



12 Street S.E. Bridge Removal frequently asked questions:

When are we removing the bridge?

Spring 2017, April or May (weather dependent).

When are we closing the bridge to pedestrians?

The City will provide two weeks notice prior to the bridge closing.

When were we originally planning on removing the bridge?

Spring 2018, after the new bridge was open.

Why is the bridge coming out now?

- Safety.
- An inspection, conducted by a third party engineering consultant, found the bridge was deteriorating faster than The City anticipated.
- If left in place the bridge will continue to deteriorate, while being exposed to two more winters and flood seasons, in addition to ongoing corrosion.
- Removing it earlier allows us to better control the risk of the bridge deteriorating.

What are the other results of the bridge being removed early?

- Cost savings:
 - A cost and constructability analysis was done on removing the bridge in 2017 versus waiting until 2018.
 - It's more expensive and impactful to traffic and the area to remove the old bridge after the new bridge is in place.
- Major construction for both the 12 Street S.E. Bridge and Zoo Flood Mitigation will be complete in late 2017 at the same time:
 - Construction of final landscaping, commemoration and Public Art will be completed in 2018.

What is being done to ensure safety of the bridge until it is removed?

- Limit access to people walking.
- Inspect bridge bi-weekly.
- Close bridge to vehicles.

What are we doing to prepare for removing the bridge?

- Expand the platforms in the river.
- Transfer utilities to the new bridge.
- Install a net underneath the bridge to help prevent debris from falling in the river.
- Remove excess weight, such as asphalt and the cantilevered sidewalks, which we'll reuse or recycle.

What type of equipment will be used to remove the bridge?

A crane will lift and remove the bridge.



Where will the bridge go after we remove it?

The bridge will initially be placed on the north side of the river near the Zoo Administration Building's parking lot, before dismantling for reuse or recycling.

What is being done with the bridge once it is removed?

Recover portions of the old truss to reuse onsite as part of the commemoration.
Recycle as much of the remaining steel as possible.

What time of day and how long will it take to remove the bridge?

Environmental conditions will impact what time of day and how long it will take to remove the bridge. However, we anticipate the lift will be done in one day.

Can I watch the removal of the bridge?

Yes, details will be available on the project web page and sent out to the project distribution list.

Can members of the community have a piece of the bridge to take home?

No, due to the cost to clean the steel, anything that can be salvaged will be placed in public spaces as part of the Public Art for everyone to enjoy.

What is being done to commemorate the old bridge?

- We'll be out talking with the community this spring about how we can commemorate the bridge.
- The theme of the Public Art is a celebration of the original bridge's history.
- Details will be on the 12 Street S.E. Bridge and Inglewood/Ramsay project page closer to spring 2017 with dates and opportunities to join the conversation.

Are there any environmental impacts to removing the bridge?

We are working with our consultants and contractor to ensure precautions are in place to protect the Bow River and the surrounding natural area.

Will this impact the construction schedule of Zoo Road?

No, the coordination between the 12 Street S.E. Bridge and Zoo Road teams will prevent impacts to one another's schedules.

How do I access the Zoo?

Access is available via the North entrance (210 St. George's Drive N.E.), by walking, cycling, taking transit, or driving.