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Access options improve for northeast Calgary motorists

New road will connect 84 Street NE to 100 Street NE

Calgary... A new connector road will improve access for users of 84 Street NE in Calgary's east end.

The road will connect 84 Street NE to 100 Street NE (Range Road 285) on the Township Road 243A (8 Avenue NE) alignment, approximately one kilometre south of 16 Avenue NE. This means motorists using 84 Street NE can connect to 100 Street NE and will no longer need to detour onto 17 Avenue SE.

"I am very pleased that the government has addressed my constituents' access concerns," said Manmeet Bhullar, MLA for Calgary-Montrose. "This is great news for east Calgary businesses and residents. The new road ensures reasonable access while maintaining safety and design standards of the new Stoney Trail NE ring road."

The Alberta government will pay for the new road and Rocky View County will design and build the new road. Construction starts in September and will open to traffic by November, weather permitting.

The intersection of 84 Street NE and 16 Avenue NE was closed in May to accommodate the new Stoney Trail-16 Avenue NE interchange ramps.

The Alberta government will also improve access options further to the north. Rocky View County will build a new access road on the north side of McKnight Boulevard NE to connect to 84 Street NE to complement an existing road on the south side. Construction begins in August and the road will open to traffic by November, weather permitting. The new road will eliminate the need to detour onto 100 Street NE via 80 Avenue NE.

The 84 Street NE-McKnight Boulevard NE intersection was closed in August 2008 to accommodate the new Stoney Trail-McKnight Boulevard NE interchange ramps.

Visit www.stoneytrailgroup.ca for more information on the Stoney Trail NE ring road.

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