

Kingsway Business Improvement Area Alley Renewal and 114 Avenue Renewal

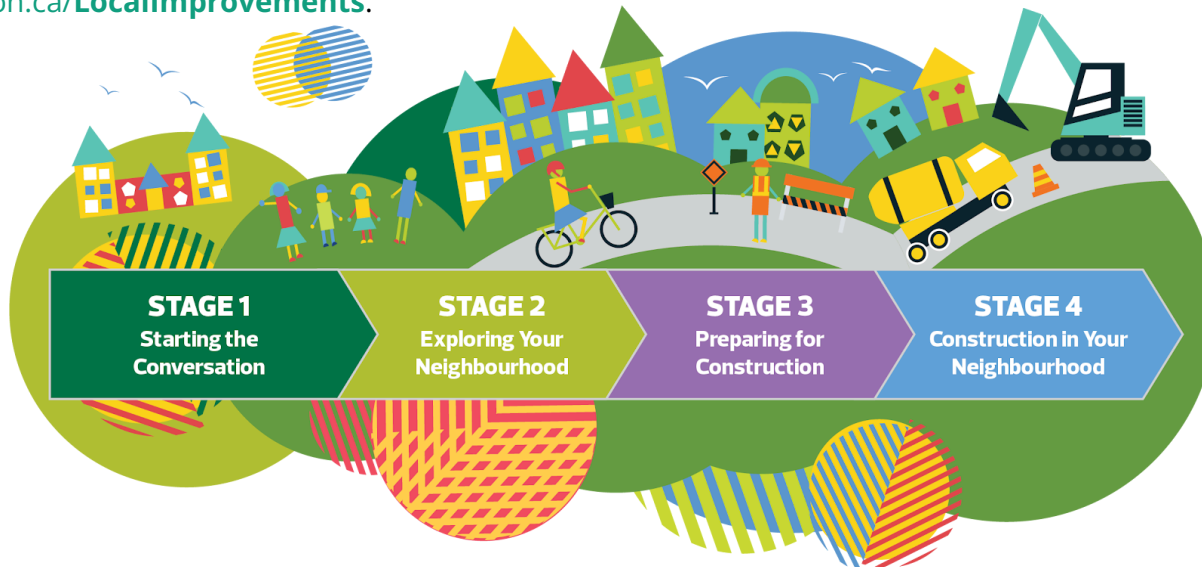
Changes are coming to your alleys and 114 Avenue

Planning for Kingsway Business Improvement Area (BIA) Alley Renewal and 114 Avenue Renewal has been underway since April 2024.

Alley Renewal and 114 Avenue Renewal follow the Alley Renewal road map. At each step, the Project Team shares with you how your input will inform the decisions being made.

Last spring, during the **Starting the Conversation** stage, the City of Edmonton Project Team engaged community members to gather local knowledge on how the area is currently being used and how we might improve it. We have considered what you shared with us and are now ready to share a design.

Property owners can request the City to initiate a Local Improvement to add alley lighting in alleys where it currently does not exist. Information to initiate the Expression of Interest process is provided online at edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements.



In this draft design package, you will find information about:

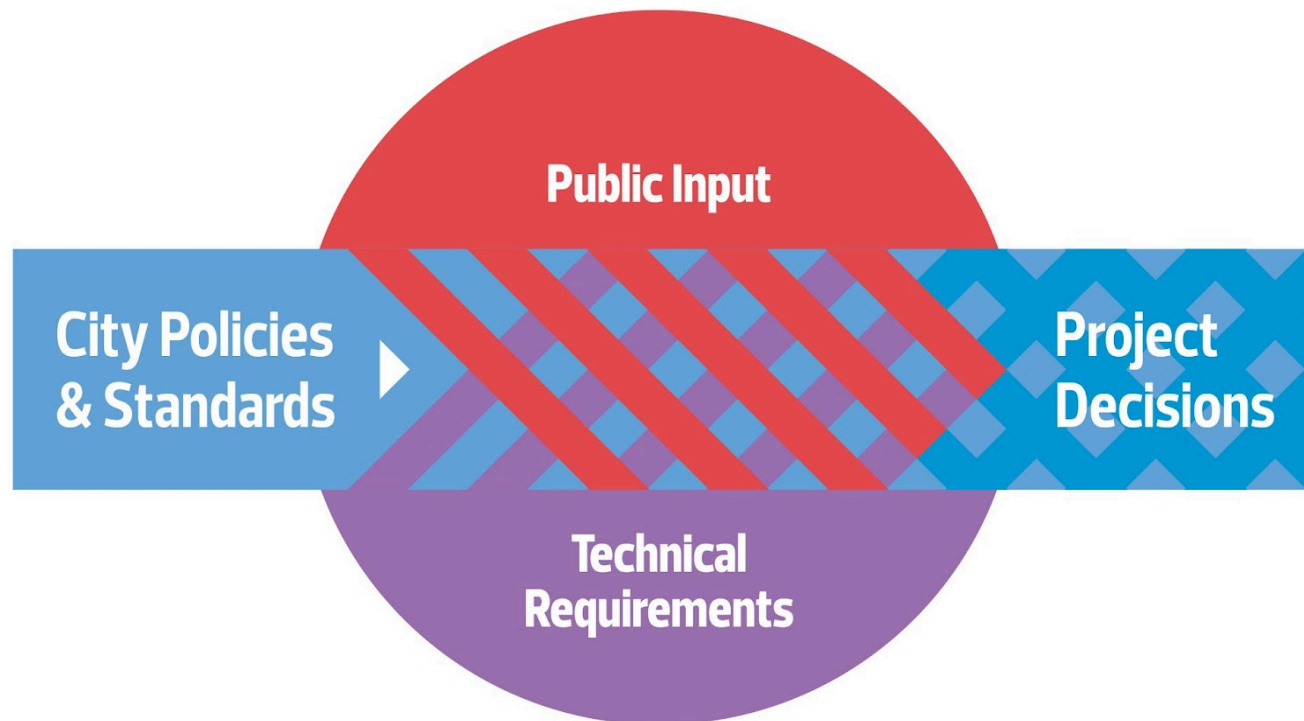
- + Work we've completed and our decision making process
- + Project scope for Kingsway BIA Alley Renewal, including designs for:
 - + Alley 6
 - + 114 Avenue Renewal
- + Key design influences
- + Next steps

