

THE FOOTHILLS COUNTY AND TOWN OF OKOTOKS
INTERMUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA



Tuesday, May 26, 2026
1:00 PM

Foothills County Administration Office
309 Macleod Trail South – High River

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Rob Siewert, Foothills County Reeve will Call to Order the May 26, 2026 Intermunicipal Committee Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION REQUESTED: That the May 26, 2026 agenda for the Intermunicipal Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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MOTION REQUESTED: That the minutes of the Intermunicipal Committee Meeting held March 24, 2026 be adopted as presented.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project Update

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An update on the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project is provided for information.

MOTION REQUESTED: That the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project Update be received as information.

4.2 Highways 7 and 783 Intersection – Dedicated Turn Signal Discussion

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Presented by: Councillor Benita Estes

4.3 Foothills School Division New Okotoks High School - Funding

Presented by Senior Planner & Intergovernmental Liaison Colton Nickel

5. CLOSED SESSION

(This portion of the meeting may be closed to the public if a matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part I of the the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)*).

6. MOTIONS ARISING

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of the Intermunicipal Committee is Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Okotoks.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION REQUESTED: That the May 26, 2026 Intermunicipal Committee Meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

**UNADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE FOOTHILLS COUNTY AND TOWN OF OKOTOKS
INTERMUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 24, 2026
IN THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT:	<u>Foothills County</u> Reeve Rob Siewert Councillor John Callister Councillor Laura Kendall (Alternate)	<u>Town of Okotoks</u> Mayor Tanya Thorn Councillor Stefan Dykema Councillor Gord Lang
STAFF PRESENT:	Ryan Payne, Chief Administrative Officer Harry Riva Cambrin, Municipal Advisor Sherri Barrett, Legislative Services Manager Jacqueline Schuler, Legislative Services Gariety Stanley, Legislative Services	Elaine Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Greene, Community Growth & Identity Director Jeremy Huet, Operations & Utilities Director Christa Michailuck, Parks & Recreation Director Colton Nickel, Senior Planner & Intergovernmental Liaison Janice Storch, Legislative & Corporate Records Officer Leigh Chmilar, Urban Systems
GUESTS:	Deputy Reeve Suzanne Oel (Alternate) Councillor Al Alger Councillor R.D. McHugh (arrived at 1:25 p.m.)	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thorn called the meeting to order and provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

5.2 Land Matter (ATIA s. 19, 26, 28, 29, 30)

MOTION: By Reeve Siewert that the March 24, 2026 agenda for the Intermunicipal Committee Meeting be adopted as amended
Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Intermunicipal Committee Minutes - December 2, 2025

MOTION: By Councillor Dykema that the minutes of the Intermunicipal Committee Meeting held December 2, 2025 be adopted as presented.
Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Foothills - Okotoks Regional Water Project Update

Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project Lead Leigh Chmilar reviewed the report containing the issue that an update on the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project is provided for information.

MOTION: By Councillor Lang that the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project Update be received as information.
Carried Unanimously

4.2 2024 Master Shared Services Agreement Annual Report

Town of Okotoks Parks & Recreation Director Christa Michailuck reviewed the report containing the issue that the 2024 Master Shared Services Agreement Annual Report is provided to the Intermunicipal Committee for information.

MOTION: By Reeve Siewert that the 2024 Master Shared Services Agreement Annual Report be received as information.
Carried Unanimously

4.3 Foothills School Division New Okotoks High School

Town of Okotoks Senior Planner & Intergovernmental Liaison Colton Nickel reviewed the report containing the issue that background information, funding, and development requirements for the new Foothills School Division high school in Okotoks are presented to the Intermunicipal Committee for discussion.

