

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs November 2020

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What We Heard Report:

Pleasantview Neighbourhood Renewal Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

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Project overview

Pleasantview has been chosen for Neighbourhood Renewal to update its aging streets and sidewalks. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2022.

Neighbourhood renewal rehabilitates residential roads, replaces street lights, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, and adds missing sidewalk links, where possible. Other opportunities to improve how people walk, bike and drive in the neighbourhood, and how they enjoy City-owned parks and open spaces are also explored.

An iterative public engagement process was designed to gather local knowledge, views and opinions from residents and property owners to inform the development of the neighbourhood design and ensure it meets the needs of both current residents and visitors and those in the future.

The planning and engagement process began in September 2019 and the Final Design will be shared in spring 2021.

Impact to engagement due to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of daily life, including how we are able to connect with you about Neighbourhood Renewal. Thank you to everyone who engaged with us virtually during the Options and Tradeoffs phase of the project, as we adjusted our engagement activities.

Neighbourhood Renewal ensures that neighbourhood infrastructure is safe, maintained and serves the people who live in the community and depend upon it. Although in-person public events are paused, the Project Team remains committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities as efficiently and safely as possible.

Public engagement spectrum

Increasing influence of the public

The City of Edmonton is committed to seeking diverse opinions, experiences and perspectives from Edmontonians, ensuring a wide range of input is available to make decisions.

The City's public engagement spectrum defines the public's level of influence in engagement processes. Engagement activities during this phase were at the REFINE level on the City's Public Engagement Spectrum.

The public is consulted by the City to share feedback and perspectives. The public is involved by the City to adapt and adjust approaches. The public collaborates with the City to develop and build solutions. This can include community initiated engagement. The public is empowered to make decisions directly or on behalf of the City.

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Communication

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Roadmap to Building Great Neighbourhoods

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the roadmap below from Starting the Conversation together to the unveiling of the new neighbourhood enhancements and celebration of the completion of construction.

This report highlights the input received during the Exploring Options and Tradeoffs phase between June and August 2020.





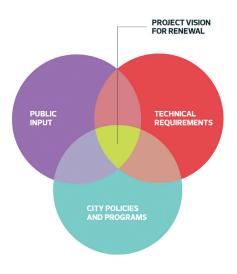


Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

During Exploring Options and Tradeoffs, design options were proposed to improve and enhance the neighbourhood. These options were based on current design standards as well as issues and opportunities received from residents and property owners earlier in the engagement process. Each option has benefits and tradeoffs to be considered. With the neighbourhood functioning as a system, a decision made in one area may impact another element of the design.

How decisions are made

City policies and programs such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Vision Zero Edmonton and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood Renewal designs. As each neighbourhood is unique, the Project Team asks for input from residents who live, work and play in the neighbourhood and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.



Over 4000 residents live in Pleasantview, each with needs and opinions on how they envision its future. Over the past year, feedback has been collected in a number of ways—surveys, community walk/workshop, engagement pop—up events, emails/phone calls, stakeholder discussions and question and answer opportunities. Early public input was used to develop the project Vision and Guiding Principles that, along with ongoing public engagement, continue to guide the Project Team when prioritizing design decisions.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the public engagement opportunities to date and contributed knowledge and experiences to help shape the future of Pleasantview.



How we communicated and engaged

Understanding the benefits and tradeoffs of proposed options, residents and property owners were asked which options would best meet the needs of all users and area residents. Additional input was sought on specific designs to understand how each design would best fit into the neighbourhood and to minimize any impacts.

The input received is summarized in this report and was considered in determining which design options will move forward, which design options require modification and which new design options are being proposed to be included in the Draft Design.



Live online events

Two live online events were held to share design options and offer the opportunity to ask questions directly of the Project Team:

- + Driving and Street Crossings June 29, 2020
- + Biking and Walking Connections, Parks and Open Spaces July 15, 2020

73 total participants



Online question and answer tool

This online tool provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Project Team on the project webpage.



Online and paper survey

Two surveys were available, both online and paper copy to submit feedback on the proposed design options.

- + Driving and Street Crossings June 29 to July 30, 2020
- Biking and Walking Connections, Parks and Open Spaces July 15 to July 30, 2020

241 completed surveys



Emails, phone calls

Residents, and property and business owners shared information with the project team via email and telephone.



