

City of Edmonton **Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion Program**

# **St. Albert Trail to 97 Street Project Update**

Summer 2020

As one of Edmonton's transformational capital projects, the Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion Program will create jobs and contribute to the economy. We are continuing to build and better our city because robust and healthy infrastructure is critical to a safe and healthy Edmonton.

**St. Albert Trail to 97 Street is in the Concept Planning stage. Construction is planned to begin in 2023.**

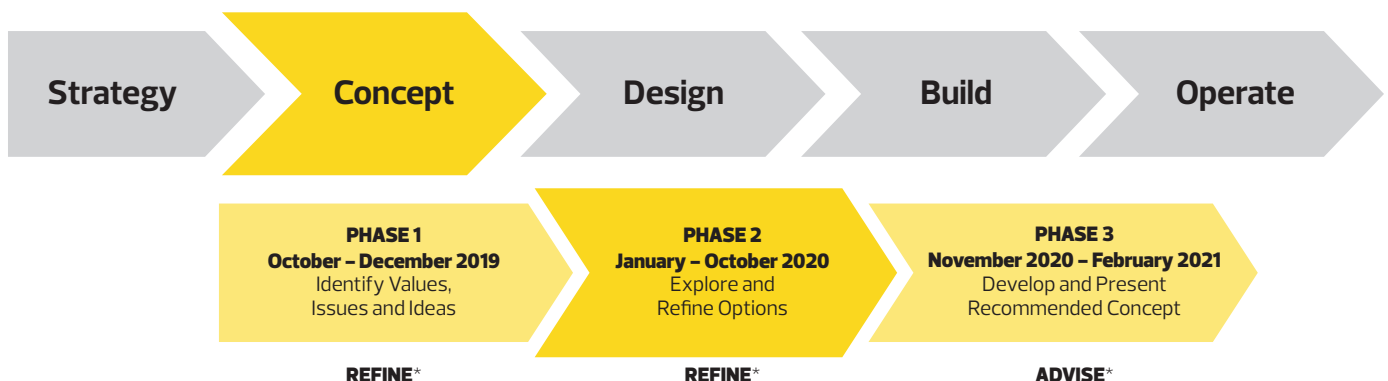
In Fall 2019, the City completed Phase 1 of the Concept Planning Study. We are now in Phase 2.

**In response to the mandatory health restrictions in place due to COVID-19, the originally planned four phases of public engagement will now take place in three phases. Phase 2 engagement, originally scheduled for Spring 2020, has been postponed to Fall 2020.**

Our top priority is the health and safety of Edmontonians. Because engagement is so important to our process, we want to make sure that people have the time, focus, and energy to participate effectively. Engagement now must be as effective as it would be during more normal conditions.

Details on the types and timing of Phase 2 engagement activities will be shared in the coming months.

## **Project Life Cycle Process**



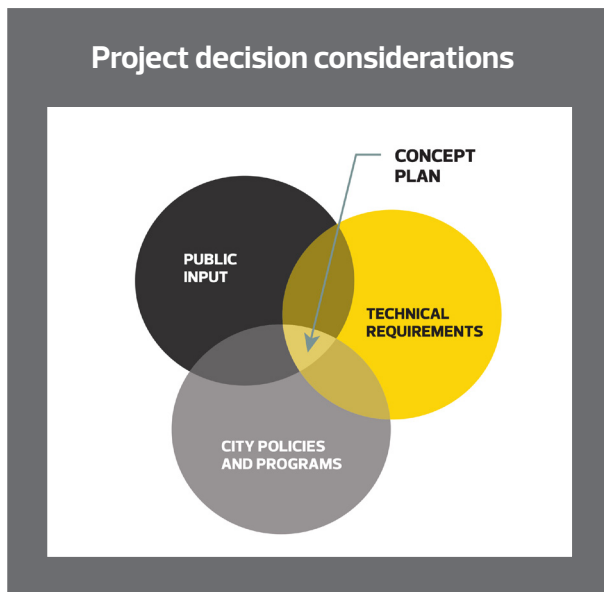
*\*City of Edmonton Public Engagement Spectrum level.*

# Public Engagement Philosophy: Your Input is Important

Public engagement is an integral part of city-building for us.

