

# What We Decided Report: Central McDougall Neighbourhood Renewal

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# What We Decided Report: Integrating public engagement into the Central McDougall neighbourhood designs

## Purpose

This report has been prepared to share how the City of Edmonton came up with the final designs for Central McDougall's neighbourhood renewal.

It describes the path that the City of Edmonton took to develop the designs, including how public input informed design decisions and when and where this input was collected.

## The design decisions are presented as part of five topics:

- + Bike routes and facilities
- + Residential roads
- + Traffic calming and pedestrian crossing measures
- + Commercial roads
- + City-owned outdoor spaces



# Message from the Project Manager

On behalf of the City of Edmonton, I am pleased and excited to share that new local infrastructure will be constructed in 2019 and 2020 in Central McDougall as part of the City's Building Great Neighbourhoods program.

**Building Great Neighbourhoods** is our City's commitment to take a cost-effective, long-term, and strategic approach to addressing infrastructure needs in Edmonton neighbourhoods. This means taking the time to get to know the neighbourhood and people's vision of it for the future, and then aligning new infrastructure to support this vision. It also means ensuring that all new infrastructure aligns with City policy and programs, including available funding, accounts for current standards and best practices, and considers any limitations presented by the existing and planned public and private infrastructure and assets (i.e., mature trees) in the neighbourhood.

Over the past year, the City has been very active in Central McDougall. We've been inviting ideas and input from people with an interest in the neighbourhood, including the schools, hospital, Community League, business associations, and more. We've been collaborating with organizations that provide infrastructure-related services, such as under- and over-ground utilities. We've been out walking and learning about the profile and existing infrastructure along each road and within City-owned public spaces.

In September, our Building Great Neighbourhoods team presented a number of options that our project team felt confident would align with City policies and technical requirements.

In presenting the options, we asked people what they would be most comfortable experiencing in Central McDougall and why. We took this input, along with what we know about the neighbourhood, and we adapted the options to create preliminary plans. In November, our team presented the preliminary plans to the neighbourhood and asked for input on anything else we should consider before moving forward with construction. We received a lot of positive feedback on the preliminary plans. We also received some great feedback that prompted us to make some adjustments to the designs.

Through this report, I am able to share what will be constructed in Central McDougall. I'm also able to share how we made these decisions, and proud that a lot of what we decided reflects what we heard and learned from the people who live, work, and play in the neighbourhood. As a City, we design and build infrastructure to support the activities and needs of our residents. We simply couldn't do this without the involvement of people who come forward to share their experiences, ideas, and what's important to them. As a City project manager, it's an honour to be a steward of Central McDougall's infrastructure improvements and to help bring your and your neighbours' vision for a great neighbourhood to life.

Thank you.

Cathy Dytiuk  
Project Manager, Central McDougall  
Building Great Neighbourhoods

## Building Great Neighbourhoods

### Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

Great neighbourhoods are the building blocks of a great city, and the City of Edmonton is committed to building great neighbourhoods by investing taxpayer dollars in reconstructing neighbourhoods to enhance their livability and longevity.

Building Great Neighbourhoods is designed to increase vibrancy and improve infrastructure in Edmonton's mature neighbourhoods. It is a cost-effective, long-term strategic approach to address infrastructure needs such as rebuilding and renewing roads, sidewalks, and streetlights in Edmonton's neighbourhoods.

#### Neighbourhood Renewal in Central McDougall

In spring 2019, neighbourhood renewal construction will begin in Central McDougall.

This will include upgrades to:

- + Local and collector roads
- + Sidewalks, sidewalk connections, and curb ramps
- + Curbs and gutters
- + Streetlights
- + Connections that help you walk, bike, and move around your neighbourhood
- + Traffic calming measures
- + Improvements to City-owned outdoor spaces

The reconstruction in Central McDougall is expected to take two years, starting spring 2019. All construction decisions are subject to final approvals.



## What is a local improvement?

A local improvement is a project that City Council considers to be of greater benefit to a localized area than to the municipality as a whole. It is typically undertaken near or adjacent to your property and is paid, in whole or in part, by property owners through a local improvement tax.

As part of the Central McDougall Neighbourhood Renewal project, sidewalk reconstruction is a local improvement that is cost-shared between the City and local property owners.

## What does a sidewalk reconstruction local improvement mean for property owners?

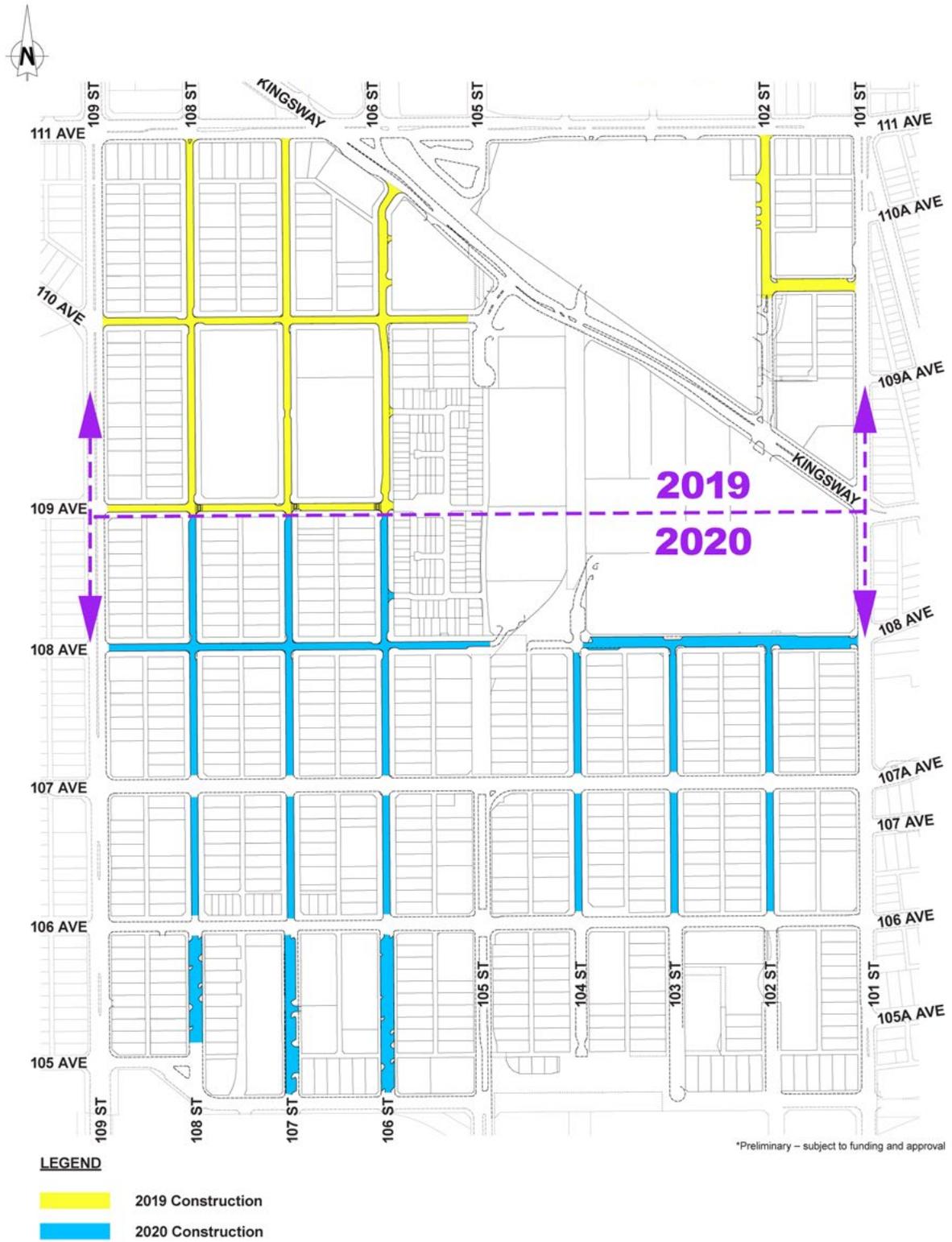
A cost of renewing existing sidewalks is shared 50/50 between the City of Edmonton and property owners in Central McDougall. The City covers the full cost of building new sidewalks.

All property owners in Central McDougall will receive their local improvement notice three to four months before neighbourhood renewal construction begins, which will outline what the local improvement means for their property.

If more than 50 per cent of people petition against the sidewalk reconstruction local improvement, then it will not proceed. It is important to note that if, following reconstruction, property owners want their sidewalks reconstructed, they would be responsible for covering 100 per cent of the costs through a new local improvement levy.



# Central McDougall Neighbourhood Renewal Proposed Construction Schedule



## Central McDougall Making Neighbourhood Renewal Decisions

Creating the designs for Central McDougall's neighbourhood renewal involved a number of steps.

Timeline	Steps	Public Engagement	Number of Participants	Outcome
<b>March</b>	Share information about the project and invite input to develop a Vision and set of Important Elements	Stakeholder meetings to ADVISE on Vision and Important Elements	26 people	A draft Vision that describes what infrastructure improvements should achieve for Central McDougall  Draft Important Elements that describe the work that needs to be prioritized to achieve the Vision
<b>April</b>	Invite input to make enhancements to the Vision and set of Important Elements  Use public input and information about the neighbourhood to develop an Urban Design Analysis	Two public engagement sessions and an online survey to REFINE the Vision and Important Elements and ADVISE on what's working well and what needs attention in the neighbourhood	54 people	A final Vision and set of Important Elements  An Urban Design Analysis that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ describes the history, assets, and context of the neighbourhood</li> <li>+ documents and provides valuable information about existing local infrastructure</li> <li>+ proposes opportunities to enhance it</li> </ul> The creation of design options that illustrate alternatives to construct infrastructure and ideas about what the City is planning to design
<b>September</b>	Present design options for public input	One drop-in public engagement event, neighbourhood outreach meetings, and an online survey to REFINE design options	60 people	The creation of a preliminary plan that presents a draft of what the City is planning to construct in the neighbourhood
<b>November</b>	Presenting the preliminary plan for public input	One drop-in engagement event to ADVISE on the preliminary plan	35 people	The creation of a final design that showcases details about what the City is intending to construct in the neighbourhood and a proposed construction schedule that will be shared with the public at an information session in January

Public engagement also incorporates input that the City of Edmonton project manager received via email, letters, and phone calls. The project email list includes 54 subscribers.

To arrive at the Vision and Important Elements, the City relied on public input. The Vision and Important Elements describe what matters to people with an interest in Central McDougall.

## Vision

Central McDougall is a safe neighbourhood. People feel comfortable walking and crossing roads, driving routes focus on providing access to local organizations and gathering spaces, and everyone has opportunities to make use of outdoor parks and green spaces.

## Important Elements

- + Safety for people walking in the neighbourhood, with an emphasis on providing good lighting, accessible design and design features, and safe crossings in high pedestrian areas
- + Roads that support drivers, including transit and buses, to access local amenities and help limit the amount of shortcutting and speeding in the neighbourhood
- + Outdoor spaces that support active living and people of all backgrounds enjoying each other's company
- + Signs that make it easy for people to find their way and locate and learn about historic, cultural, and important neighbourhood sites
- + Trees that are protected and flowers, public art, and community gardens that help to bring people together and build community pride



To develop the Urban Design Analysis, design options, and preliminary plan, the City relied on a combination of City policy and programs, technical considerations, and public input.

The role of public input is to help the City consider what is important to people with an interest in Central McDougall as well as how the design will effect them.

City policy and programs, including funding, and technical considerations help to ensure that the designs get the best outcomes for our city, are fiscally responsible, align with best practices, and consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses, and activities in the neighbourhood.

## Central McDougall Making Neighbourhood Renewal Decisions

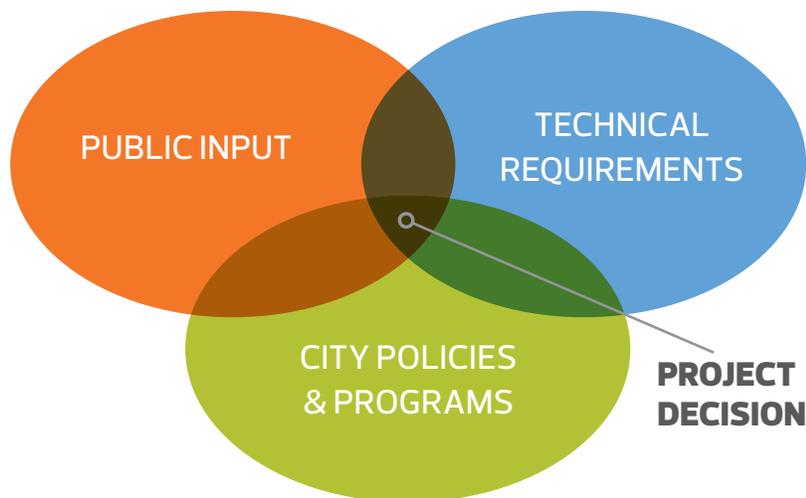
The City considers the following in its decision-making:

### Public Engagement Input

- + **REFINE** Neighbourhood Renewal Vision and Important Elements
- + **ADVISE** on neighbourhood assets, opportunities, and priorities
- + **REFINE** infrastructure options
- + **ADVISE** on preliminary plan
- + **DECIDE** on sidewalk reconstruction local improvement

### Technical Requirements

- + Infrastructure Assessments
- + Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards
- + Universal Design
- + Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- + Urban Design Framework



### City Policies and Programs

- + City's Strategic Plans – The “Ways”
- + Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk Strategy; Bicycle Transportation Plan)
- + Local Improvement Policy
- + Public Engagement Policy
- + Breathe – Green Network Strategy
- + Winter City Guidelines
- + Vision Zero
- + Community Traffic Management Policy

## What We Decided

Central McDougall's final neighbourhood renewal design reflect a combination of public input, described as what we heard, and City policy and programs and technical requirements, described as what we considered.

Building Great Neighbourhoods published a [What We Heard report](#) in June 2018 that reflects how the project Vision and Important Elements were developed and how we collected input into the Urban Design Analysis and infrastructure options presented in September. The What We Heard report can be found on the project web page at [edmonton.ca/buildingcentralmcdougall](http://edmonton.ca/buildingcentralmcdougall).

This **What We Decided** report emphasizes what we heard from people about the options and the preliminary plan as well as what we considered for City policy and programs and technical requirements to arrive at the decisions reflected in the final design.

The design decisions are presented as part of five topics:

- + Bike routes and facilities
- + Residential roads
- + Commercial roads
- + Traffic calming and pedestrian crossing measures
- + City-owned outdoor spaces

Note: All design decisions are subject to final approvals.



Tonight I stopped by at Central McDougall Infrastructure Renewal update. Great to see @McDougallCL getting these improvements in the neighborhood. A top concern for me was pedestrians and road safety. Great seeing the city addressing some of my concerns.

**#yeg #yegcc #ward6**

**– Posted to Twitter**

The intent was clear and the impact matters.

**– Received through satisfaction survey**

## Central McDougall Bike Routes and Facilities

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Interest in connecting into the Queen Mary Park neighbourhood along an east-west bike route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on: people feel comfortable walking</li> <li>+ The Important Element that emphasizes safety for people walking in the neighbourhood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Construct a shared-use path north-south from 109 Avenue to 105 Avenue along 107 Street on the east side of the road</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Interest in connecting to Grant MacEwan along a north-south bike route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Completing connections to existing bike paths along 104 Street (North - South) and 105 Avenue (East - West)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Construct a shared-use path east-west on 108 Avenue from 104 - 107 Streets on the south side of the road and 109 Avenue from 107 - 109 Street on the north side of the road</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Interest in improving safety along 108 Avenue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Safe opportunities to make connections to other neighbourhoods adjacent to Central McDougall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Explore signal upgrades at the intersections of 109 Street and 109 Avenue, 107 Street and 107 Avenue, and 107 Street and 106 Avenue</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Comfort with a shared-use path in residential areas and a shared-use path or protected bike facility in commercial areas because they separate people and bikes from cars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ A consistent approach to bike infrastructure in the neighbourhood</li> <li>+ Locations where the sidewalk can be widened to create a 3.0m shared-use path, while protecting mature trees</li> <li>+ Maintaining on-street parking</li> <li>+ A 3.0 m shared-use path is wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers, and other mobility supports along these high-pedestrian corridors</li> <li>+ The City will provide year-round maintenance, including snow clearing, for a shared-use path</li> </ul>	

## Central McDougall Residential Roads

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Four key themes through all phases of public engagement:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure access to parking</li> <li>- Protect mature trees</li> <li>- Prioritize pedestrian safety by supporting neighbourhood walkability, connectivity, and accessibility</li> <li>- Calm traffic to help support pedestrian safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Support to retain the existing roadway structure, rather than narrow the road or add mid-block chicanes (i.e., a traffic calming measure that adds concrete bump-outs in the middle of a block)</li> <li>+ Support for curb extensions because they:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Help to calm traffic while reducing the crossing distance for pedestrians at intersections</li> <li>- Improve visibility at intersections</li> <li>- Create the opportunity to add landscaping within the curb extensions</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Ensure the curb extensions do not limit neighbourhood access for emergency vehicles, transit, school buses, and other drivers</li> <li>+ Wider sidewalks are important to support mobility and a walkable neighbourhood; however, mature trees must be protected when these sidewalks are upgraded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central McDougall is a safe neighbourhood.</li> <li>- People feel comfortable walking and crossing roads...</li> <li>- ...driving routes focus on providing access to location organizations and gathering spaces</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ The Important Elements that emphasize:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety for people walking in the neighbourhood ... and safe crossings in high pedestrian areas</li> <li>- Roads that support drivers, including transit and buses, to access local amenities and help limit the amount of shortcutting and speeding in the neighbourhood</li> <li>- Trees that are protected</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Renewal along residential streets will:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retain the existing road width</li> <li>- Add curb extensions at some intersections (see locations under Traffic Calming)</li> <li>- Add wider sidewalks, where infrastructure, mature trees, and road grades make it possible</li> <li>- Retain parking on both sides of the street</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Central McDougall Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Crossing Measures

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Pedestrian safety and neighbourhood walkability is the priority</li> <li>+ Pedestrian safety depends on effective deterrents to speeding and shortcutting, especially near:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- Seniors' housing</li> <li>- Pedestrian corridors</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Pedestrian safety also depends on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good visibility at intersections</li> <li>- Cars parking further back from intersections</li> <li>- Shorter crossing distances at intersections</li> <li>- Drivers slowing down at intersections with or without traffic controls (e.g., stop sign)</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ High support for the use of curb extensions and raised crosswalks, and all the locations where they are proposed</li> <li>+ Interest in beautifying curb extensions with landscaping</li> <li>+ Concern about traffic calming measures inhibiting road maintenance work, including snow removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central McDougall is a safe neighbourhood.</li> <li>- People feel comfortable walking and crossing roads...</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ The Important Elements that emphasize:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety for people walking in the neighbourhood ... and safe crossings in high pedestrian areas</li> <li>- Roads that support drivers, including transit and buses, to access local amenities and help limit the amount of shortcutting and speeding in the neighbourhood</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Traffic calming measures that work best to support pedestrian safety in Central McDougall</li> <li>+ Designing curb extensions and raised crosswalks that are effective at slowing down drivers</li> <li>+ Aligning curb extensions and raised crosswalks with locations where:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The public has concerns about vehicles speeding and taking shortcutting routes through the neighbourhood</li> <li>- There is higher pedestrian traffic, especially around schools, seniors' residences, and commercial areas</li> <li>- There are multiple modes of transportation interacting at intersections (e.g., pedestrians, bikes, cars)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Traffic calming will include curb extensions at existing and new locations in the neighbourhood at:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 108 St. &amp; 110 Ave.</li> <li>- 107 St. &amp; 110 Ave.</li> <li>- 102 St. &amp; 110 Ave.</li> <li>- 101 St. &amp; 110 Ave.</li> <li>- 108 St. &amp; 109 Ave.</li> <li>- 107 St. &amp; 109 Ave.</li> <li>- 106 St. &amp; 109 Ave.</li> <li>- 108 St. &amp; 108 Ave.</li> <li>- 107 St. &amp; 108 Ave.</li> <li>- 106 St. &amp; 108 Ave.</li> <li>- 104 St. &amp; 108 Ave.</li> <li>- 103 St. &amp; 108 Ave.</li> <li>- 102 St. &amp; 108 Ave.</li> <li>- 108 St. &amp; 106 Ave.</li> <li>- 107 St. &amp; 106 Ave.</li> <li>- 106 St. &amp; 106 Ave.</li> <li>- 107 St. &amp; 105 Ave.</li> <li>- 106 St. &amp; 105 Ave.</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Traffic calming will include raised crosswalks at:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 108 St. &amp; 109 Ave.</li> <li>- 107 St. &amp; 109 Ave.</li> <li>- 106 St. &amp; 109 Ave.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Central McDougall Commercial Roads 106 and 108 Streets from 105 – 106 Avenue

