



Traffic Bridge and North Commuter Parkway Continue to Take Shape

For immediate release: March 14, 2017
TU17-227

Progress on the Traffic Bridge project continues at a rapid pace. The steel framework on Span 3 (south-central span) is now finished, which completes the truss construction for the two southern-most spans of the new bridge.

“We’re very excited about the headway being made on both bridges,” says Dan Willems, Director of Major Projects and Preservation. “On our current schedule, Span 2 of the Traffic Bridge is expected to go up within the next few weeks so that the in-river berm can be moved north and construction of the final span can begin this spring.”

Crews are currently building the trusses for Span 2 (north-central span). Willems says once all of the steel trusses have been installed on the Traffic Bridge, crews can get started on the new bridge deck.

“There is a lot of activity happening on the river banks but also in the water around the Traffic Bridge. It is crucial that people stay away from the construction zone in and out of the water as it is a very dangerous work area.”

The Traffic Bridge is part of the City’s Bridging to Tomorrow project, which also includes the construction of the North Commuter Parkway. As of late last week at the North Commuter Parkway, 16 girders, which support the new structure, had been set. This means the framework for Span 2 (west-central span) is about 25 per cent complete.

The North Commuter Parkway will support the transportation needs of northeast Saskatoon residents who work in the Marquis and North Industrial Areas. The Traffic Bridge will support the growing city centre by allowing drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to cross the South Saskatchewan River. It

will resemble the original bridge, but will be wider to accommodate larger vehicles like fire trucks and Transit buses.

Both bridges remain on track to open in October of 2018.

Bridging to Tomorrow project updates, including detailed monthly summaries, links to live cameras at each bridge site, and quarterly video updates, are available at saskatoon.ca/bridging.

In person, anyone can watch Traffic Bridge progress at the River Landing viewing area. North Commuter Parkway construction can be viewed from the Meewasin Trail just east of the cul-de-sac at the north end of Kinnear Avenue (north of Silverwood Golf Course).