Vision & Guiding Principles

Boyle Street and McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal

Project Vision:

To enhance how residents and visitors walk, bike, drive, access transit and use public spaces in Boyle Street and McCauley through building of new public infrastructure that improves how residents live, work and play in the area. Sidewalks and roads will be resurfaced, street lights will be upgraded, and features such as bike lanes, traffic calming measures and enhancements to outdoor public gathering spaces will be explored to improve the liveability of each neighbourhood.

Guiding Principles

Boyle Street and McCauley are two distinct communities located in the heart of Edmonton and are each home to a diversity of active residents who want to:

1. **Enjoy walking or biking using clean, smooth, comfortable connections that take them to their desired destinations.**

   The Project Team will, along with replacing or resurfacing all sidewalks, roads and upgrading street lights, **explore ways to:**

   + Provide pedestrian and biking connections to key destinations including transit stops

   + Prioritize City owned spaces for those who walk and bike (wider sidewalks and bike lanes vs wider roads)

   + Improve crossing safety (slow traffic, shorter crossing distances)

   + Improve pedestrian visibility (pedestrian lighting, clear sight lines, raised crosswalks, curb extensions)

   + Include the needs of all ages, genders and mobility levels

   + Design infrastructure that is usable in all seasons

   + Include comfortable seating areas along highly used walking and biking routes

   + Beautify high-use areas (tree plantings,artwork, garbage cans)

   + Provide bike lock-up locations (clear sight lines)

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2. Use outdoor public and green open spaces that are welcoming, vibrant and provide an inviting and thriving extension of living spaces where they, and their visitors, feel safe to relax, gather, socialize and play year round.

The Project Team will explore ways to:

+ Improve the visibility of users (lighting, clear sight lines)
+ Beautify spaces (tree plantings, artwork, garbage cans)
+ Create welcoming gathering areas (communal / picnic tables, shade structures, plazas)

+ Incorporate active and passive recreation and activity areas (open green spaces, dog park)
+ Explore opportunities to add additional green space

3. Drive around their neighbourhoods on smooth roads and alleys that are user-friendly and easy to navigate.

The Project Team will, along with replacing roads and alleys, and upgrading street lights, **explore ways to:**

+ Enhance the safety of intersections
+ Design roadways that encourage slow speeds (traffic calming measures)

+ Improve the visibility of wayfinding and traffic signage (reduce unexpected maneuvers / collisions)
+ Meet on-street public parking needs

4. Visually celebrate the unique character areas and rich history of each neighbourhood.

The Project Team will explore ways to:

+ Bring visual identity to specific areas of the neighbourhoods using different colours, patterns or textures in elements such as sidewalks or street furniture (lighting / benches)
+ Incorporate urban design elements (example?)
  i. Art – Integrated details in common elements such as poetry in a sidewalk or within the street furnishings
  ii. Language – Signage and wayfinding that reflect the local context of language and dialect

  iii. Culture – Cultural elements such as colour that evoke cultural context (such as red streetlight poles in Chinatown and green in Little Italy)
  iv. Heritage – Recognize historic resources / events through an interpretive program of some sort, e.g. original house numbers in sidewalks, heritage plaques, etc.