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Strong interest in maximizing parking along commercial roads, especially in front of stores</li> <li>+ Higher comfort with angle parking on both sides of the road, as compared to angle parking on one side and parallel on the other</li> <li>+ Higher comfort with drive-in (i.e., nose first) parking, as compared to exploring the possibility of prototyping back-in parking</li> <li>+ Support for mid-block and intersection-based curb extensions because they:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Help to calm traffic</li> <li>- Reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians at intersections</li> <li>- Improve visibility at intersections</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Wider sidewalks are important to support mobility and a walkable neighbourhood; however, it is important to accommodate mature trees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Ensuring that local businesses still have parking in front of and near their storefronts</li> <li>+ Back-in parking is currently restricted, outside of a few exceptions in the province, under Alberta's Traffic Safety Act</li> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central McDougall is a safe neighbourhood</li> <li>- People feel comfortable walking and crossing roads...</li> <li>- ... driving routes focus on providing access to location organizations and gathering spaces</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ The Important Elements that emphasize:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety for people walking in the neighbourhood ... and safe crossings in high pedestrian areas</li> <li>- Roads that support drivers, including transit and buses, to access local amenities and help limit the amount of shortcutting and speeding in the neighbourhood</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Space to plant and sustain new healthy trees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Renewal along 106 Street from 105 – 106 Avenue will include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intersection-based curb extensions</li> <li>- Angled and parallel parking on both sides of the street; there will be a reduction of eight parking spaces along 106 Street to accommodate wider sidewalks and tree planting</li> <li>- Wider sidewalks on both sides of the street</li> <li>- Tree planting behind sidewalk on the west side of the street and in a new boulevard on the east side of the street</li> </ul> </li> <li>+ Renewal along 108 Street from 105–106 Avenue will include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intersection-based curb extensions</li> <li>- Angled and parallel parking on both sides of the street; there will be a reduction of 13 parking spaces along 108 Street to accommodate wider sidewalks and tree planting</li> <li>- Wider sidewalks on both sides of the street</li> <li>- Tree planting where feasible along the street</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Central McDougall Commercial Roads 107 Street from 105 – 106 Avenue

### What We Heard

- + Keep people who bike separate from drivers
- + Strong interest in maximizing parking along commercial roads, especially in front of stores
- + Comfort with angle parking with protected-bike facility or angle parking and a shared-use path
- + Support for mid-block and intersection-based curb extensions because they:
  - Help to calm traffic
  - Reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians at intersections
  - Improve visibility at intersections
  - Create the opportunity to add landscaping within the curb extensions
- + Wider sidewalks are important to support mobility and a walkable neighbourhood

### What We Considered

- + Ensuring that local businesses still have parking in front of and near their storefronts
- + Ensuring there are pedestrian-focused walkways on both sides of the street
- + Taking a consistent approach to the bike route and facility along 107 Street from 109 Avenue south to 105 Avenue
- + A 3.0 m shared-use path is wide enough to accommodate wheelchair, strollers, and other mobility supports along these high-pedestrian corridors
- + The City will provide year-round maintenance, including snow clearing, for a shared-use path
- + The most feasible option to maximize parking, accommodate a bike route, support safe and accessible pedestrian activity on both sides of the road, protect mature trees, and add additional trees
- + The emphasis in the project Vision on:
  - Central McDougall is a safe neighbourhood
  - People feel comfortable walking and crossing roads...
  - ... driving routes focus on providing access to location organizations and gathering spaces
- + The Important Elements that emphasize:
  - Safety for people walking in the neighbourhood ... and safe crossings in high pedestrian areas
  - Roads that support drivers, including transit and buses, to access local amenities and help limit the amount of shortcutting and speeding in the neighbourhood
- + Space to plant and sustain new healthy trees

### What We Decided

- + Renewal along 107 Street from 105 – 106 Avenue will include:
  - A 3.0 shared-use path on the east side of the street to accommodate both people who walk and people who bike
  - Intersection-based curb extensions
  - Drive-in, angle parking on the east-side of the street
  - Wider sidewalk on the west side of the street
  - Tree planting within the new boulevard space between parking and the shared-use path

## Central McDougall City-owned Outdoor Spaces

We received input in April 2018 that pointed to six City-owned outdoor spaces to look at as part of Central McDougall's Neighbourhood Renewal project. We also received ideas related to entry features and wayfinding signage.

