

Valley Line West LRT

Property Acquisition

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City Council considered the impact on property owners when approving the route for the Valley Line LRT and ultimately selected an alignment that minimizes the need for the acquisition of private property. However, in some cases, privately-held property will need to be acquired in order for the project to move forward. Potential property needs for the Valley Line were assessed during the preliminary engineering process completed in 2013, and can be viewed on area maps, which are available at www.edmonton.ca/valleylinemaps*

The City prefers to acquire properties needed for a project that are listed or otherwise offered for sale. For properties not offered for sale, a City of Edmonton property agent will contact owners when the City begins to actively acquire properties for the project, which is anticipated to start in summer 2017. City property agents will negotiate in good faith in an effort to reach agreement with the owners to buy the required properties for fair compensation.

If a property owner and the City property agent cannot reach an agreement to purchase the property, the City may proceed with expropriation of the property as a last resort.

Property Expropriation

Expropriation is a process by which an authority such as a municipality can acquire property or a portion of a property without the consent of the owner. The process is governed by the Alberta *Expropriation Act*, which is available online at www.qp.alberta.ca. Expropriation in Alberta is overseen by the **Land and Property Rights Tribunal**. The board's website provides an overview of the expropriation process and compensation rules: www.landcompensation.gov.ab.ca, particularly the Guide and FAQ sections.

The City is committed to continuing to work with affected property owners to try to reach an agreement throughout the expropriation process.

Find Out More About the Valley Line West

- Visit www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest
- Call the LRT Projects Information Centre at 780-496-4874 (voicemail)
- email lrtprojects@edmonton.ca

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