



# Memo

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**Re: Intersection of McKnight Boulevard and 68 Street NE – Proposed Dual Left Turn Movements**

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### Background

McKnight Boulevard is one of the most important east-west corridors in the City of Calgary. Explosive population growth, commercial development, and expansion of the Calgary International Airport has resulted in rapid growth in vehicular traffic on several key corridors in the northeast part of the City, including McKnight Boulevard. Recent traffic counts indicate that McKnight Boulevard serves more than 40,000 vehicles every day, and is growing rapidly.



Since McKnight Boulevard was connected to Stoney Tr in 2010, this has led to further growth along the corridor as well as a shift in traffic patterns as local traffic and commercial vehicles funnel through the intersection of McKnight Boulevard and 68 Street NE to access Stoney Trail. This has resulted in significant congestion at the intersection of McKnight Boulevard and 68 Street NE. The southbound left turn movement and the westbound left turn movements are particularly congested as traffic accesses Stoney Trail. This congestion has resulted in numerous complaints from area residents and businesses regarding safety and excessive delays.

### Proposed Dual Left Turns

To address these congestion issues, the City of Calgary proposes to construct dual left turn movements in the southbound, northbound, and westbound directions. The provision of dual left turn movements in all directions of the intersection is expected to reduce intersection delay and congestion by more than 30%. Southbound and westbound left turn traffic queuing is expected to decrease by more than 50%. This will be a noticeable improvement for operations and safety at the intersection. A copy of the proposed dual left turn movements design is provided on the following page.

## Construction of Dual Turns

Construction of the dual left turns is expected to begin in the Summer 2026 with essential underground utility and traffic signal work occurring at the intersection. Construction of the dual left turn lanes will be completed in 2027 and opened to traffic.