MOTION: By Councillor Dykema that the Foothills School Division New Okotoks High School report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

5. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: By Councillor Lang that the meeting go into Closed Session as the matters to be discussed during this portion of the meeting are within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part I of the *Access to Information Act (ATIA)* at 2:18 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

5.1 Intergovernmental Relations (*ATIA* s. 26, 29, 30)

5.2 Land Matter (*ATIA* s. 19, 26, 28, 29, 30)

In Attendance:

Reeve Siewert

Mayor Thorn

Councillors Callister, Dykema, Kendall, and Lang

Councillors Alder, McHugh, Oel

Chief Administrative Officers Vincent and Payne

Community Growth & Identity Director Jeff Greene

Operations & Utilities Director Jeremy Huet

Parks & Recreation Director Christa Michailuck

Legislative Services Manager Sherri Barrett

Legislative Services Jacqueline Schuler and Gariety Stanley

Legislative & Corporate Records Officer Janice Storch

MOTION: By Councillor Dykema that the meeting come out of Closed Session at 2:59 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

6. MOTIONS ARISING

None

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Intermunicipal Committee is Tuesday, May 26, 2026 in High River.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Councillor Callister that the March 24, 2026 Intermunicipal Committee Meeting adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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FOOTHILLS / OKOTOKS RAW WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Issue

An update on the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project is provided for information.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project Update be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The project is expected to begin seasonally pumping water in spring of 2026 to Okotoks using interim well “B”. A “valve turning ceremony” to celebrate the interim water delivery milestone has been scheduled for June 11, 2026.

Other updates to the FORW project include:

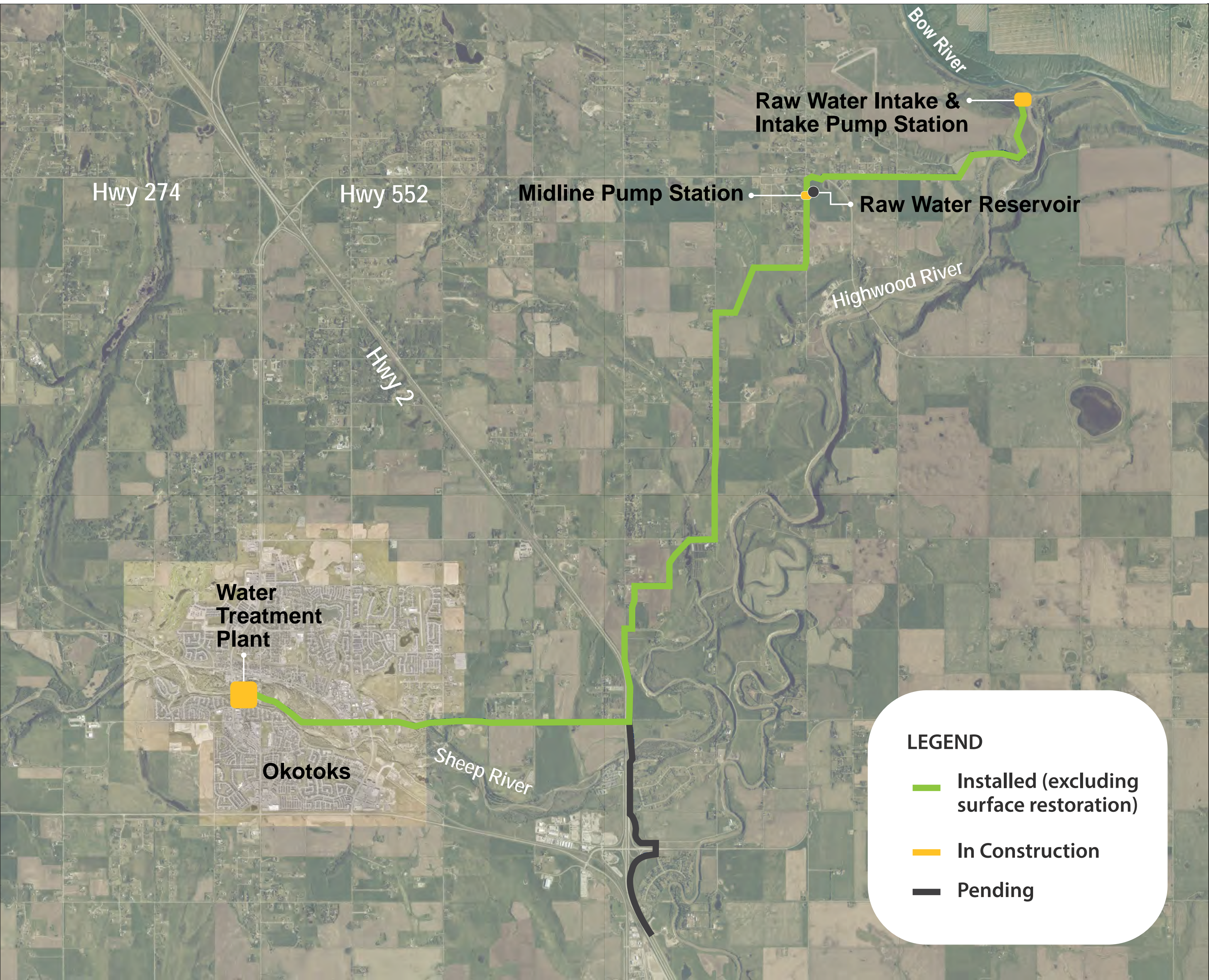
1. Intake Caisson – Construction is complete.
2. Intake Pump Station
 - Construction is underway with expected completion in Q4 2026.
3. Pipeline Design & Construction
 - Pipe C (the portion of the pipeline along 370 Ave E) is complete with minor works (landscaping, asphalt) remaining on North Railway Street.
 - Pipe A (from Intake up to Reservoir site) is complete. Pressure testing was completed in Q1 2026.
 - Pipe B construction is complete. Pressure testing is underway, and surface restoration will be complete in Q2 2026.
 - Pipe D design is nearing completion, pricing to be obtained in Q2 2026 for Foothills County consideration. Foothills County received grant funding for construction.
4. Midline Pump Station & Okotoks WTP
 - The midline pump station (at the reservoir) construction is underway with expected completion in Q1 2027.
 - The WTP tie-in work at the Okotoks WTP is nearly complete and commissioning underway.
5. Raw Water Reservoir
 - Reservoir design and tender documents are complete and the works will be tendered shortly.
 - The reservoir is not critical path nor necessary for water to be conveyed to Okotoks and Aldersyde.

