

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter
September 2021

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Neighbourhood Renewal designs are taking shape – Share your thoughts!

Since September 2020, the City has been preparing for Neighbourhood Renewal by studying your walking and biking routes, streets, intersections and parks and by reviewing public feedback to learn what is important to those who live, work and gather in the neighbourhoods.

Proposed design ideas and options to improve roads, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bike and walking connections and City-owned parks and open spaces in Boyle Street and McCauley are now ready for your review and feedback.

These proposed designs could change how you use your streets as roads will need to be reshaped to fit in new elements like wider sidewalks, trees, bike lanes, public gathering spaces or one-ways.

Please take time to review the renewal ideas and design options, consider the benefits and tradeoffs of each and how they may affect you. Provide your feedback by **September 30, 2021**. No design decisions have been made and the Project Team looks forward to your input.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2023!

Stay informed and engaged!

Live Online Event

Learn more about the proposed designs and ask questions

Tuesday, September 14
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Register online at:
edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley

Share your feedback on the proposed ideas and designs!

- + **Engaged Edmonton** – interactive maps and surveys
- + **Options and Tradeoffs Survey**

Turn to page 3 to see what designs are being proposed.



Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal schedule

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2020

Building a Project Vision Together

JANUARY–APRIL 2021

Exploring Opportunities

WE ARE HERE

MAY–OCTOBER 2021

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

NOVEMBER 2021–FEBRUARY 2022

Community Feedback on Draft Design

MARCH–JUNE 2022

Community Feedback on Final Design

FEBRUARY 2023

Preparing for Construction & Local Improvement Decisions

SPRING 2023–FALL 2025

Construction on Your Streets

FALL 2025

Celebrate with Us!

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs May – September 2021

In this phase, we began to form ideas to improve the streets and parks in your neighbourhood. A number of options are proposed when there are several design possibilities that could improve a specific area. We are sharing those options along with the benefits and tradeoffs that come with each. Your feedback helps us understand priorities, concerns and issues as we work towards a final design that will shape your neighbourhood.

Please take the time to review the options being proposed and provide your feedback. See page 3.



To review how we engaged and what we heard during our last project phase, Exploring Opportunities, review the What We Heard report on edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley. This input informed the design options being presented now!



Ways to get involved now!

Here are the many ways for you to provide your feedback on the proposed design ideas:

July 15 – September 30, 2021

Engaged Edmonton – Online

Check out our online engagement page on the project webpage and provide your thoughts on the following design elements:

+ Pedestrian Connections – Sidewalks and Street Crossings

Review the map showing areas identified for improvements to sidewalk connections and street crossings and **add** any that you feel are missing from the plan.

+ Active Transportation and Alley Connections

Take a short survey to review and **comment on** the changes being proposed to improve active transportation and alley connections for the following areas:

- 105 Avenue – LRT Shared Pathway (Boyle Renaissance Phase 3 area)
- Alley – 102A Avenue to 103 Avenue (east side of Kinistinâw Park)
- 92 Street / Alley to the Latta Bridge
- 101 Street – Mary Burlie Park – LRT Shared Pathway
- Chinatown Alleys (Business Improvement Area)

+ Driving and Intersections

Take a short survey to review and **comment on** the changes being proposed to improve the following streets and intersections:

- 110 and 110A Avenue (95–92 Street)
- 101 Street / 110A Avenue / 98 Street Intersection
- 101A Avenue / 95A Street Intersection
- 104 and 105 Avenue between 95 and 93 Street

+ Parks and Open Spaces

Review and share your ideas on the proposed plans for improvements to the following parks and open spaces:

- Giovanni Caboto Park
- Mary Burlie Park
- Public spaces at 108 and 108A Avenue



Rendering of 92 Street – Bike Boulevard



September 1–30, 2021

NEW! Options and Tradeoffs Survey

Use the included survey to **review and share** your thoughts about the proposed design options, their benefits and tradeoffs for the following:

- + Bike Network Connections
- + 108 Avenue and 108A Avenue (92 to 96 Street)
- + 92 Street (103A to 111 Avenue)
- + 96 Street (105 to 111 Avenue)
- + 98 Street (105 to 110A Avenue)
- + 99 Street (106 to 108A Avenue)

Use the included postage paid envelope to return your completed survey, or complete it online at engaged.edmonton.ca/buildingboylemccauley.



Rendering of 98 Street



Rendering of 108A Avenue - Bike Boulevard



September 14, 2021

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Attend the online event to **learn** more about the proposed designs, the benefits and tradeoffs and have your questions answered by the Project Team

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August / September Stakeholder meetings

Members of the Project Team will be reaching out to various agencies and businesses in the two communities to explore design ideas and proposed options and hear feedback on how these changes impact them and their clients.

