Memo

May 11, 2026

To: Customers
From: Anthony El-araj

RE: City of Calgary Permit Lists for Temporary Traffic Control Design, Setup & Authentication

Starting July 13, 2026, The City of Calgary Roadway Operations and Detours group will introduce permit lists for both engineers and third-party temporary traffic control providers; after this date you must have a permit to work within The City Right-of-Way (ROW). Once in place, only permit-holders included on the contractor/consultant permit list will be authorized to authenticate, develop, and/or implement temporary traffic control plans, traffic management plans, and/or traffic accommodation strategies within The City of Calgary ROW.

The City of Calgary will be issuing a permit to eligible engineers and traffic providers after receiving and reviewing their applications and supporting documentation. Permits will be valid for one year, renewable annually at no cost. Permit holders are responsible for maintaining accurate and up-to-date documentation to meet City requirements and for renewing their permit each year. The renewal cycle will begin on January 1, 2027, and subsequent years will follow the same annual renewal time.

This initiative is being implemented to ensure that all parties planning, implementing and authenticating temporary traffic controls within The City of Calgary ROW carry appropriate insurance and liability coverage, maintain accountability for their traffic control setups, and adhere to safe and compliant practices. The initiative also establishes clear mechanisms for addressing non-compliance and unsafe conduct.

The City will provide all interested applicants with a 60-day transition period (until July 13, 2026) to meet the requirements and obtain a permit. Information and resources for the Temporary Traffic Control Design, Setup & Authentication Permit, including standards and guidelines, can be found on The City of Calgary Street Use Permit webpage.

Applications may be submitted to detoursreview@calgary.ca in accordance with the process outlined above. For questions or clarification related to the application and/or evaluation process, please reach out to detoursreview@calgary.ca.

Sincerely,

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