Attachment(s)

1. Project Status Map; May 5, 2026.

Prepared by:
Leigh Chmilar, P.Eng.
FORW Program Manager
May 26, 2026

Foothills Okotoks Regional Water Project Construction Progress AS OF MAY 5, 2026



Okotoks/Foothills County Intermunicipal Meeting

Intersection of Hwy 7 and 783.

This is being brought to this meeting in looking for support on getting changes made to this intersection in the way of a dedicated left turn signal for the east side onto 783.

A resident of Foothills County emailed Benita Estes regarding the number of accidents at this intersect from 2012 to 2022, according to his data there have been 81, this is unverified.

Councillor Estes reached out to TEC Traffic Safety Data and they provided information on this intersection from 2016 to 2025 and here are the results of that are:

47 – rear enders from all directions, 10 of which road conditions were slush/snow/ice and 1 was loose material

48 – left turn accidents from all directions, but mostly westbound attempting to turn left onto 783.

If you're sitting at this intersection attempting this particular left turn from the westbound lane you have to pay very close attention to oncoming traffic and whether they stay in the straight eastbound Hwy 7 lane or move into the left turn lane for Southridge Drive, how many vehicles should be passing by you and make and model, but on occasion a vehicle will change back to the eastbound lane without being visible, due to the vehicles lined up directly in front of you.

In conclusion if there was a dedicated left turn signal for west bound traffic onto 783 just as there is a dedicated signal for eastbound traffic to turn onto Southridge Drive, this could reduce these accidents at this intersection along with the possibility of lower the speed limit prior to this intersection to the intersection of Hwy 7 and 32 St E.