We are committed to:

- + working with communities, residents, businesses and roadway users to understand their needs and support balanced decision-making in the study area
- + continuing to share project information as technical work progresses, and hosting meaningful, safe engagement opportunities



## Stay Involved!

Your input is important. Stay tuned for more details regarding engagement opportunities this fall.

We encourage you to visit our website regularly over the next few months to follow our progress and sign up for email updates at: [edmonton.ca/YellowheadSATto97Street](http://edmonton.ca/YellowheadSATto97Street)

**REFINE**

# Phase 1 Engagement at a Glance

## October to December 2019

During Phase 1 [Identify Issues, Values and Ideas] no options or design solutions were presented. Instead, the project team met with residents, property and business owners, organizations and roadway users in the area and gathered feedback. This input helped the project team better understand what's most important to the people

affected by the freeway conversion and contributed to the development and the high-level screening of possible concept options.

We engaged at the REFINE level on the City's Public Engagement Spectrum in the following ways:



### Business Outreach

Businesses in the Hagmann Estate Industrial Area  
**October to November 2019**  
**91 businesses**



### Residents' Event

Property owners adjacent to the Yellowhead Trail and 127 Street intersection Chateau Nova Kingsway  
**November 26, 2019**  
**20 participants**



### Stakeholder Meetings

Businesses, organizations, government agencies, and community league executives  
**October to December 2019**  
**17 meetings**



### Public Engagement Events

Chateau Louis Hotel and the Alberta Aviation Museum  
**November 28 & 30, 2019**  
**128 participants**



### Commercial Property and Business Owners' Event

Chateau Louis Hotel  
**November 28, 2019**  
**13 participants**



### Online Survey

**November to December 2019**  
**157 participants**

## What We Heard Overall

During Phase 1, we heard from hundreds of people who shared what they want the project team to consider during the concept planning study. We heard support for improving traffic flow along Yellowhead Trail. Other common themes:

- + Ensure improved traffic flow on Yellowhead Trail is balanced by easy access onto and off of Yellowhead Trail and does not isolate communities located along Yellowhead Trail.
- + The existing roadway network is perceived to be at maximum capacity, so people expect congestion and short-cutting to increase in response to the removal of direct accesses to Yellowhead Trail.
- + Respondents want the acquisition of properties (business and residential) to be limited and to not negatively impact their sense of community.
- + Respondents want to ensure the project area is accessible for active modes (walking, biking) and all levels of mobility.
- + Entering and exiting Yellowhead Trail can be perceived as challenging or unsafe. Respondents requested that access points be easy to navigate and fundamentally safe.

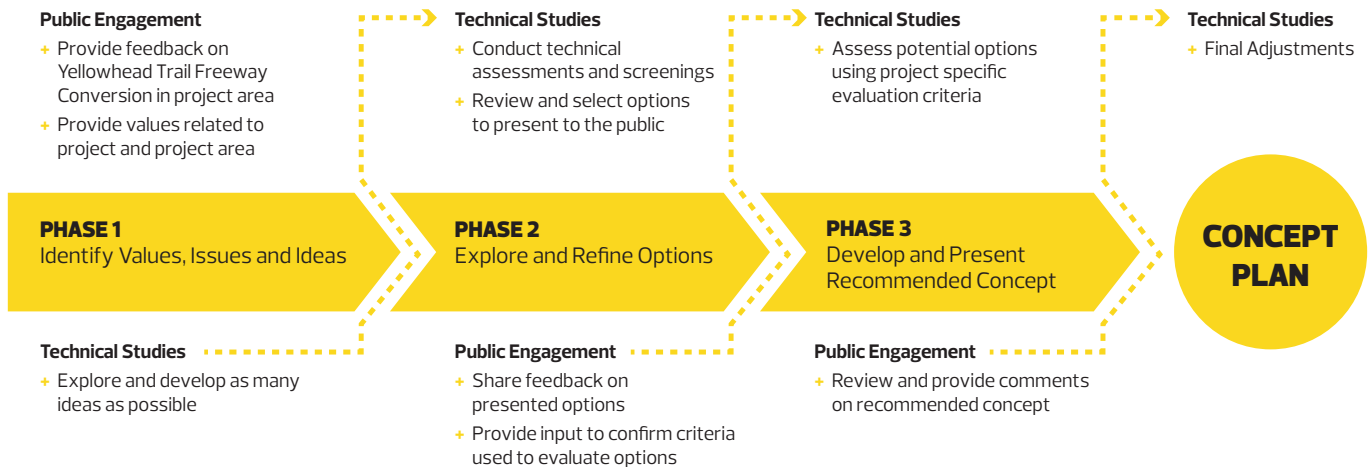
You can view the complete Phase 1 What We Heard Report at [edmonton.ca/YellowheadSATto97Street](http://edmonton.ca/YellowheadSATto97Street).



