

What We Heard

Edmontonians in communities Northwest of City Centre share their vision of the Metro Line NW LRT Expansion

Overview

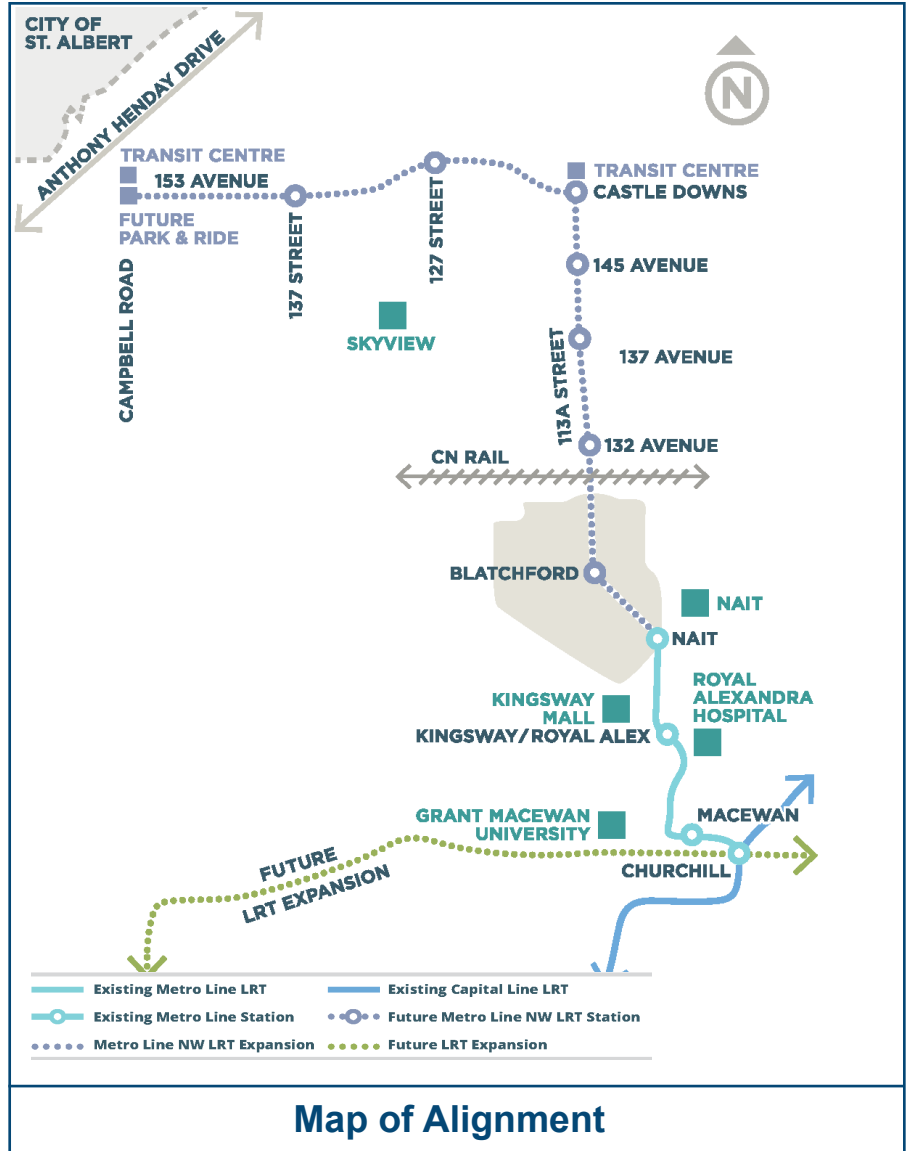
The Metro Line NW LRT is part of the City's Transportation Master Plan vision. Extending the current line that currently stops at the NAIT station will improve mobility and access to existing and new neighbourhoods in the north and northwest sections of the City, and the City of St. Albert.

In the spring of 2017, the City of Edmonton and Metro Line North Partners (MNP) initiated public engagement and communications for the Concept Validation phase of the Metro Line NW LRT extension project. The first stage of engagement on the Concept Validation phase was an opportunity to reintroduce the extension project to the community, and to gather input to help finalize the concept and proceed to the preliminary engineering stage of the project.

In staying with the City's vision of more transit-oriented communities, we recognize the importance of talking with residents and business owners who reside in the northwest region of the City. We want to hear what people think about the LRT and understand the considerations that may require attention during the planning process.

In order to meet this, a number of stakeholder meetings and public events were planned to gather feedback, with the first taking place in May 2017. Activities continued through July 2017.

The response we received during the Concept Validation phase of engagement was very positive, and the feedback will play an integral part in planning for the Metro Line NW LRT extension.



Metro Line NW LRT Public Engagement

13

Individual Stakeholder Meetings



3

Public Open Houses



420

Project Web Page Visits



4

Community Pop-Ups



Public Open Houses

From June 28 – July 6, three public open houses were held in communities along the Metro Line alignment. Residents, business owners and community leaders shared their thoughts on the LRT coming to their community and provided feedback on the opportunities and challenges we may face. From our conversations, the following themes emerged:

Themes

Traffic: Traffic congestion and signaling challenges

Parking: Increase park and ride facilities, non-resident parking, loss of community parking

Speed: Train speed vs. car speed, frequency of trains

Access to Stations: Stations close to communities and major destinations, multi modal connections and wayfinding

Safety: Pedestrian crossing around LRT tracks, rider safety on the trains and at stations

Edmonton Transit Service: Route changes, community connections

What you shared

How do you see LRT in your community?

Community and City Connections

Faster and easier access to downtown and other City destinations

Convenience and Environmental Impacts

Alternative transit option that will take vehicles off the road

Accessibility to Recreational Activities

Access to concerts, arts and sporting events with the concern of parking or the financial impact

How can we encourage ridership?

Integration

Integration of bus and LRT service, with station locations and run times that are convenient



Fares

Establish affordable LRT fares and certain periods in which people can travel for free



Parking

Increased parking facilities for LRT users



Public Information Campaign

Help Edmontonians understand all of the benefits of using LRT



Straight from the community

“As a senior, not having to drive means less accidents, injuries, hospital bills etc. not to speak of outrageous annual insurance and auto maintenance bills.”

Castle Downs resident

“Greater access to shopping, education, health services.”

St. Albert resident

“I can leave my car at home!”

Cumberland resident

“Edmonton will finally get up-to-date with transit in general.”

Edmonton resident

“More options for low-income families for work locations.”

Lorelei-Beaumaris resident

“Encourage more transit users and decrease carbon emissions.”

Griesbach resident

Next Steps

Thank you to residents from Edmonton and St. Albert who took part in the first phase of engagement. Your feedback is a key part in the design of the Metro Line NW LRT. This feedback is being reviewed and will be implemented where possible.

In the coming months, the City of Edmonton and the Metro Line North Partners will continue stakeholder engagement activities, including work with Indigenous communities. We look forward to continuing the conversation about the LRT in your community.

Project Timeline



For More Information

For more information on the Metro Line NW LRT project, please visit edmonton.ca/metronw