What We Heard Inglewood Linear Park Design

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Linear Park Renewal Part of Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal

In 2021, Linear Park will be renewed (East side of 122 Street between 111 Avenue - 118 Avenue). Construction is expected to take place in Summer 2021 and consists of renewal and enhancements to landscaping, the off-leash dog space and the shared use pathway. **The Linear Park Renewal** will be coordinated with the **Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal**, **124 Street Renewal** and **Inglewood Revitalization** projects in Inglewood.

Public Engagement and Decision making





How decisions are made.

Where we are in the decision-making process

The decision-making process takes into consideration technical requirements, City policies and programming, as well as public input.

Technical requirements may include elements like roadway widths and constraints such as mature trees. City policy includes road design standards such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards which support the City as a whole. Public input includes local knowledge, concerns and desires.

Every decision is different. This means that the level of influence that public input, technical requirements, and City policies have will vary for each decision.

We commit to telling you how public input influences decisions according to the public engagement spectrum



Along with technical requirements and Policy and Program information, public input received at the Refine Design stage will help us adapt and adjust the functional elements to be included in the renewal of Linear Park.

Where we are at today

Where we are at today Linear Park Renewal is in the Community Feedback on Draft Design stage

During Inglewood Renewal public engagement input was used along with technical requirements, policy, and program information, to identify key functions and design of Linear Park. The decisions made that brought us to this design phase were:

Pathway connections

- Addition of connections to the North/South Shared Use Path from Avenues (117 Ave, 116 Ave, 113 Ave and 112 Ave)
- Creation of an East/West Shared Use Path connecting 114 Ave through Linear Park

Shared Use Path

- Update the shared use path to new standards increase width and renew
- Add lighting along North/South Shared Use Path

Dogs Off Leash

- Design for neighbourhood level Dog off leash park
- Include a combination of soft and hard barriers
- Adjust design to improve shared space among all park users

Use and conflicts

- Redesign of Linear park to reduce conflict and improve use of the park space for all users
- Consider new design standards; accessibility, lighting, plantings & safety

What we did

Inglewood's Neighbourhood Renewal Vision and Important Elements In early 2018, the City invited members of the public to advise on and then help refine a Vision to describe what infrastructure improvements could be achieved for Inglewood and draft Important Elements that describe the work that should be prioritized to help achieve the Vision.

VISION: Inglewood is a safe and walkable neighbourhood. It is welcoming to everyone, and brings people together through fun, community-building activities. It reflects its diversity and connection to Indigenous history

Who we engaged with

November, 2019, At this event, the project team shared the draft designs for Linear Park (same as January 2019) again for additional feedback. The Linear Park design was displayed and attendees were invited to leave comments on sticky notes. Participants were asked if the design reflected the vision of the Inglewood Neighbourhood Renewal and asked about specific elements of the draft design i.e. dog off leash infrastructure and where they would put barriers, connections & pathways, seating areas and areas of concern the design did not address.



What we asked and what we heard

During the public engagement activities, the project team asked participants to:

- Help us prioritize elements to make Linear Park safe for all users.
- Share input on the draft design and dogs off leash area
- Help us refine the Dogs off Leash barriers
- Help us identify what are areas of concern or conflict we can address with the design
- Help us determine priorities

November, 2019, The project team shared the draft designs for Linear Park Residents told us that Linear Park is the number one priority as a green space to improve in Inglewood. People told us:

- they value the north-south shared use path and want more and better connections to reach it
- they appreciate the off-leash area but want to reduce conflict with dogs and other users of the park
- they would feel safer and use the park more if there was more lighting along a well-connected pathway
- the park would be more functional with seating, shade features, waste bins and the availability of dog waste bags for the off-leash area
- They appreciate the natural beauty of the park and naturalized landscaping can help differentiate the park from the business area to the east
- They want a balance of proposed amenities (seating, skating, skate park, sledding hill, community garden) with open, naturalized areas

What we heard about dogs off leash area;

People support:

- Adding shrubs, and trees as barriers and exploring possibilities for more natural landscaping
- The addition of physical barriers to resolve issues regarding bike and park-user conflict, proximity of dogs to major roadways and to deter pets from accessing the adjacent alleyway west of the park
- Barriers to address Dog owners are concerns about the proximity of off-leash dogs to major roadways (118 Avenue and 111 Avenue).

There is mixed support for:

• fully enclosed fence to separate the off-leash area

People want the City to consider:

- That off-leash dogs frequently enter the alleyway west of the park
- Where the off-leash area meets playgrounds, safety and usability of the park space is affected (Bylaw 2202 states that dogs must be leashed within 10 meters of a playground). Within the off-leash area, and lack of enforcement, signage and poor dog behaviour is resulting in conflict between off-leash park users and local families accessing the playground
- A design that has hard barriers in between the shared-use path in Inglewood and before the major roadways
- Additional safety and security features

People want the City to ensure the Linear Park shared use path:

- Design addresses the lack of separation between the shared use path and the dog park users
- There is no longer conflict with cyclists and off-leash park users on the shared-use path.
- Dogs do not interfere with the inter-connection to the 114 Avenue shared use

What happens next?

Thank you to all participants who shared their input during the Draft Design phase of Linear Park Renewal. We will consider your input along with technical and policy factors while refining the design for the next phase. You will have the opportunity to help us REFINE the updated design during the Fall 2020.