Interactive digital and paper information booklet

The proposed options and tradeoffs for Pleasantview's neighbourhood renewal were available for review online or paper copy, by request.

What we heard

The following is a summary of what we heard during the Exploring Options and Tradeoffs phase. All feedback collected was considered to develop the Draft Design that will be shared for feedback in November 2020.

While all comments have been reviewed and considered, the following is a brief summary of what we heard most often.

Driving and Traffic

109 Street traffic calming

Several measures were proposed to help slow traffic and discourage shortcutting along 109 Street. These measures could work on their own or in combination with each other.

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Raised crosswalks with curb extensions at 52, 54 and 58 avenues	Over half of those who responded are in favour of adding raised crosswalks	52 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk with curb extension
Speed humps – reduce or leave as is between 53 and 54 avenues	with curb extensions at one or more of the proposed intersections (52, 54,	53 Avenue to 54 Avenue – Maintain two speed humps
Narrow roadway between 52 and 57 avenues	a belief that narrowing	54 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk with curb extension
	the road could increase congestion and be less safe.	58 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk with curb extension
	Opinions are split on the need for any speed humps along 109 Street between	
	53 and 54 Avenues. Those who do support speed humps would like to have	
	all three speed humps	

maintained.

"Please do not narrow, I repeat, do not narrow 109 Street."

"Raised crosswalks at 52 and 54 Avenue provide a safer environment for elementary school kids at the school bus stops there. Raised crosswalks at 58 Avenue help break up an otherwise long, straight stretch of 109 Street, discouraging speeding in an area known for it."





109 Street / 60 Avenue intersection

Two options were proposed to modify the intersection to help slow traffic and enhance pedestrian crossings.

"The roundabout will both
slow down and direct
traffic. Roundabouts can
be quite attractive!"

"Option 2 will make the intersection less confusing as well as safer crossing of roads for pedestrians."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Option 1: Add a roundabout and narrow the intersection Option 2: Square and narrow the intersection	There are similar levels of support for both a roundabout and the narrowing of the intersection although slightly more people prefer the addition of a roundabout.	Add roundabout and narrow the intersection
	People feel that the roundabout will also aesthetically enhance the area.	
	Some, however, feel that no changes are needed.	

109 Street / 57 Avenue intersection

Two options were proposed to enhance turning movements and help alleviate both driver and pedestrian confusion at this intersection.

"I would love to see the
island gone. It is fairly
useless. In the winter
people drive up on it in the
snow before clearance."

"Right turn would be very sharp if island removed."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Option 1: Island reshaped, crosswalks enhanced, southwest corner realigned Option 2: Island removed, crosswalks enhanced, southwest corner realigned	There is support for both proposed options, however, reshaping the island received slightly more support as people feel this will reduce shortcutting and maintain parking. There are also concerns the design will increase maintenance for adjacent residents.	Reshape island, enhance crosswalks

109A Street / 60 Avenue intersection

Two options were proposed to improve navigation for those who drive and walk through this intersection.

"Removing [the] island is
[the] best way to prevent
short-cutting."

"Option 2 – Better navigation + traffic flow."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design		
Option 1: Island removed, intersection realigned Option 2: Island remains, right turn lane narrowed	Over half of people who responded prefer the removal of the island to improve navigation and safety at this intersection, noting it will reduce shortcutting and ensure much needed parking is retained.	Remove island and realign intersection		
	Some who support the option to keep and expand the island favour the additional greenspace and landscaping that would be added.			

52 Avenue between 107 Street and 110 Street

Two design options were proposed to help to reduce speed and one-way violations along this section of 52 Avenue.

'If it is being maintained
as a one-way, then
narrowing the road would
make this more obvious
and slow people down."

