



South West Trail Enhancements

(Former Spadina Crescent from Gordie Howe Bridge north to the Sanatorium Site)

Project Overview

The project site is in the SW sector of Saskatoon, between the Holiday Park Golf Course and the river. Spadina Crescent is now closed to vehicles in this area and the road will be converted to primary Meewasin Trail. The work includes new trail with a total length of 1.3 km that will connect to the existing trail at the Gordie Howe Bridge and the Sanatorium site.






SOUTH WEST TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Sanatorium Site

LEGEND

PROPOSED

-  TREES
-  SHRUBS
-  ASPHALT PATHWAY
-  PAVERS
-  CRUSHER DUST
-  SEEDING
-  MATCH LINE
-  LIGHTS
-  B BENCH
-  C CHAIR
-  PTH PRIMARY TRAILHEAD SIGN
-  STH SECONDARY TRAILHEAD SIGN
-  T TRASH RECEPTACLES

EXISTING

-  TREES
-  SHRUBS
-  TRAIL / SERVICE ROAD



SOUTH WEST TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Holiday Park Golf Course North

LEGEND

PROPOSED		EXISTING	
	TREES		TREES
	SHRUBS		SHRUBS
	ASPHALT PATHWAY		ROADWAY
	PAVERS		
	CRUSHER DUST		
	SEEDING		
	MATCH LINE		
	LIGHTS		
	BENCH		
	CHAIR		
	PRIMARY TRAILHEAD SIGN		
	SECONDARY TRAILHEAD SIGN		
	TRASH RECEPTACLES		



SOUTH WEST TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Holiday Park Golf Course South

LEGEND

PROPOSED		EXISTING	
	TREES		TREES
	SHRUBS		SHRUBS
	ASPHALT PATHWAY		ROADWAY
	PAVERS		
	CRUSHER DUST		
	SEEDING		
	MATCH LINE		
	LIGHTS		
	BENCH		
	CHAIR		
	PRIMARY TRAILHEAD SIGN		
	SECONDARY TRAILHEAD SIGN		
	TRASH RECEPTACLES		











SOUTH WEST TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Holiday Park Golf Course South Section B-B



SOUTH WEST TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Gordie Howe Bridge

LEGEND

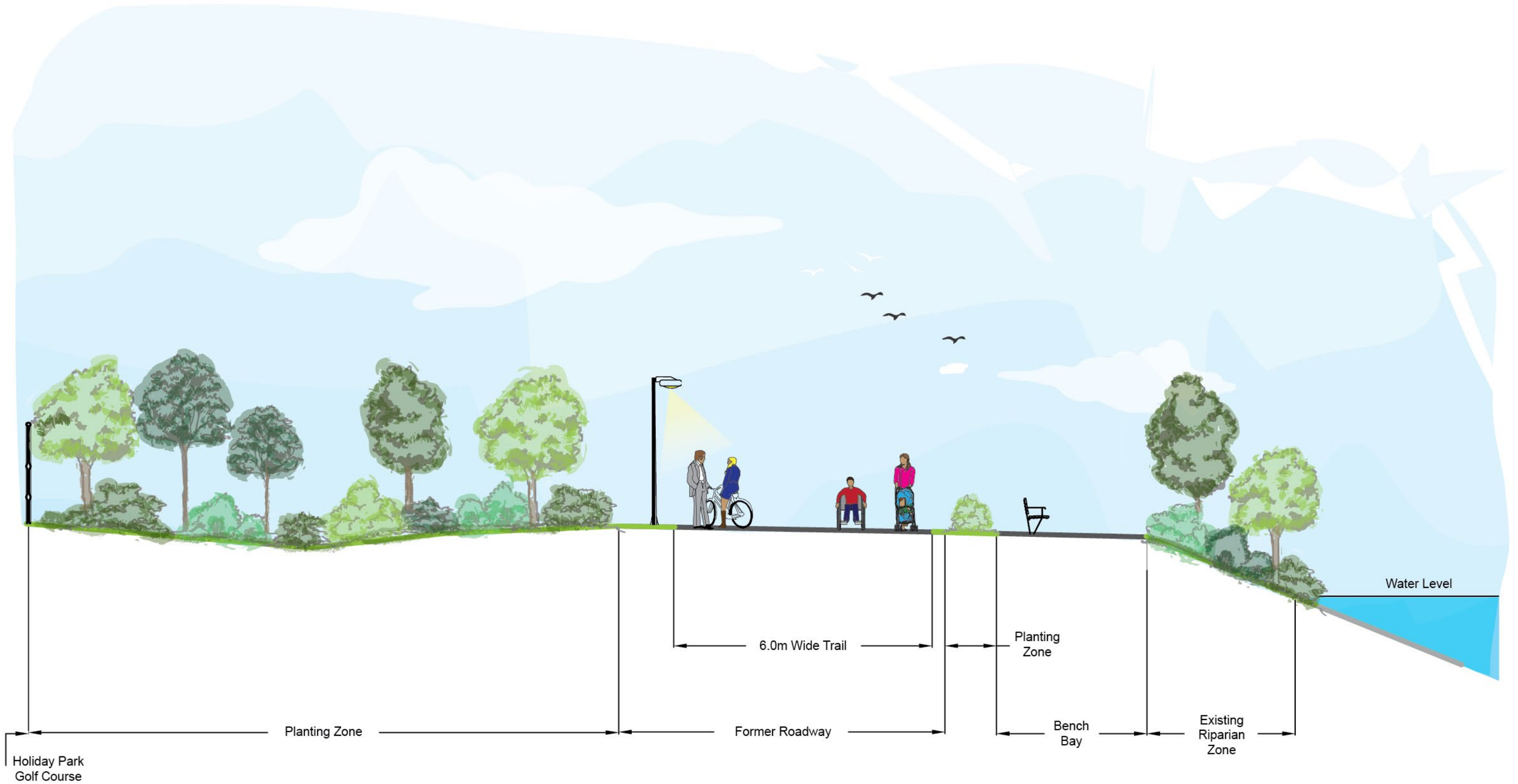
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EXISTING