In September 2018, we shared concepts for the six locations and entry features and wayfinding signage. We asked people to tell us which elements within each concept were most important to focus on. We also asked people to rank the eight options according to the order that updates should be prioritized.

The rankings, along with input into the most important elements, are included in the tables below:

### Priority 1: Central McDougall Park and John A. McDougall School

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The most important elements focus on improving walkability, connectivity, and accessibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphases in the project Vision on Central McDougall as a safe neighbourhood, where people feel comfortable walking, and everyone has opportunities to make use of outdoor parks and green spaces</li> <li>+ The Important Element that emphasizes safety for people walking in the neighbourhood</li> <li>+ The Important Element that focuses on outdoor spaces as places to support active living and people of all backgrounds enjoying each other's company</li> <li>+ Replacing and widening sidewalks in the neighbourhood now is cost efficient</li> <li>+ Adding the missing link on the east side of Central McDougall Park will enhance walkability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Construct wider sidewalks in front of the school and the west side of the park</li> <li>+ Construct a promenade walkway on the east side of the park</li> <li>+ Add a couple of benches near the promenade walk</li> </ul>



## Central McDougall City-owned Outdoor Spaces

### Priority 2: Community Garden

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The most important elements focus on adding fruit trees, providing a shade feature that supports sustainable gardening by collecting water, and adding an entrance sign with contact information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Community/partnership funding can be leveraged with potential grants for possible improvements to the space in the future</li> <li>+ Ensuring the design aligns with the aspects of the Vision that focus on everyone having opportunities to make use of outdoor parks and green spaces and the Important Element that focuses on community gardens that help to bring people together and build community pride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Improvements to the space will not be a part of the neighbourhood renewal work in 2019/2020</li> <li>+ Funding and improvements to the space can be explored in the future as a community partnership</li> <li>+ If there is interest from the community to pursue improvements on the space, connect with your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator by calling 311 and/or connect with your local Community League</li> </ul>

### Priority 3: Victoria School of the Arts

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ High interest in making the area safer for pedestrians, and better supporting connectivity and the flow of people walking through the area</li> <li>+ High interest in supporting buses and parents to drop off and pick up students</li> <li>+ The top three elements identified were wider sidewalks, curb extensions, and a designated drop off and pick up area in the school zone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on Central McDougall as a safe neighbourhood, where people feel comfortable walking and crossing roads and driving routes provide access to local organizations and gathering spaces</li> <li>+ The Important Element that emphasizes safety for people walking in the neighbourhood, including safe crossings in high pedestrian areas</li> <li>+ The Important Element that focuses on roads that support drivers... to access local amenities and help limit the amount of shortcutting and speeding in the neighbourhood</li> <li>+ Making improvements to the road and sidewalks with the renewal program is cost efficient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Construct wider sidewalks in front of the school</li> <li>+ Construct curb extensions along 108 Avenue at 101, 102, 103, and 104 Streets</li> <li>+ Construct a drop off/pick up area in the school zone</li> </ul>

## Central McDougall City-owned Outdoor Spaces

### Priority 4: North Edge Park

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ This is a location that would benefit from exercise equipment to support active living and has natural assets to enhance</li> <li>+ The top four elements were:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult outdoor exercise equipment</li> <li>- A tree canopy to provide shade</li> <li>- Central Plaza with shade feature</li> <li>- Benches that offer wifi/phone charging stations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Community/partnership funding can be leveraged with potential grants for improvements to the space in the future</li> <li>+ Ensuring the design aligns with the aspects of the Vision that focus on everyone having opportunities to make use of outdoor parks and green spaces and the Important Element that focuses on outdoor spaces that support active living and people of all backgrounds enjoying each other's company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Improvements to the space will not be a part of the neighbourhood renewal work in 2019/2020</li> <li>+ Funding and improvements to the space can be explored in the future as a community partnership</li> <li>+ If there is interest from the community to pursue improvements on the space, connect with your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator by calling 311 and/or connect with your local Community League</li> </ul>