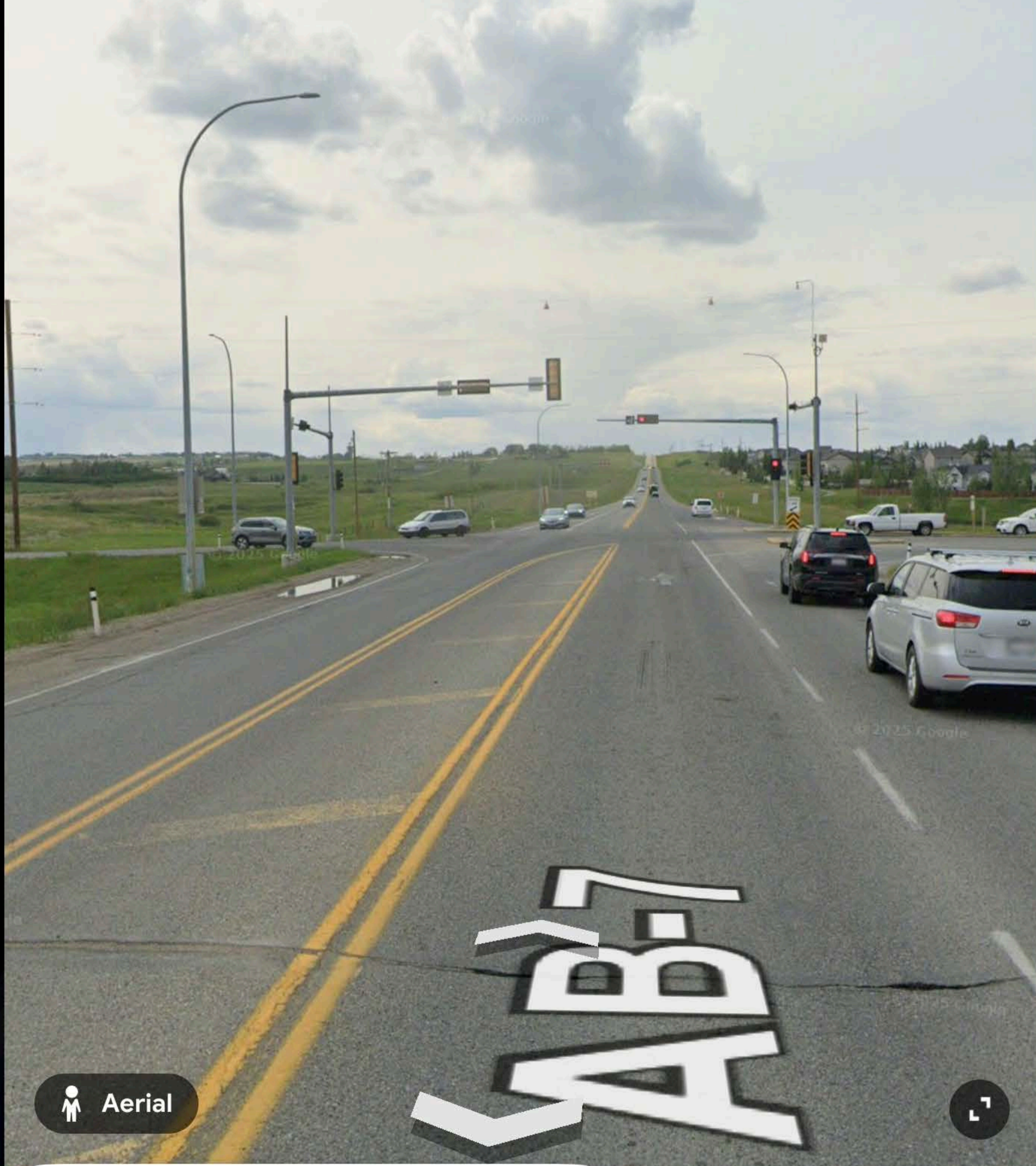
Without exact measurements, but looking at this intersection from google maps it looks like there could be sufficient space to accommodate this additional lane without too much road widening required.

