

# EXPLORING OPTIONS AND TRADE-OFFS

**REFINE:** You are invited to help us identify the community's priorities for your neighbourhood renewal by discussing trade-offs and benefits of options.

**OUTCOME:** The priorities identified will guide the decision-making process to create a draft design for the project.

**COMMITMENT:** To use the priorities we heard during the engagement to inform the draft design for the project.

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BUILDING GREAT  
NEIGHBOURHOODS  
AND OPEN SPACES

Edmonton

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSESSMENT

Through the **Exploring Options and Trade-Offs** stage of the process, we will have a conversation about the benefits and trade-offs of potential options. We will use the feedback from this conversation to identify what the community, as a whole, deems important to maintain and what is flexible when making changes within the neighbourhood renewal design.

## WHAT ARE TRADE-OFFS?

A trade-off is when adding something new to an existing space, we need to decide between one factor or another in order to make it fit.

**Example:** When adding missing links of sidewalk into the design, we need your input to help decide how these connections can be accommodated.

Options to fit in the missing sidewalk are:

- + to narrow the width of some roads
- + turn the road into a one-way direction of traffic
- + remove on-street parking
- + remove existing trees

Before making a decision, we will ask what the neighbourhood's priority is for these types of situations.

## CONVERSATIONS WE MIGHT HAVE WITH THE COMMUNITY

*“Please tell us the positive and negative impacts of each option.”*

- + Feedback from this response may result in a new option.
- + This information allows the project team to consider the trade-offs of an option and try to reduce them.

*“What should we should consider as we move forward with design.”*

- + Feedback from this response highlights different viewpoints of which some may require additional consideration
  - + Example - curb extensions are usually concrete - residents may want to beautify with landscaping. Both options are successful at shortening the crossing distances for pedestrians.
- + New considerations may be introduced to the project team, as residents have local knowledge of their neighbourhood.



*“Tell us which option would best meet the needs of users and area residents.”*

- + This feedback helps us make decisions that meet a more broad group of citizens.
- + Helps participants in engagement reflect on how changes can impact their neighbours.
- + Let us know if a particular design would exclude people.

*“Did we miss identifying any benefits or tradeoffs in the options presented?”*

- + Feedback from this response helps the project team to understand various viewpoints and may lead to changes to the design

## HOW WILL YOU SEE YOUR INPUT REFLECTED IN THE REVISED DESIGN?

At the next event the project team will present revised designs. You will see more details added to the designs as we get closer to construction. Your input will have influenced the details.

You will also learn what was considered in the refining of the design and how public input was used or not used in the decision making.



## Notes:



Once the options and trade-offs discussions have occurred, the City project team can begin **Creating a Design for your Neighbourhood**. This stage involves taking your input from the previous stages of your neighbourhood renewal, including the vision, the summary of the neighbourhood analysis, the results of the options and trade-offs discussions to develop a neighbourhood **draft design**.