"Raised crosswalk with curb extensions will slow traffic enough and is the best trade off option.
To be honest, I think curb extensions are good enough."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Option 1: Narrow roadway Option 2: Raised crosswalks and curb extensions	While there are mixed views on how to reduce speed and one-way violations along 52 Avenue, there is more support for the option to add raised crosswalks with curb extensions at 107 Street and 109 Street than narrowing the roadway. There is little support for narrowing the road to reduce speed, although some support for narrowing the segment between 107 Street and 109 Street only as it is felt this would enhance safety.	107 Street to 109 Street – Narrow roadway and add treed boulevard 107 Street – Add raised crosswalk with curb extensions 109 Street – Add raised crosswalk with curb extensions

107 Street between 106 Street and 58 Avenue

The two proposed design options work to slow traffic along this section of 107 Street.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
"With the heavy traffic volumes during school pickup/dropoff, I think narrowing road will only cause increased traffic congestion back onto 106 Street."	Option 1: Narrowed roadway Option 2: Raised crosswalk with curb extension at 107 Street / 58 Avenue	Of the options presented, there is the most support for adding a raised crosswalk and curb extensions to reduce speeding and enhance safety at the 107 Street / 58 Avenue intersection. Narrowing the roadway is not generally supported.	107 Street / 58 Avenue – Add curb extension 107 Street / 57 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk with curb extension 107 Street / 60 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk with curb extension
"Trees would be nice and traffic could negotiate the narrow road without a problem."		The few who supported the narrowed roadway noted the addition of a treed boulevard as a benefit. Some feel that no changes are required.	

58 Avenue between Calgary Trail and 105 Street

Several options were proposed to help slow speeds and discourage shortcutting along this portion of 58 Avenue.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Anything except chicances. The drivability of this road as a	Option 1: Chicanes near alley, narrowed roadway on 58 Avenue	There is some support for curb extensions and raised crosswalks, however there	Add curb extensions and narrow roadway at 58 Avenue
Pleasantview resident s not appealing.'	Option 2: Curb extensions at alley and narrowed roadway	is also concern that these additions will reduce parking and impact winter driving.	
Option 3 is nice 'cause it s also about benefiting bedestrians with the raised crosswalk."	Option 3: Raised crosswalk with curb extensions and narrowed roadway	People feel the addition of chicanes will make it harder to drive and narrowing the road is generally not supported.	

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105 Street between 51 Avenue and 58 Avenue

Two design options were proposed to slow the speed of vehicles entering / exiting at 51 Avenue and to help with sight line concerns at the 56 Avenue intersection. These options could be implemented alone or together.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
"Great idea to add treed boulevard. This area could use more trees."	Option 1: Raised crosswalks with curb extensions on 105 Street at 53, 55 and 56 avenues and mid-block south of 58 Avenue	People are generally in favour of adding more trees to the boulevard. About half of the people who responded support	53 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk and curb extension 55 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk and curb
"This road can be quite busy, so this would increase safety. The treed boulevard add beauty."	Option 2: Treed boulevard	curb extensions and raised crosswalks at 53, 55 and 56 avenues to slow vehicles entering and exiting at 51 Avenue.	extension 56 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk and curb extension
		3 // Weilde.	South of 58 Avenue – Add raised crosswalk midblock
			105 Street – Add treed boulevards, where possible

60 Avenue east of 107 Street

Three options were proposed to increase the amount of green and gathering spaces in the neighbourhood, and to address traffic concerns.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
ith Option 1, this ould become a nice tle pocket park in the	Option 1: Add park space and partial road closure Option 2: Add green space and convert to shared-use.	Almost half of people who responded support partially closing 60 Avenue to decrease non-resident	107 Street / 60 Avenue - Partially close road
ighbourhood. The big ne tree in that green ace is a great climbing re for kids!''	one-way roadway Option 3: Add green space and narrow the roadway	traffic and add green space to enhance the neighbourhood. People suggested adding park benches and to keep the "big pine tree".	
the three, Option 3 is atter than the first two. The hy is narrowing the adway necessary?"		the big pine tree .	

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110 Street / 52 Avenue intersection

A design option was proposed to help with sightline concerns at this intersection.

"Curb extensions will
cause more accidents
in that area. It is already
difficult to turn in any
direction on that road."

"Narrow is good in this area to prevent shortcutting."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Add curb extensions on both sides of 110 Street at 52 Avenue	About half of those who responded are in favour of the proposed curb extensions on both sides of the intersection to minimize sightline concerns as they feel these enhancements will increase safety for people who both walk and drive.	110 Street / 52 Avenue – Add enhanced crosswalk
	Some respondents indicated a belief that the design would be less safe for people who drive and people who bike, and entering and exiting the neighbourhood will be more difficult.	
	There is also concern that the curb extensions will impede delivery trucks from entering the commercial area and seniors' residence.	

