

Request for a Non-Statutory Public Hearing - Valley Line Vehicular Access Closures

Recommendation:

That a Non-Statutory Public Hearing be held at the November 9, 2015, Transportation Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m., on proposed vehicular access closures related to the construction and operation of the Valley Line LRT.

Report Summary

This report recommends a date and time for a Non-Statutory Public Hearing before Transportation Committee with respect to five proposed vehicular access closures in relation to the construction and operation of the Valley Line LRT, to allow for property owner notification and advertising to take place.

Report

Construction of the Valley Line LRT is scheduled to commence in the spring of 2016. Construction will include changes to streets and access points to accommodate the new LRT line and provide for the safe flow of trains, road users, and pedestrians.

Administration is recommending the closure of five vehicular accesses along the new LRT line. These proposed access closures affect privately-owned and City-owned parcels of land.

Under section 28 of the *Highways Development and Protection Act*, City Council may remove a physical means of access to or from a controlled street by bylaw.

The Non-Statutory Public Hearing will provide an opportunity for affected parties to be heard by Transportation Committee prior to a decision being made.

Administration will provide notice of the Non-Statutory Public Hearing date to directly-affected property owners, including by advertisement.

Advertisements will be placed in the Edmonton Journal on Fridays and in the Edmonton Sun on Sundays for two consecutive weeks, commencing three weeks prior to the hearing date.

This report was prepared in collaboration with the Office of the City Clerk.

Policy

Bylaw 12300, Procedures and Committee Bylaw, provides that City Council or Committee can schedule a Non-Statutory Public Hearing.

Corporate Outcomes

This report contributes to the corporate outcome “Edmontonians are connected to the city in which they live, work, and play” as the proposed Non-Statutory Public Hearing will provide an opportunity for citizens to understand and participate in the decision-making process.

Justification of Recommendation

A Committee motion is required to set a time and place for a Non-Statutory Public Hearing to allow the public the opportunity to be heard by Transportation Committee prior to a decision being made regarding proposed access closures.

Others Reviewing this Report

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