Other locations included in Neighbourhood Renewal designs:

The Project Team presented design ideas for feedback on the following locations during our Community Conversation events held with residents, business owners and other key stakeholders:

- + 103 Avenue (96 St to 97 Street)
- + 105A Avenue (100 to 101 Street)
- + 106 Avenue (95 to 97 Street)
- + 107 Avenue (98 to 101 Street)
- + 108 Avenue (96 to 101 Street)
- + 109A Avenue (97 and 101 Street)
- + LRT South Side
- + Jasper Avenue service road
- + Alley (east of 92 St) – connection to Clarke Stadium

You will have the opportunity to provide feedback on these designs during our Draft Design phase this fall.





Community Vision and Guiding Principles

Building a Project Vision Together

Public engagement played a key role in developing a Vision and Guiding Principles to guide decision making for the Boyle Street and McCauley neighbourhood renewal.

Review the Vision and Guiding Principles on the project webpage at edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley.

City projects

What other City projects are happening that affect your neighbourhood?

40 km/h Speed Limit

The speed limit is now 40 km/h on most residential and downtown streets. Reducing speed limits on these streets and high pedestrian areas makes our streets safer, calmer and quieter for everyone.

Water Bottle Filling Stations

A few fire hydrant locations in Edmonton have been selected for modification with water bottle filling stations. One of the hydrants is located in McCauley just east of Giovanni Caboto Park on 94 Street.



Latta Bridge (Jasper Avenue northeast of 91 Street and southwest of 90 Street)

The Latta Bridge is scheduled for a full replacement with construction to start in 2022. Please visit the project webpage for more details edmonton.ca/projects_plans/roads/latta-bridge

Street Lab

A new City of Edmonton program, Vision Zero Street Labs (more information available at this link edmonton.ca/StreetLabs), launched earlier this year that aims to create safer streets. This program creates an opportunity to trial temporary community-led solutions on Edmonton streets by combining the expertise and power of Edmontonians and City of Edmonton staff to creatively address neighbourhood safety and livability concerns. Each Street Lab is tailored to the unique needs of the community. A Vision Zero Street Lab application was received for Boyle Street, which involves the installation of temporary curb extensions to narrow the southbound driving lane on

95 Street at 103 Ave. This measure will also create a safer crossing area for pedestrians by shortening the crossing distance on 95 Street. This work is independent of the work that is currently being led for the neighbourhood renewal that is planned for the Boyle Street neighbourhood.

However, during the public engagement work for the Boyle Street neighbourhood, there were a number of safety and livability concerns that were raised. For this reason, the City is planning to use temporary traffic calming measures to trial some of the design options that the Building Great Neighbourhoods team has been working on based on the feedback from the community. Planning for this will happen over the winter months with installation planned for Spring 2022. Stay tuned!

Alley Renewal (residential alleys)

Residential alleys in Boyle Street and McCauley are in the queue for the 2023 - 2026 budget cycle and will not be included in neighbourhood renewal.



Street lights and sidewalks – You decide

Local Improvement options during Neighbourhood Renewal

What is a Local Improvement?

A Local Improvement is a construction project undertaken near or next to residents' properties which is considered more beneficial to the property owner and local area than to the City as a whole. Local Improvements are part of the Neighbourhood Renewal discussions with you and your neighbours.

How is Neighbourhood Renewal paid for?

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program is paid for through a City-wide property tax reserve fund dedicated to the program. However, two specific improvements—decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction—are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood, as they are considered a Local Improvement.

Decorative streetlight options

Through the Local Improvement process, the community will **DECIDE** on the kind of lighting that will be installed during renewal. Information about the process, styles and possible costs will be shared in the coming months.

Sidewalk reconstruction

A sidewalk reconstruction is initiated by the City as part of Neighbourhood Renewal. As a property owner, you will be able to **DECIDE** on whether you would like to proceed with sidewalk reconstruction or not. Information about cost-sharing with the City on sidewalk reconstruction and the process to provide your feedback will be shared in the coming months.

Neighbourhood Renewal funding

Funding for the Neighbourhood Renewal program has come through a combination of City-wide property taxes and provincial funding over the past decade. To be approved for construction, the cost for the design must fall within the renewal budget for the neighbourhood. Some elements proposed may not receive funding, however efforts will be made to partner with other City programs and initiatives to leverage additional funding opportunities.

Boyle Street and McCauley have waited for renewal. The upgrades we are currently designing are to support the communities now and for the next 30–35 years in the future. The Neighbourhood Renewal Program has been recognized as being the most cost effective way to add missing infrastructure into an area as significant construction work is already underway.





Next steps

Community Feedback on Draft Design

November 2021 to February 2022

Guided by public engagement, technical data, research and analysis, the Project Team will create a draft design that shows how the proposed changes for walking, biking, rolling, driving and playing in Boyle Street and McCauley will work together to provide the best neighbourhood experience for all users, balancing the needs of today and into the future.

Watch for your opportunity to review the draft design and provide feedback.

Stay informed

For more information, and to sign up for project updates, go to edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley.

Land Acknowledgment

The City of Edmonton acknowledges this project is on the traditional land of the Treaty 6 First Nations and the Metis Nation of Alberta Zone IV. We honour all the many diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries.

For more information:

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