Decision making process

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement feedback, technical requirements and available funding. This process helps to ensure the decisions we make are fiscally responsible, align with best design practices, consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the area and result in the best outcomes for our city.

City policies and programs such as The City Plan, Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Safe Mobility Strategy and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal designs. As each area is unique, the Project Team asks for input from residents who live, work and play in the area and considers technical aspects such as alley and road widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit.

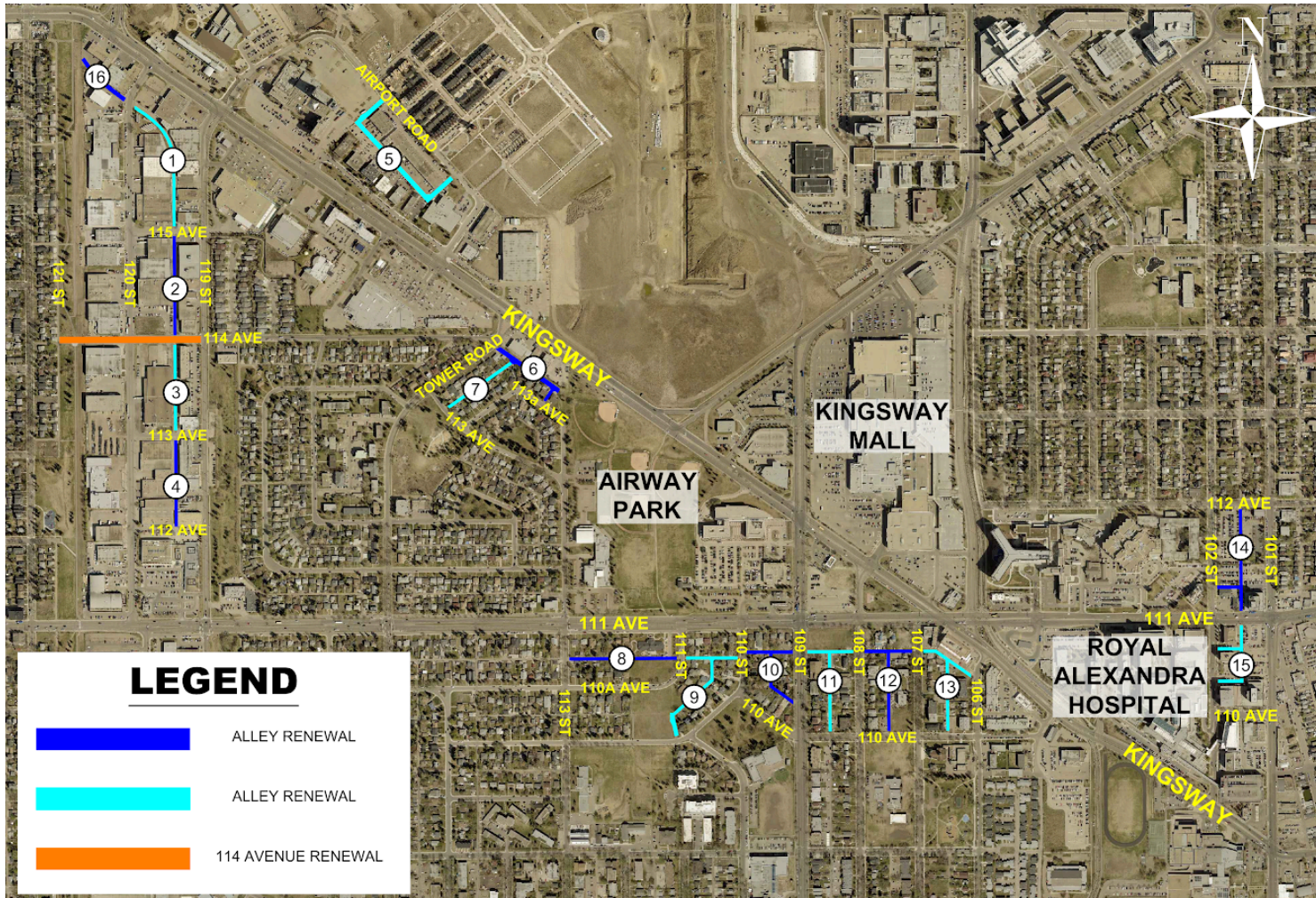
It's important to note public engagement feedback is not a vote, nor is it a statistical representation of all residents. It does, however, provide an indication of local concerns and desires. Input received through public engagement cannot change policy direction.



Project scope

The project scope area is shown on the map below. Each alley that will be renewed in the Kingsway BIA has a reference number on the map, and 114 Avenue renewal is highlighted in orange.

Alley Renewal and 114 Avenue Renewal is funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy. This levy includes a city-wide contribution and not just a contribution from property owners with back alleys. There is no additional cost to property owners at the time of renewal.



Kingsway BIA Alley Renewal

Alley Renewal in the Kingsway BIA will include:

- + Reconstructing alleys with a hard surface, including upgrading gravel alleys
- + Improving surface drainage where possible
- + Upgrading existing alley lighting to LED bulbs*
- + Tree and shrub pruning and removals as necessary before construction
- + Exploring opportunities to improve active mode connections (for walking, rolling and biking) and minor enhancements to improve walking, biking and traffic safety (see Alley 6 design)

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Design for Alley 6

Along the alley in the image below, we will be adding a shared pathway (shown in yellow). The new shared pathway will start at Tower Road and connect to the existing Airway Park shared pathway to the east.

In the design:

- + Adding a shared pathway north of the power poles along the alley
- + Adding lighting to the power poles along the new shared pathway
 - o Note: this lighting is not subject to a local improvement charge as it is required to support the pathway
- + Reconstructing the alley with a new gravel base and asphalt surface, the same as all other alleys in the Kingsway BIA Alley Renewal scope of work

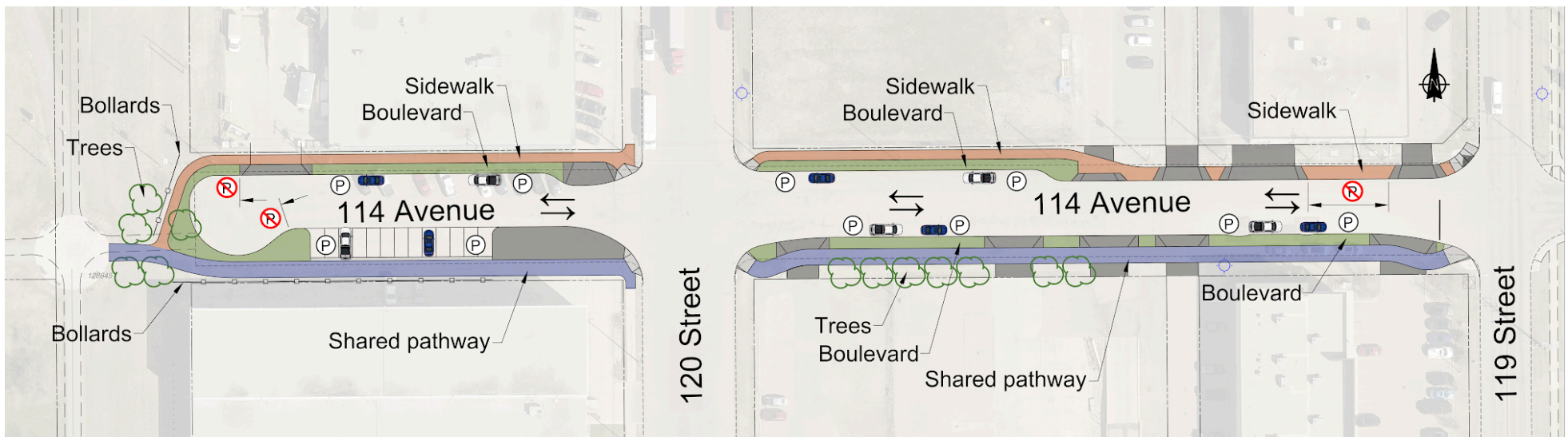


114 Avenue Renewal

114 Avenue, from 119 Street to west of 120 Street, will also be renewed as part of this project. This will include reconstructing the road, replacing curb and gutter, adding street lights and completing active transportation links.

