



Renovations to Rundle and Marlborough Stations – Frequently Asked Questions

We held a public information session at Marlborough Station on Feb. 26, 2016. Below are answers to the questions we heard from customers.

Why are these stations being renovated?

Rundle and Marlborough stations are two of the busiest and oldest stations on our system. They opened in April, 1985 and are due for life cycle upgrades.

Are there plans to renovate any other stations?

Yes. In 2016 we received funding from the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund to complete more CTrain station improvements. Six stations were chosen for renovation based on their need for lifecycle upgrade: Anderson, University, SAIT/ACAD/Jubilee, 39 Avenue, Zoo and Barlow/Max Bell. These stations will receive similar renovations to Rundle and Marlborough to make them safer, brighter and improve comfort and accessibility.

Why is an escalator being removed?

There are a few reasons these stations will have only one “up” escalator:

1. We are moving towards having one “up” escalator at all new and renovated LRT stations. Although “down” escalators are nice features, they are not necessary to provide full accessibility inside the station.
2. During winter months, snow, water, salt and gravel are tracked into the stations by thousands of customers every day, which clogs the escalators. Maintaining and operating the escalators has become extremely expensive. By reducing the number of escalators, maintenance and operational costs go down and we can spend this money elsewhere on our system where immediate upgrade requirements are needed.
3. Removing an escalator allows us to widen the stairs, which allows for better flow of pedestrian traffic inside the station.

How much does it cost to renovate each station, and how is it funded?

The budget is \$2 million per station. This funding is primarily through grants from the Provincial government and City funding.

Will the ramps and stairs at Marlborough station be replaced like they were at Rundle?

The ramps at Rundle Station were replaced because they did not meet current accessibility requirements (they were too steep). The ramps at Marlborough meet accessibility requirements so they will not be replaced as part of this project. However, we are constantly working to maintain existing infrastructure and improve accessibility to our facilities when funding becomes available.