

Bylaw 19517

Closure of Vehicular Access to 16301 - 87 Avenue NW for Valley Line West

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 19517 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

The closure of vehicular accesses is in support of the Valley Line West (VLW) LRT Project. The closure is outlined in detail in the attachments to this report.

Readings

Bylaw 19517 is ready for three readings.

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw is not required to be advertised and can be signed and, thereby, passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Position of Landowner

Administration has initiated communications with the impacted landowners and residents and has notified them of this bylaw and will continue to engage and follow up with them, as required.

Report Summary

This report requests approval of Bylaw 19517, which is for the closure of the vehicular access at 16301 - 87 Avenue NW to facilitate the Valley Line West LRT Project. This access closure was originally presented to Executive Committee on October 1, 2020. Executive Committee requested Administration consider alternative options for this land parcel and return with recommendations as per the cross-referenced February

19, 2021, Integrated Infrastructure Services report IIS00196, Schedule A3 Parcel Options.

Report

Bylaw 19517 proposes to remove the vehicular access from the privately owned, titled parcel listed in Attachment 1 in support of the Valley Line West LRT project.

Construction of the Valley Line West LRT will transform some major roadways in West Edmonton to make room for the LRT. This access closure is necessary to reconfigure the adjacent roadway and ensure the safety of pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and transit users.

The timing for the physical closure of the access will be determined once construction schedules are finalized by the contractor. Alternate access details are summarized in the table in Attachment 1.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s)			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Goods and services move efficiently	Travel time and reliability of goods and services movement (time in minutes and seconds to drive 10-km route)	10:09 - 50% of time 13:35 - 85% of time (2017)	12:30 - 50% of time 16:00 - 85% of time (2018)
Edmontonians use public transit and active modes of transportation	Transit ridership (rides per capita)	91.6 (2017)	105.0 (2018)
	Journey to work mode (percent of survey respondents who select auto passenger, transit, walk, cycle, or other)	26.1% (2016)	25.9% (2018)
The City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure	Edmontonians' assessment: Access to infrastructure, amenities and services that improve quality of life (percent of survey respondents who agree / strongly agree)	68% (2017)	70% (2018)

Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Public Liability- closure not approved	Potential pedestrian and vehicle conflicts within road right-of-way if the access remains	2 - Unlikely	3 - Major	6 - Low	Current design identifies removal of access, eliminating conflict	If access is not closed now, it would be reviewed through any future development permit and the developer could be required to remove access at that time

Public Engagement

Administration initially contacted the property owners in 2018 to notify them of the access closure required on their property as a result of the Valley Line West LRT project. An onsite meeting was conducted in the spring of 2019 to discuss the Valley Line West LRT project and timelines. Communications with the property owners continued throughout 2019 and 2020 to answer their questions and provide any requested information. Administration is committed to continuing these discussions and providing the property owners updates on the project, as it develops.

Legal Implications

1. The proposed access closure(s) must be carried out in accordance with the *Alberta Highways Development and Protection Act*.
2. Section 28(1) of the *Highways Development and Protection Act* provides that City Council may close a physical means to access to or from a controlled street by passing a bylaw.
3. The City must ensure that each titled parcel of land has at least one means of access to a controlled street, however indirect or circuitous that access may be, in accordance with the City Streets Access Bylaw, Bylaw 13521.
4. Provided alternate access to the titled parcel exists or is provided, no compensation is payable pursuant to section 29(1) of the *Highways Development and Protection Act*.

Attachments

1. List of Titled Parcel - Bylaw 19517
2. Bylaw 19517 - Closure of Vehicular Access to 16301 - 87 Avenue NW for Valley Line West

Others Reviewing this Report

- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
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- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor