

Capital Line South LRT Extension (CLSE)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #1 Summary

January 11, 2023, 7:00 to 8:30 PM (Google Meet; virtual)

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The subjects discussed are summarized in the following record. Please notify the author of any errors or omissions. If comments are not received within 7 days, this record is considered correct.

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Attendees introduced themselves and described their affiliation to the committee.</p> <p>Note: Capital Line Partners is the consultant group that is acting as the Owner’s Representative for the project.</p>	
<p>2. Presentation</p> <p>The Capital Line Project Team presented an overview of the project to update all members regarding: CAC Roles and Responsibilities; Project Overview and Update (project history; Council approved decisions; anticipated project schedule; the Design-Build process; early works construction; changes to the project; and project communications); Naming Facilities, and Next Steps.</p> <p>See (link) for presentation.</p>	
<p>3. CAC Roles and Responsibilities</p> <p>The members were thanked for volunteering their time, and reminded that the CAC will be involved in information-sharing and dialogue between their communities and the project team, and ultimately with the selected Design-Build (DB) contractor. The CAC is not a decision-making body. Meetings will occur approximately every 3 to 4 months.</p>	<p>Members to bring topics of community concern/interest to discuss at future meetings.</p>
<p>Questions/comments/input raised by the CAC, along with City responses</p> <p>Note: CAC questions are in bold.</p>	
<p>TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS</p> <p>Will both 9 Ave and 12 Ave be kept open during construction so residents of Twin Brooks are not locked into their neighbourhood?</p>	

Yes - it will be built into the construction contract that at least one lane at both Avenues be kept open (possibly with very short times when one may be closed). Financial penalties are imposed on the Design-Build contractor if this is not done.

Skyrattler only has two access points to the neighbourhood, so Saddleback Road will not be blocked during construction.

Traffic will back up at some locations as the number of lanes will be reduced, as required, during construction.

There were concerns about traffic flow along, and in and out of, adjacent neighbourhoods along 111 Street after construction is completed.

111 Street has been designed to maximize traffic flow north and south, while providing for pedestrian crossings and access into adjacent neighbourhoods. North and southbound traffic will each travel in three lanes from 23 Avenue to Saddleback Road with one designated right and left turn lane (going east and west) at each intersection. The three southbound lanes will continue all the way to Anthony Henday Drive. Two northbound lanes will travel from Anthony Henday Drive, over Blackmud Creek bridge, to just north of 12 Avenue. Each intersection south of Blackmud Creek offers a turn lane from 111 Street heading east and west onto both 12 and 9 Avenues.

Saddleback Road/19 Avenue will provide a designated right turn lane to head both north and south on 111 Street. A shared through/left turn lane will also be provided to access 111 Street.

Accessing 111 Street from 12 Avenue from the west side will be via two left turn lanes going north and one through/right turn lane heading south or across 111 Street. Both right and left turn lanes, as well as a through lane, will be provided on the east side to access 111 Street.

Accessing 111 Street from 9 Avenue from the west side will be via one right turn and one through/left turn lane heading north or across 111 Street. On the east side of 9 Avenue, a left turn lane as well as a through/right turn lane is provided.

Will there be pedestrian access along 111 Street during construction – in particular for crossing Blackmud Creek Ravine?

The Design-Build contractor will determine how pedestrian connections will be kept open during construction to meet the requirements of the construction contract; this includes pedestrians crossing Blackmud Creek. Like traffic lanes, there may be times when pedestrian access may be closed. Financial penalties are imposed if pedestrian access is not provided as described in the contract.

A 4.2-metre wide Shared-Use Path (SUP) will be provided on the west side of the new LRT bridge that will be built as part of construction.

Pedestrian detours will also occur at 23 Avenue and 111 Street during the construction of the LRT underpass (tunnel) and the stormwater lift station.

Pedestrians will travel along the east side of 111 Street during construction of the LRT tracks and the new SUP on the west side. Pedestrian connections into neighbourhoods adjacent to 111 Street will be provided during construction.

VISUAL SCREEN WALL/FENCE ALONG 111 STREET

Was a recent noise study completed?

Yes, as requested by residents along 111 Street, an updated noise study was undertaken in October 2022. The results of this study were recently posted on the [project webpage](#) (see “December 2022: noise study”). The updated noise study indicated average noise levels, modelled to the year 2050, ranged from 52-62 dBA, which is below the 65 dBA threshold in the City’s Urban Traffic Noise Bylaw.

We have heard a concrete noise wall along 111 Street has been approved.

As of mid-January 2023 (and still as of mid-February 2023), a final decision has not yet been made regarding materials (i.e. concrete or wood). The project team is still investigating the implications of a concrete wall compared to a wood fence including additional costs, significant utility challenges along 111 Street, and other construction/timeline impacts. Discussions with ATCO are ongoing, and we expect to have further details in the coming weeks.

Once all the information has been collected, it will be analyzed and a final decision regarding materials will be made. The decision will be posted on the project webpage and shared with the communities along the LRT alignment.

FACILITY NAMING

Was an Indigenous name considered for the Operations & Maintenance Facility?

Yes, the process for seeking an Indigenous name was investigated. However, after review and discussions with various related groups, along with the City’s Indigenous Relations Office, it was determined that a non-Indigenous name, Llew Lawrence, would be put forward to the Naming Committee.

Llew Lawrence is regarded as a pioneer for Edmonton Transit. He was an inspector, dispatcher and garage superintendent for ETS. He also introduced public engagement as a major component of developing the transit system and revolutionized how our transit system operated. His concepts and ideas are recognized across North America.

All proposed names meet the protocols laid out in City of Edmonton *Policy C509C Naming Municipal Facilities* ([link](#)).

Can people be honoured ‘within’ a transit station? (i.e. plaques or other methods)

The project team will discuss this with ETS and others as determined and get back to the CAC.

119 STREET ACCESS

<p>We heard Councillor Rice is talking to Alberta Transportation about potentially opening up 119 Street to provide another access into Twin Brooks.</p> <p>The City was not involved in these conversations, however we do know that there is concern about having limited access in and out of Twin Brooks.</p>	
<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A summary of this meeting will be sent out to CAC members. It will also be posted to the project webpage. ● A ‘project bulletin’ will be developed and mailed to residents in communities along the LRT alignment to update them on the project. ● The process for the selection of the Design-Build (DB) contractor will continue. We anticipate the contractor will be selected in late 2023. ● Early works construction, such as utility relocations and tree removals, will continue in 2023 to prepare the LRT alignment for full construction to start in spring 2024. ● Further meetings will occur with the CAC. 	<p>Summary to be provided to CAC members and posted on project webpage.</p> <p>Project Bulletin to be mailed out.</p>