor in charge of construction.

## North Commuter Parkway

At the North Commuter Parkway, Pier 1 and Pier 2 are complete and pile driving is underway on the west abutment of the bridge. Reinforcement and pouring of the piles for the west abutment will happen in mid-December. Earthworks and underground utility construction for roadways connecting to the North Commuter Parkway has wrapped up for the 2016 season. Work relating to the North Commuter Parkway also involved improvements to the intersection of Attridge Drive and Central Avenue 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, Span 2, Pier 1, and Pier 2 was demolished in mid-November. Sheet piling and excavation around Pier 1 is complete and continues around Pier 2. Work on Pier 1 and Pier 2 of the new Traffic Bridge Pier 1 and Pier 2 as well as Span 1 and Span 2 will continue throughout winter.

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.

## Stay Safe Near Construction Zones

Citizens are reminded to obey all traffic and Meewasin Trail detours in place, and to respect all safety measures in place including site fencing and site markings. The City is also reminding pedestrians to stay clear of work areas near the construction site.