Based on additional comments heard from the community, and consideration with how the traffic calming measures and other design options will work as a system, the following new additions are being considered in the Draft Design:

- + 107 Street / 57 Avenue Raised crosswalk with curb extension
- + 107A Street / 60A Avenue Speed hump
- + 108 Street / 60 Avenue Median and enhanced crosswalk
- + 110 Street / 60 Avenue Speed hump
- + Allard Way / 55 Avenue Curb extension





Walking

Shared-use alley on the south side of the cemetery

A design option was proposed to improve the safety, accessibility and comfort of this connection.

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"The alleyway is in bad
shape now and there
currently is no dedicated
space for walkers and
bikers as it is, so this
is an improvement in
every way."

"I think this option enhances our neighborhood without many tradeoffs."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Shared-use alley for those who walk, bike and drive	People support the shared-use alley as they believe it will improve safety and connections, identify it as a multi-use roadway and will beautify this location.	Add shared-use alley for those who walk, bike and drive
	Some are concerned about increased traffic and unwanted illegal activity.	
	There is a desire for the City to add lighting.	







Shared-use alley east of community hall

A few design options were proposed to work together to improve the safety and comfort of this alley connection.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
"Currently this is just a compact dirt road. Adding paving would really improve the look of the area. It would also help improve walking and cycling through the area." "Since people can already walk and drive this alley,	Shared-use alley for those who walk, bike and drive Close one end of the alley to vehicle traffic to limit shortcutting	People feel the design option for a shared-use alley east of the community hall will improve the rough road surface, walking and biking connections, and safety. However, some are concerned the improvements will encourage drivers to speed. There are similar levels of support for a closure of one end of the alley or keeping it open. Those who do not support a closure feel that while there	Convert alley to shared-use space for those who walk, bike and drive. Keep both ends of the alley open to vehicle traffic Add coloured, textured pavement treatment and signage to educate on how to use the new space
it seems like it will increase drive–through traffic close to the park		is a low volume of traffic along this roadway, it is still a needed connection.	
where kids are playing."		Those who do support the closure are split between which end to close with more preferring the north end as it may create a more efficient entry/exit.	



Biking

106 Street bike lane

As part of the Bike Network, the 106 Street bike lane will continue its north-south connection through Pleasantview. Four bike lane types were proposed.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design		
t y	Option 1: Bike lanes: off- street (raised), east and west sides, one-way Option 2: Shared-use path: west side Option 3: Shared-use path: east side Option 4: Bike lane: off- street, two-way, west side	The one-way bike lanes on both the east and west sides of the roadway was the most preferred option by those who responded. Those who support this option feel it provides consistency with existing bike lanes, minimizes the number of roads people who bike have to cross, and separates people biking from those walking and driving.	Add off–street (raised) bike lanes, both east and west sides, one–way		
		There are concerns, however, as to how the east lane would blend and effectively function with the school drop off / pick up area and a desire to retain as many trees as possible.			

"Biking is increasinghaving separate lanes seems safest."

"Not enough room for both sides of the street and less tree-cemetery removal."

106 Street to 111 Street bike connections

To improve biking connections on the low-traffic residential streets and address wayfinding concerns between the 106 Street bike lane and 111 Street, two east-west shared roadway connections were proposed.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
"More bike routes the better. Seems that this can be achieved at low cost."	Option 1: Keep shared roadway connection on 60 Avenue Option 2: Move shared roadway connection to 57 Avenue	People prefer to keep the shared roadway bike connection on 60 Avenue over moving the connection to 57 Avenue. Others suggest both connections would be useful as they believe	60 Avenue between 106 Street and 111 Street – Shared roadway bike connection
"Do not move the bike lane to 57 Avenue. It is a bus route with a narrow street. It would be dangerous to have cyclists there."		people who bike will use both routes and the cost would be low to have both. It is important to people to have well marked routes but not to have excessive signage.	

Parks and Open Spaces

Angus Murray Park

Changes were proposed to improve the east–west walking and biking experience through Angus Murray Park.