### Priority 5: Royal Alexandra Hospital

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Pedestrian safety is important, including supporting mobility, accessibility, and people with visual impairments</li> <li>+ People told us that the top three elements to upgrade are wider sidewalks, curb extensions, and curb ramps with a tactile walking surface, where you can feel the ramp underfoot when walking or by a long white cane</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on Central McDougall as a safe neighbourhood, where people feel comfortable walking and crossing roads</li> <li>+ The Important Element that emphasizes safety for people walking in the neighbourhood, including accessible design and design features and safe crossings in high pedestrian areas</li> <li>+ Making improvements to the road and sidewalks with the renewal program is cost efficient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Construct wider concrete sidewalks</li> <li>+ Construct curb extensions along 110 Avenue to define parking areas</li> <li>+ Construct a curb ramp with a tactile walking surface indicator, where you can feel the ramp underfoot when walking or by a long white cane</li> </ul> <p>Note: The Royal Alexandra Hospital is currently conducting a traffic study. The final design for the site may be altered to align with the results of this study.</p>

## Central McDougall City-owned Outdoor Spaces

### Priority 6: LRT Crossing

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The area plays an important role in pedestrian safety, walkability, connectivity, and cleanliness</li> <li>+ All beautification is appreciated</li> <li>+ Trees and landscaping are appreciated as long as they do not introduce hiding places</li> <li>+ Repaired and replacement benches will be appreciated, and there is a need for benches in other areas of the neighbourhood as well</li> <li>+ Waste bins are important to supporting neighbourhood cleanliness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The emphasis in the project Vision on Central McDougall as a safe neighbourhood, where people feel comfortable walking and everyone has opportunities to make use of outdoor parks and green spaces</li> <li>+ The Important Element that focuses on outdoor spaces creating opportunities for people of all backgrounds to enjoy each other's company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Replace the missing bench</li> <li>+ Add an additional garbage receptacle</li> <li>+ Explore options to connect a shared-use path through the LRT crossing, which may temporarily disrupt the space during construction</li> </ul>

### Priority 7 & 8: Entry Features and Wayfinding

What We Heard	What We Considered	What We Decided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ There was limited input on entry features and wayfinding</li> <li>+ Both entry features and wayfinding signage ranked as lower priority for the neighbourhood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Community/partnership funding can be leveraged with potential grants for improvements in the future</li> <li>+ Ensuring the design aligns with the aspects of the Vision that focus on people feeling comfortable walking and everyone having opportunities to make use of outdoor parks and green spaces, as well as the Important Element that focuses on signs that make it easy for people to find their way and locate and learn about historic, cultural, and important neighbourhood sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Improvements will not be a part of the neighbourhood renewal work in 2019/2020</li> <li>+ Funding can be explored in the future with other neighbourhood based programs or as a community partnership</li> <li>+ If there is interest from the community to pursue these improvements, connect with your Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator by calling 311 and/or connect with your local Community League</li> </ul>

## Pre-construction information

Construction is scheduled in Central McDougall over two years starting in spring 2019. You may see a few activities in your neighbourhood prior to the reconstruction of the roads and sidewalks. These activities may include:

- + Utility companies completing their work before construction begins. This minimizes cutting into the road after it is reconstructed.
- + Existing street lights being removed and installation of new pole bases and street lights typically occur prior to construction. The underground cabling system is also replaced at this time.
- + Trees being pruned if they are in the way of the construction equipment. If a tree on private property requires pruning, the City will notify the property owner.

## Ways the City will communicate with you

Before construction starts in your neighbourhood, construction bulletins will be distributed to all residents.

The City's Delivery Project Manager will be your point of contact during construction. The Delivery Project Manager can assist you with answering questions or addressing specific needs or concerns about construction.

## Preparing for construction in front of my house

Now that the designs and cost sharing opportunities have been finalized, we ask that you start to prepare for construction. There are many things you can do to help prepare your property to make it easier for the City's contractor and you during this time. The construction consists of removal and replacement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and reconstruction and paving of the road.

You can prepare your property for construction by:

- + Marking all underground sprinkler systems
- + Removing plants and flowers before construction so they do not get damaged
- + Removing landscaping from road right-of-way
- + Pulling back any mulch or rocks

If you have special access requirements, such as DATS, please advise your Delivery Project Manager during construction as soon as possible. Their contact information may be found on the construction bulletin, the neighbourhood project website, or by calling 311.

## For more information:

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**Call:** 311

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