



Calgary

Office of the Councillors

July 15, 2024

To: Minister Dreeshen

cc: Minister McIver, Minister Fir, Mayor Gondek, CAO Duckworth

Re: Deerfoot Trail Upgrades

I am following up again, to request a meeting to discuss construction on Deerfoot Trail. Specifically, intersections and boundaries adjacent to residents of Ward 11 in the affected communities of Douglasdale and Douglasglen.

I previously wrote to you on March 2, 2023, asking for greater collaboration in the project communications plan to affected residents. As no meeting or further information was provided through your office or Alberta Transportation, I am left to advocate via letter yet again.

The concerns I am raising are as follows:

1. Project drawings were promised through the contractor and Alberta Transportation, and have not been received nor posted on the project website.
2. The project website lacks accessible information for residents predictably affected by the construction. They are unable to find answers to their concerns. For example, the Ivor Strong Bridge page [Ivor Strong Bridge - Deerfoot Trail Improvements \(deerfootimprovements.ca\)](https://deerfootimprovements.ca/ivor-strong-bridge-deerfoot-trail-improvements) does not include the planned build out as Glenmore Trail's page does [Glenmore Trail - Deerfoot Trail Improvements \(deerfootimprovements.ca\)](https://deerfootimprovements.ca/glenmore-trail-deerfoot-trail-improvements).
3. Since construction began, my office has heard from frustrated residents. While we are able to provide some information and direct residents to their MLA and the project website, many common concerns persist, including:
 - Due to having only cursory information about the project with no specific details, residents are shocked to see a new bridge and four lanes planned for the south side of Ivor Strong, and the implications of how close Deerfoot Trail will then be to their homes.
 - Alarming amounts of dirt and dust from the construction. Residents cannot open their windows, cars and gardens are covered in construction dust. They cannot enjoy their yards, and some residents do not

have air conditioning to cool down their homes without the windows being opened, which is necessary during recent heat waves.

- Construction noise at night. Living near Deerfoot, residents are used to road noise, but construction noise is louder preventing them from sleeping with their windows open (which again, is necessary in homes without air conditioning). While we are aware noise exceptions that have been granted, this has not been made available to the public.
- Lack of information on plans for a sound wall being built that will be tall/close enough to Deerfoot to help with future sound mitigation.

I am asking you how these concerns will be addressed, and to provide better public information by updating the project web page and holding a project specific open house.

Sincerely,



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