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386 AVE W

Travelling west bound

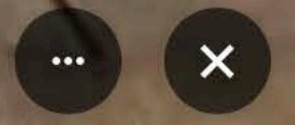
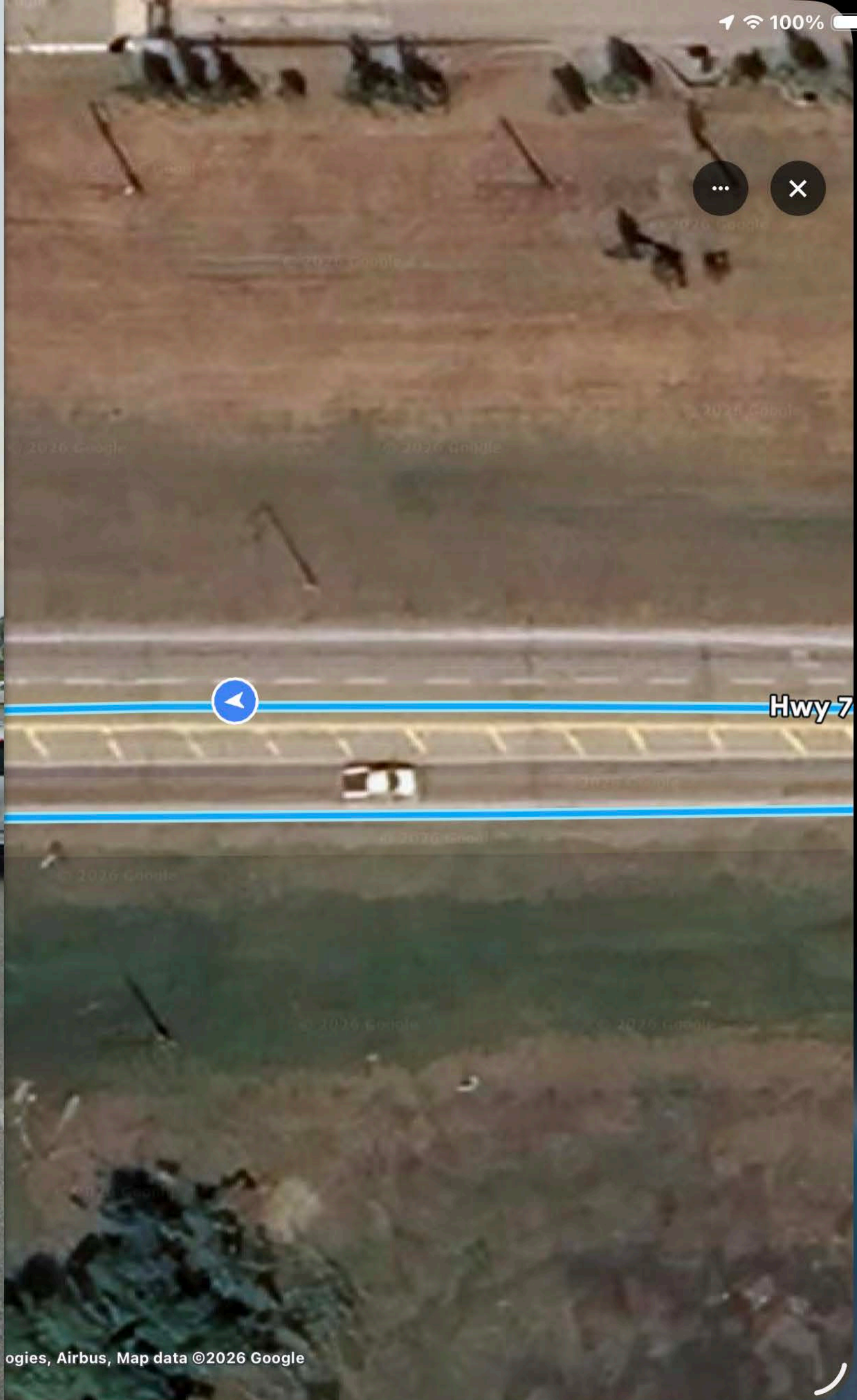
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Eastbound Hwy 7 note how you can't see any of the vehicles that would be trying to turn left onto 783.

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