

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why is the Civic Operations Centre being built?

The Civic Operations Centre (COC) will co-locate the new Saskatoon Transit Operations Facility and the City's first Snow Management Facility. The new site located in Saskatoon's southwest quadrant, will provide direct access to Circle Drive South Bridge which will allow the City to move equipment, materials and vehicles more efficiently around the city. By centralizing some of the key operations in one location, the City can increase their efficiency, reduce costs and streamline services for the citizens of Saskatoon.

## What will be taking place on the site over the summer of 2015?

During the month of June 2015, pile caps (thick concrete mats that rest on the piles) and grade beams (reinforced concrete beams) will be installed for the entire transit operations facility. Over the summer months, the following "construction works" will be taking place:

- Excavation of the snow melt pit;
- Construction of the berm;
- Erection of structural steel (started);
- Installation of the exterior siding to the administration facility;
- Building temporary roads on site (started); and
- Installation of electrical and mechanical underground services.

Work has started on integrating the sewer system into the site and tying it back to the City. This will be coming in from the north access parallel to the railway, off Dundonald Avenue, and will not affect the operation or functionality of the system or its users.

## Any neighbourhood impacts in terms of noise, dust or traffic?

There will be no increase to traffic in the neighbourhood as the trucks will be on the closed portion of Dundonald. Once work commences, if dust control is required EllisDon and Maxies will provide control measures. Normal construction noise of excavators and dump trucks can be expected.

## Are you working early and late? Working weekends?

Work will be performed between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. No weekend work is planned at this time.



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## What is the construction schedule? When will the COC be operational?

Construction began in the spring of 2015. It is anticipated that the site will be operational by early 2017.

## When will buses access the facility?

Starting in early 2017, the majority of buses will access the facility during off-peak periods having minimal impact to congestion in the area.

## What is the purpose of the berm? How high will it be? When will its construction take place? What will it be made of?

The berm, which will average 4 metres in height, will be constructed between the CN Railway and the Montgomery Place neighbourhood. It will be made up of native soil stockpiled from site, with 300mm of topsoil covered with a blend of native grass seed. Its purpose will be to provide a visual break from the facility and operations at the COC as well as the CN tracks for the residents in the nearby neighbourhood. The construction of the berm is scheduled to start on June 15, 2015, and will take approximately 5 weeks to complete.

## Are there any neighbourhood impacts during the construction of the berm?

The construction of the berm will run from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm Monday to Saturday, starting June 15, 2015. Between working hours, normal construction noise from construction equipment such as bulldozers, graders and dump trucks can be expected. Once work commences if dust control is required EllisDon and Maxies will provide control measures.

## Will there be access to the back of the homes during construction? After construction?

Once the layout is complete, EllisDon will know the full impact of the berm. It may or may not affect some or all the properties within the neighbouring community.

## How will the facility impact traffic in the area?

Traffic studies have been completed and reviewed with the City on traffic flow. The new facility will not adversely affect traffic on Valley Road or Circle Drive.

## How many vehicles will be stored at the facility?

The Transit Operations Facility will have room to store 224 City buses indoors with additional capacity for future fleet growth.



## Who should people contact for further information?

Call the toll-free number for updates or to leave comments and questions about construction.

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