In this design:

- + Maintaining two-way traffic
- + Adding a new sidewalk and boulevard on the north side
- + Adding a new shared pathway on the southside with a boulevard and some trees
- + Maintaining parking on both sides of the street (see the image for parking locations)
- + Aligning with current standards for driving lane and parking lane widths in an industrial area, and repurposing the road space to add the boulevards and shared pathway
- + Adding street lighting on the existing power poles
- + Exploring crossing improvements at 119 Street for people walking, biking and rolling

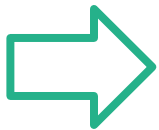


Key Design Influences

Renewal includes a number of changes to how streets, sidewalks and curbside spaces function. The following sections explain the proposed changes and the policies and factors guiding the Project Team's decision making. Public input helps the Project Team understand local needs and concerns and is considered along with City policies and technical analysis when refining designs.

The images shown in this document are from completed renewal projects to help demonstrate how the features could be implemented.

Missing sidewalks: Renewal adds new sidewalks where they are currently missing on roads. This could include adding sidewalks on blocks where missing, or creating links between existing sidewalks to improve connections for those who walk and roll.



The City will build new sidewalks in locations where they are currently missing to support safer, more accessible travel for people of all ages and abilities. Adding missing links helps create a connected walking and rolling network, consistent with the [Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards](#) and the [Accessibility for People with Disabilities Policy](#).

Example of adding missing sidewalks from the Hairsine Neighbourhood Renewal

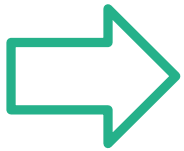


Before renewal



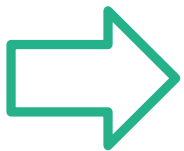
After renewal

Curb area and parking: Proposed changes aim to balance parking, loading, pick-up and drop-off and active transportation needs. These changes may include repurposing some on-street parking to protect existing trees or widen sidewalks or boulevards along certain roads.



This work is guided by the [Curbside Priorities Framework](#) and the [Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards](#), which aim to manage curbside space as a shared public asset that supports safe streets for active transportation. These policies help ensure curbside space is allocated in a way that aligns with broader goals for mobility and neighbourhood connectivity.

Bike infrastructure: Proposed changes include adding new shared pathways. These improvements aim to create safe and comfortable routes for people who bike, roll and walk.



These changes align with the [Bike Plan](#), the [Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards](#) and the [Active Transportation Policy](#) which all support a connected, all-season active transportation network. Improving bike infrastructure helps expand transportation options, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance safety for all users.

Example of changing curb area use from the Gariepy Neighbourhood Renewal



Before renewal



After renewal

Example of adding bike infrastructure along 137 Avenue



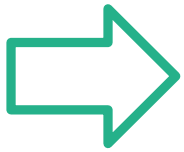
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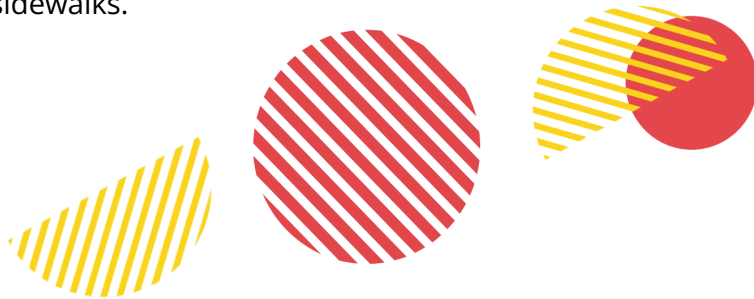
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Trees and vegetation: In some locations, the City is proposing to enhance open space along roadways and sidewalks by adding new landscaped boulevards and trees.



These changes align with the [Corporate Tree Management Policy](#) and [The City Plan](#), which guide how open space and tree planting are included in street design and help reach the City's goal of planting two million new urban trees. Expanding planting areas and maintaining the plants and trees helps support stormwater management (managed by EPCOR), reduce the heat island effect and provide environmental benefits along roadways and sidewalks.



Example of adding a new grassed boulevard and trees from the Hairsine Neighbourhood Renewal



Next steps

Before construction, the Project Team will share a **What We Heard and What We Decided** Report to document feedback and the decisions that were made to create the final design. A **Preparing for Construction** event will be held in the spring before construction to share final designs, standard construction expectations and answer questions.

For more information regarding the Kingsway BIA Alley Renewal and 114 Avenue Renewal project please visit edmonton.ca/KingswayBIAAlleyRenewal.