"Will improve connection
between 109 Street and
this park. Assuming
pathway can be shared by
bikes and pedestrians.

"Trees are good and increased biodiversity but I disagree with spending money on pavement and seating that will rarely get used."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
New pathway	There is general support for the	Add shared-use path
Seating	proposed pathway and seating in Angus Murray Park, and for	Add seating
Plantings	beautifying the area with more trees/greenery.	Add plantings
	There is however, concern about safety due to poor lighting, and therefore, additional lighting would be appreciated.	

61 Avenue / 105B Street Pocket Park

Changes were proposed to improve the useability and enjoyment of the park.

"Adds another feature
that can bring in
more enjoyment."

"Have never seen anyone use the park and picnic tables can become a liability plus upkeep."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Gathering space Picnic tables New trees	About half of the people who responded support the proposed gathering space and seating, as well as the addition of more trees/greenery in the pocket park next to 61 Avenue / 105B Street and feel these changes will add a positive feature to the community. Those concerned about these additions worry about transient users, unwanted activity and maintenance.	Add trees Add small picnic table style seating location

105A Street / 54 Avenue - 55 Avenue Pocket Park

Changes were proposed to improve the usability and enjoyment of this pocket park.

"Keep dog runs in areas outside of the center of communities in areas that are appropriately sized for the function and keep pocket parks for use as people parks, not animal parks."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
A fenced in off-leash dog park Boulevard trees Walking connections Seating	Slightly fewer than half of people who responded feel the proposed fenced-in off-leash dog park will best meet the needs of area residents and other users. Some are excited about having an off-leash park within Pleasantview and others believe it will help to keep dogs out of other neighbourhood green spaces. About a third of those who responded have no opinion on the dog park feature. Some, who are not supportive of the location for the dog park, are concerned about impacts to residents such as noise, increased traffic and smell.	Add seating and plaza area Potential location for a partially fenced and screened-in dog park 111 Street / 61 Avenue has been selected as the alternative considered location for the dog park and will be proposed for feedback in the Draft Design

105A Street / 53 Avenue – 53A Avenue Pocket Park

Changes were proposed to improve the enjoyment and connectivity of the pocket park.

"The proposed walking
path is a good idea."

"This seems like a great way to enhance the space without massively changing it."

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Pedestrian connection Tree plantings	The majority of people who responded, support the proposed pathway connection and new trees in the pocket park as they feel this will enhance this well-used route and connection.	Add sidewalk through and around park Add tree plantings

Mount Pleasant Park paths

Changes were proposed to improve the user experience and connectivity through the green space at Mount Pleasant Park.

	Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
"As the new proposed sidewalks do not interfere with the existing fields I think this is a great option for enhancing the community!" "I think [it] may be too many trees, paths. I appreciate the large open space of this park and I feel [it] unnecessarily breaks that up."	New paths following established informal walking trails through the park Trees in alignment with proposed paths and around all sports fields	The majority of people who responded support the addition of the proposed path connections and trees through Mount Pleasant Park. Some are concerned sightlines may be diminished and question whether or not the delineation of the fields may limit usage.	Add shared-use paths lined with trees through the park Add seating areas

Trees and greenery

To increase trees and greenery in the neighbourhood, creating treed boulevards is proposed.

Proposed Options	What we heard	What we are considering for the Draft Design
Create landscaped boulevards with trees on some streets by moving sidewalks closer to the property line	People welcome more trees/ greenery as they will enhance and unify the neighbourhood. There are concerns regarding the impacts to residential property and/or landscaping already in place.	Add treed boulevards along a number of residential streets
	Some suggest narrowing the roads to lessen the impact to residents' private property.	
	Others are concerned about how the tree lines will be coordinated with overhead power lines and suggest using lower trees, shrubs, and perennials.	

[&]quot;Boulevards pull together the two sides of the neighbourhood."

[&]quot;Don't want space taken away from resident's property or roadway to add trees."

Next Steps:

- + November December 2020:
 - Community Feedback on Draft Design
- + June July 2021:
 - Community Feedback on Final Design
- + Fall 2021:
 - Preparing for Construction and Local Improvement Decisions
- + 2022 2023:
 - Construction on Your Streets

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