-  TREES
-  SHRUBS



SOUTH WEST TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS: Gordie Howe Bridge Section A-A

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are enhancements being undertaken here? Through a Trail Study (infrastructure review) completed in 2014, this location was identified as a significant gap in the trail system. It was flagged as the highest priority gap section to be completed.

What is the goal of the project? The goal is to convert the existing road to trail, upgrading it as necessary and narrowing it to 6.0 metres wide, with split trail (3.0 m wide each) in some areas. The new trail will provide opportunities to incorporate new seating nodes, trash receptacles and signage, as well as new planting areas and trail lighting.

How will the goal be accomplished? The plan involves the following key items:

- Site demolition and removals, including some asphalt and granular road edge;
- Protection of existing vegetation (no removals anticipated);
- New asphalt trail, with repaired sections of existing road or in most areas use of existing asphalt road surface;
- Trail lighting, using new (Saskatoon Light and Power standard) light fixtures and poles (full cut-off LED fixtures),
- Site amenities, including benches, trash receptacles, chairs, and trailhead signs;
- Soft landscape work including topsoil and grading to tie in with existing landscape edges;
- New plantings of naturalized plant material (planting design and installation will be undertaken by Meewasin after construction is completed). Planting will focus on native and berry producing trees and shrubs.

What will the completed trail look like? Similar to upgrades completed in other areas, the asphalt trail will be:

- Built to current accessibility standards,
- Built to City of Saskatoon construction standards,
- Wide enough to safely and effectively accommodate user volumes,
- Fully lit, and
- Incorporate updated amenities such as lighting, benches, signage and trash receptacles.

How will existing vegetation on site be impacted? Protection of existing vegetation on site will be ongoing during construction. There are currently no removals of existing vegetation planned or anticipated.

Is Spadina Crescent currently closed? Spadina Crescent was closed by the City of Saskatoon earlier this year, and both ends have been barricaded. The city will be installing a turnaround at the north end in 2021 as the road is now a dead end. A new south access road for SaskPower's facility is now open, with access off of Valley Road.

What plans are in place for new plantings? New plantings of naturalized plant material (planting design and installation will be undertaken by Meewasin after construction is completed). New planting areas will provide the opportunity to:

- **Plant edible berries and native plants** with indigenous cultural significance.
- **Improve the habitat** and integrity of the existing vegetated zone.

When will this work be done? We are currently planning to proceed with the work starting as early as the spring of 2021 and potentially continuing in subsequent years if necessary, as budgets and fundraising allows.

Will the trail or any part of the site be closed? Closures and detours will be necessary to allow construction to proceed while maintaining public and contractor safety. Trail users will be directed to detour around the work zone. Trail users are asked to respect the construction activity and use designated detours outside of the work zone.

Are there plans for other Meewasin Trail enhancements? Projects currently being planned include the development of gaps in the network in the River Heights area (in Meewasin Park); and existing trail enhancements from the Kinsmen Park Riverfront through the downtown to River Landing. New trail is also being planned for the northeast sector, from the Circle Drive North Bridge to the Chief Mistawasis Bridge.

About the Meewasin Valley Authority

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:

- *Providing leadership in the management of its resources;*
- *Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and*
- *Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation, for the benefit of present and future generations.*

There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 90km of established trail, which has seen up to 1.65 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Meewasin Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit www.meewasin.com