

Busing Program Begins for Workforce at Sturgeon Refinery

September 15, 2014 – As construction activities increase at the Sturgeon Refinery in Sturgeon County near Redwater, so does the size of the workforce. Over 800 people currently work on site, and North West Redwater Partnership (NWRP) expects between 3,000 and 5,000 workers on their project site at peak construction next year.

Launching September 15, a busing program is available for the Sturgeon Refinery workforce. Coach-style buses will transport workers from designated regional pick up areas to the project site. The program will begin with five routes running Monday through Friday, and will expand with additional routes as the workforce continues to grow.

“The safety and convenience of both our workforce, and the communities surrounding our project site, are of utmost importance to us,” explains George Matwychuk, Transportation Coordinator for North West Redwater Partnership. “We are very pleased to launch a busing program and have taken steps to ensure that bus transportation is the preferred method of travel to the project site.”

For communities and residents surrounding the Sturgeon Refinery site, a busing program is highly beneficial. The number of passenger vehicles travelling to site each day will decrease. This helps alleviate congestion pressures and increases road safety for the local transportation network. Fewer passenger vehicles also means reduced emissions.

Those travelling by bus will appreciate large, modern coaches with WIFI and washroom facilities. Currently, pick up locations include various points in Edmonton, St Albert, Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, and Gibbons. [Route maps and schedules](#) are available on NWRP’s website. Bus commuters are also encouraged to follow [@NWRSiteTransit](#) on Twitter for updates and notices.

“Anyone who lives or works in Alberta’s Industrial Heartland area is aware of the pressures on the transportation system due to industrial and municipal growth,” comments Vanessa Goodman, Chair of Life in the Heartland. “A formal Transportation Study was conducted a few years ago to identify bottlenecks and recommendations for improvements. One of the key recommendations was busing programs, so we’re very supportive of NWRP’s efforts to launch this program for their workforce.”

Busing programs for major construction projects in the region have proven very successful in the past. NWRP expects their busing program to remain active until after peak construction when the size of the workforce decreases significantly.

For more information on NWRP’s busing program, employment opportunities, or their Sturgeon Refinery project, visit www.nwrpartnership.com, email info@nwrpartnership.com or phone the site main gate office at 587.756.8013.

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