# Concept Planning for St. Albert Trail to 97 Street

Concept planning is the process of developing a plan for what will be built and what it will look like. The concept plan for this segment of Yellowhead Trail will show how drivers will enter and exit the freeway, including the location of any new interchanges and service roads, as well as any necessary changes to the nearby roadway network, landscaping, pathways and sidewalks, and drainage requirements.

## Concept Planning



Over the course of this project, the technical team will develop, screen and evaluate multiple

options, narrowing them down to a single recommended concept plan.



The process began early this year with the exploration of the broadest range of possible solutions

for the study area, ensuring no ideas were overlooked. Public input from Phase 1 was used to inform this work.



These ideas underwent multiple rounds of screenings and assessments. Options were

reviewed against technical requirements, City policies and programs, and public input from Phase 1 to determine which are feasible. Short listed options are now being further refined to be presented to the public for feedback in Phase 2.

The project team is also using public input from Phase 1 to develop project specific evaluation criteria. The draft criteria will be shared with the public for confirmation in Phase 2.



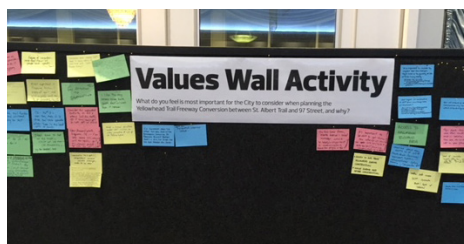
Once confirmed, the criteria will be used to quantify the differences between each of

the presented options, allowing for an objective, thorough, and detailed evaluation, ultimately identifying the recommended concept plan.

The recommended concept will be shared in Phase 3 and input received may be used to make minor adjustments as the project moves into the next stage of design.

## Technical requirements and City policies and programs considered in concept planning

<b>Technical Requirements:</b> (including, but not limited to):	<b>City Policies and Programs</b> (including, but not limited to):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Safety</li> <li>+ Land and property impacts</li> <li>+ Commercial and neighbourhood access</li> <li>+ Roadway network connections</li> <li>+ Walk / cycle connectivity</li> <li>+ Emergency services impacts</li> <li>+ Transit accommodation</li> <li>+ Traffic analysis and accommodations</li> <li>+ Noise and visual impacts</li> <li>+ Coordination with adjacent City projects (e.g., LRT, Blatchford, Yellowhead Trail: 156 Street to St. Albert Trail)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The Way We Move (Transportation Master Plan)</li> <li>+ The Way We Grow (Municipal Development Plan)</li> <li>+ Goods Movement Strategy</li> <li>+ Sustainable Urban Integration</li> <li>+ Public Engagement Policy</li> <li>+ Active Transportation Policy</li> <li>+ Percent for Art Policy</li> <li>+ Complete Streets Policy</li> <li>+ Urban Traffic Noise Policy</li> <li>+ Corporate Tree Management Policy</li> <li>+ Environmental Policy</li> <li>+ Natural Area Systems and Open Space Policies</li> </ul>



Phase 1 Engagement Fall 2019







## What's Next

### Concept Planning

Phase 2 Engagement	Fall 2020
Phase 3 Engagement	Winter 2020/21
Concept Plan Recommendation	Spring 2021
Design	2021 - 2022
Construction	2023 - 2027

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