

# Bridging to Tomorrow Update (January 5, 2016)

## South Spans of Traffic Bridge Coming Down January 10 @ 9:00 a.m.

Now that the berm required to access the river is complete, the next phase of the project includes taking down sections of the old bridge so that new construction can begin.

This Sunday at 9:00 a.m. the two southern most spans of the bridge will be demolished using explosive charges.

Graham Commuter Partners (GCP) and licensed blasting specialist Rakowski Cartage & Wrecking Ltd., in consultation with the City of Saskatoon, will take down the spans according to a comprehensive demolition plan that outlines the blast procedure and clean-up, and ensures safety measures are in place to ensure public and occupational health and safety.

A designated exclusion zone, a radius of 250 meters from the blasting site, will be in place one hour prior to the blast to limit public access near the site.

Residents and businesses located within this zone will be notified by the contractor in writing and provided with safety information, including the direction to remain indoors during the demolition. A Notify Now message from the City will also be sent prior to the blast.

To ensure public safety, Saskatoon Police Services and contracted safety officers will be on site around the exclusion zone perimeter, and the Saskatoon Fire Department will be patrolling the South Saskatchewan River and riverbank.

## Want to watch?

The best viewing area for members of the public wishing to watch the demolition is the Broadway Bridge, which will be closed to traffic during the demolition. This is a safe area which does not require the use of eye or ear protection and there is no risk of flying debris or dust from the demolition in this area.

Road closures and traffic detours will be in place during the demolition to ensure no vehicles can access the exclusion zone.

What will you see and hear?

- Prior to the blast, you will hear a series of short sirens to signal the start of the demolition.
- Once the explosive charges have been detonated, the two spans will fall onto the berm.
- The contractor will check the blast site to ensure all explosives have been detonated and the site is safe.
- Once the area is deemed safe, a longer all-clear siren will occur.