# BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter April 2021

# **Explore Opportunities for Neighbourhood Renewal!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Visioning survey in winter 2020. The survey results, along with many additional conversations with community members, businesses and area organizations, revealed so many great assets about living in Boyle Street and in McCauley!

We have also learned about improvements needed to roads, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bike connections and city-owned parks and open spaces that would make these neighbourhoods more enjoyable places to walk, roll, bike, drive and gather.

Now is the time to build upon these learnings by exploring the opportunities and solutions that will begin to shape the renewal designs for the streets and public open spaces in each neighborhood.

Share your suggestions, ideas and priorities by filling out our **Exploring Opportunities** survey.

Construction is scheduled for 2023!

# Stay informed and engaged!

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#### Exploring Opportunities Survey – April 1 to 23, 2021

What renewal opportunities should we explore? Bike lanes, pedestrianized streets, parking? Share your thoughts in our survey.

#### Online: edmonton.ca/ BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley

Or, if you received a survey in the mail, use the postage paid return envelope to mail it in by April 23, 2021.

#### No access to online? No problem!

Paper copies of the survey can be delivered to your home or businesses please contact Becky Redford at 780.446.9464 or becky.redford@edmonton.ca.

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SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2020 Building a Project Vision Together

JANUARY-APRIL 2021 Exploring Opportunities

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MAY-OCTOBER 2021 Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

NOVEMBER 2021– FEBRUARY 2022 Community Feedback on Draft Design

MARCH–JUNE 2022 Community Feedback on Final Design

FEBRUARY 2023 Preparing for Construction & Local Improvement Decisions

SPRING 2023-FALL 2025 Construction on Your Streets

FALL 2025 Celebrate with Us!

# Building a Project Vision Together September to December, 2020

### How we engaged

We launched Boyle Street and McCauley's neighbourhood renewal with a public visioning survey in December 2020 to learn how you feel about your neighbourhood and how it functions. In total, 172 surveys were completed.

### What we heard

The following highlights the survey comments we heard most often about biking, rolling, walking, driving, parks and open spaces.



#### Biking

- + Popular routes for cyclists include: 92, 95 and 96 Streets, the LRT shared-use path and along Jasper Avenue
- + Frequent bike routes include:
  - 102A Avenue between 96 and 97 Street
  - 103A Avenue between 92 and 97 Street
  - 107A Avenue between 92 and 97 Street
  - 108A Avenue between 92 and 96 Street
- There is a desire to improve safety for people who bike. Suggestions include adding protected / separated bike lanes on Jasper Avenue and neighbourhood arterials
- + Biking along the LRT shared-use path feels unsafe due to homeless camps in the area
- There is a desire to improve bike crossings by adding bike activated signals and shortening signals times, for example at 92 Street and 107A Avenue
- With bike theft being a concern, there is a desire to improve safe bike parking and storage areas



#### Walking

- There is a desire to improve safety and experiences for people who walk. Lighting was suggested as one way to do this
- There is a desire to improve sidewalks throughout the neighbourhoods as many are in disrepair and crumbling, some are narrow and others are missing
- There is a desire to improve pedestrian crossings.
  Suggestions include pedestrian oriented crosswalks and crossing lights. It was also noted that pedestrians are often frustrated with the long wait times at some crosswalks
- + Alleys in the neighbourhoods are often used as walking routes
- The LRT shared-use path is used less often by people who walk versus people who bike



#### Driving

- + The following locations were noted as having the most conflicts, issues or concerns for drivers:
  - 92 Street
  - 92 Street / 107A Avenue (Stadium Road)
  - 92 Street / Jasper Avenue
  - 95 Street
  - 95 Street / Jasper Avenue
  - 90 Street / Jasper Avenue
- There are safety concerns with drivers making one-way infractions
- Narrow streets with cars parked on both sides create navigation issues for drivers and reduce visibility of pedestrians and people who bike
- + There is a lack of parking for resident needs



#### Parks and open spaces

- Giovanni Caboto Park is a popular destination to walk and bike to. An east-west connection through the park is missing
- The grassy berm at Commonwealth Stadium is a favourite location for people who walk and dog walk
- + Safe connections to the river valley and Dawson Park are desired



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# Neighbourhood Renewal Vision and Guiding Principles

Through the survey, the public also helped us finalize the Vision and Guiding Principles that will guide decision making for Boyle Street and McCauley's neighbourhood renewal. A draft was created using input received from the public and stakeholders on other City and community projects.

Feedback received was used to make minor modifications to the draft. The final Vision and Guiding Principles can be found on the project webpage at edmonton.ca/ BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley.



# **Exploring Opportunities** January to April, 2021

We are now in the Exploring Opportunities phase as we work toward creating renewal designs for each neighbourhood.

We are working with you to build on the areas and ideas shared for improvement and enhancement, and explore opportunities that will shape the neighbourhood design.

The Project Team held targeted community conversations in February and March with residents, local service providers, businesses and other interested members of the community to learn more Giovanni Caboto Park / Little Italy, Chinatown North, Church Street, and active and alternative travel modes.

The input provided helps us understand concerns and issues related to current infrastructure, opportunities, as well as views, perspectives and desires for the future. What we learn in Exploring Opportunities will help to inform the designs we share in the Options and Trade-offs phase from May to October 2021.



### **Stakeholder Meetings**

In addition to the community conversations, we will be reaching out to various service agencies in the two communities to explore the challenges and opportunities that their users face when traveling in and around Boyle Street and McCauley.

### Be a Community Committee Volunteer!

Join other residents, business owners and individuals with an interest in Boyle Street and McCauley on the Neighbourhood Renewal Community Committee. The group will brainstorm design ideas, discuss how best to connect with residents and others, and review communication materials.

The committee held its first meeting in Februrary 2021 and anticipates about seven more meetings before June 2022. If you are interested or require more information, please contact Chase Gingles at 780.996.4372 or chase.gingles@edmonton.ca. All those with an interest are welcome!



# You told us:

### What you love about Boyle Street



## What you love about McCauley







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## Next Steps Options and Tradeoffs

Guided by learnings from public engagement, technical data, research and analysis, the Project Team will draft neighbourhood design options and identify the benefits and tradeoffs of each.

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The public will be asked to review the designs and provide feedback and preferences for each option.

#### **Translation Services**

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