

CPR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Project Overview:

The CPR Pedestrian Bridge is a registered municipal historic resource originally constructed in 1908 by Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1990, the rail line was relocated out of Red Deer and the bridge was donated to the City and subsequently converted to an active transportation structure. The CPRPB is 114 years old and, based on recent bridge inspections, is in poor structural condition.



Timeline:

- The federal grant stipulates that the project must be complete by March 31, 2026.
- Preliminary design began in November 2022, with area consultation and design complete end of 2023.
- Construction to begin April 2024 with completion by end of 2025.

Highlights:

- A full rehabilitation of the CPR Bridge is required to address structural and functional deficiencies while ensuring the structure remains in service at minimum another 75 years. Work would begin in 2022 with design tasks with construction completion by the end of 2025.
- With a grant in hand from the Federal Government, the cost implications are greatly reduced, enabling rehabilitation of the structure with significantly lower City investment.
- Rehabilitating the CPRPB displays The City's dedication to public safety, preserving historic sites, the community, active transportation initiatives, and the environment, while taking advantage of available funding.

Budget details:

The City was approved for a grant through the Federal Public Transit – Active Transportation Fund initiative. This grant has committed to providing up to \$11.088 million towards the rehabilitation.

City Council previously approved \$3.7 million in funds to paint the bridge as part of the 2016 Capital Budget (CPR Pedestrian Bridge Assessment & Remediation) of which there is approximately \$3.0 million unspent.

The 2023 – 2024 Capital budget request is for rehabilitation in the amount of \$5.6 million.