



Malmo Plains Neighbourhood Renewal

Beginning in Spring 2021, Malmo Plains will experience neighbourhood renewal. Through the City of Edmonton’s Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces branch, the Neighbourhood Renewal program will rehabilitate roads, replace street lights, curb and gutters, repair sidewalks and connect missing sidewalk links where possible in Malmo Plains. Cost sharing opportunities will be made available through the Local Improvement process for sidewalk reconstruction and decorative street light upgrades in the neighbourhood. Other opportunities to improve City-owned parks and public spaces will also be explored.

Draft Design Details

The draft design we are sharing with you today has been developed from the feedback received from the community since June 2019. Specifically, we narrowed down and refined the design options we shared in January 2020 to have only one option for each of the improvement areas. These are shown on the map and include:

The park spaces shown in **darker green**

The 111 Street berm shown in **lighter green**

Traffic calming and sidewalk improvements shown in **red**

The shared-use path along the Whitemud Drive alley and the connection to the bridge over Whitemud Drive shown in **blue**

The two alleys that connect to the Southgate LRT pedway entrance shown in **yellow**

The 115 Street bike route shown in **purple**



Vision and Guiding Principles

The Vision and Guiding Principles were co-created with the community and are unique to Malmö Plains. They will help guide the decision-making throughout the neighbourhood renewal project. The Vision sets the direction for Neighbourhood Renewal by stating the elements that are most important to the community for the future. The Guiding Principles are ideas and priorities that shape how the Vision is applied to the neighbourhood design.

With planning nearing completion, the project team is looking for your feedback to adapt and adjust the draft design to ensure it reflects the Vision and Guiding Principles for Malmö Plains.

Vision

Malmö Plains is a family-friendly neighbourhood that welcomes people of all ages and diverse backgrounds.

We are an active, enthusiastic and engaged community that enjoys connecting with and looking out for our neighbours.

We appreciate that our neighbourhood is walkable, bikeable and safe, with easy access to transit, schools, the University of Alberta and shopping.

We take pride in the character of Malmö Plains including the mature trees, park spaces and quiet atmosphere.

Guiding Principles



Improving accessibility for people within the community and surrounding destinations



Making the places where people travel safer for all users, ages and abilities



Creating welcoming spaces that encourage and make it easy for community members of all ages to come together and gather



Respecting and preserving the natural character of the neighbourhood and its mature trees



Adding basic amenities to create parks and open spaces where people of all ages can gather, connect and play in all seasons



Creating safe and well-lit spaces within the community

Malmo Park



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **New plantings** to create a welcoming look
- 2 **Enhanced shared-use path** with upgraded lighting and a **new seating area** to create a welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities
- 3 **Maintaining the fence** along the south end of the field with the addition of a more practical opening to improve accessibility to the shared-use path
- 4 **Closing the alley** to vehicle traffic
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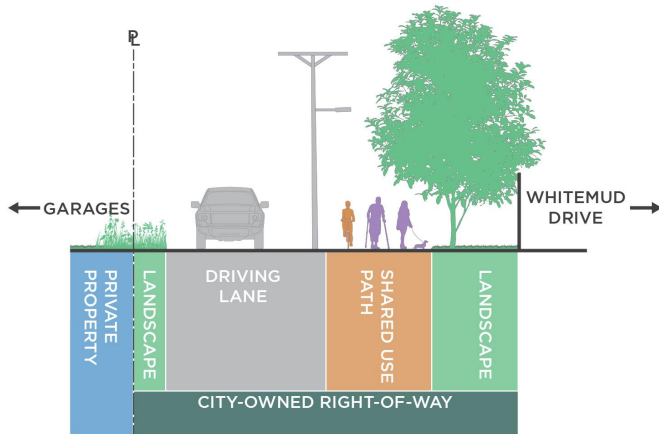
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Shared-use path



Draft Design includes:

Enhancing the existing shared-use path, shown in **orange**, while minimizing the impacts to existing landscaping to maintain the natural beauty in the area, shown in **green**

Upgrading the existing alley lighting to LED lighting to improve safety for people walking and biking

Improving the alley roadway conditions next to the shared-use path, shown in **grey**, to provide additional space for people biking to pass each other

111 Street berm

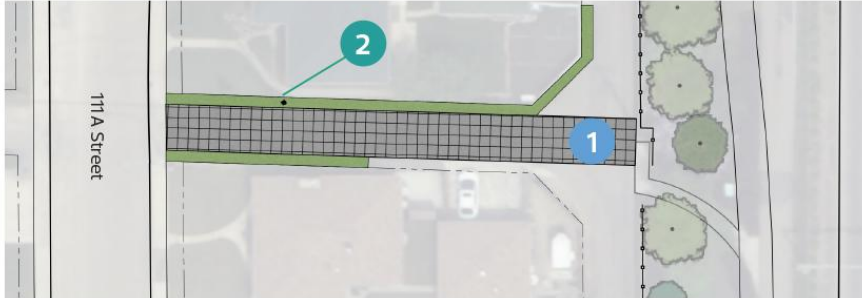


Draft Design includes:

- 1 **New shared-use path along the alley** to connect the existing shared-use path at the south end of the berm and provide a more direct connection for people walking and biking to the LRT pedway
- 2 **New trail with lighting on top of the berm** to encourage more community members to walk here and help discourage people from loitering in this area
- 3 **New bench** facing southwest to limit sightlines into backyards, to create a welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities
- 4 **Switchback path** to reach the top of the berm due to the steep grade

Alleys near LRT

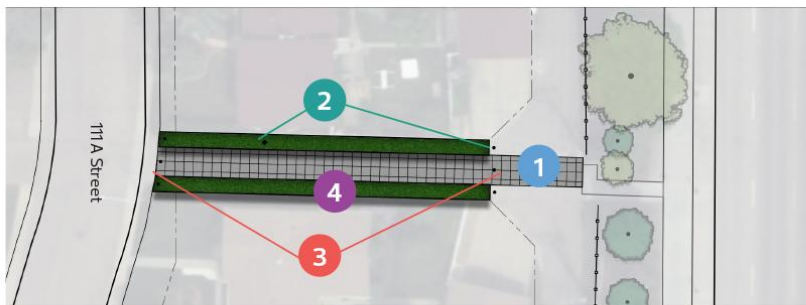
North alley



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **Repaving the alley with a decorative surface** to maintain access for people walking, biking and driving and add a visual cue for people driving that this is a shared space
- 2 **Upgrading the existing lighting to LED lighting** to improve safety in the area

South alley



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **New shared-use path** to improve accessibility for people walking and biking of all ages and abilities in all seasons
- 2 **Upgrade existing lighting to LED lighting** to improve safety in the area
- 3 **Closing the alley** to vehicle traffic
- 4 **New landscaping** to add to the natural beauty in the area

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Pocket parks

Pocket park A



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **New sidewalk** to provide a more direct connection to the park for people walking along 48 Avenue, improving access for people of all ages and abilities year round
- 2 **New path through the park** with a **picnic table, waste bin and shade structure** to create a welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities
- 3 **New plantings** to add to the natural beauty in the park

Pocket park B



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **New sidewalks** to provide people walking along Malmo Road and 49 Avenue a direct connection to the park, improving access for people of all ages and abilities year round
- 2 **New curb extensions and realigned intersections** to improve sightlines for people driving along Malmo Road and 49 Avenue, will lessen confusion at the intersection, help slow traffic down and shorten the distance for people crossing the street
- 3 **New plantings** to enhance the greenery that is already within the park

Pocket park C



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **New plantings** to enhance the greenery that is already within the park
- 2 **New picnic table and waste bin** to create a welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities

51 Avenue

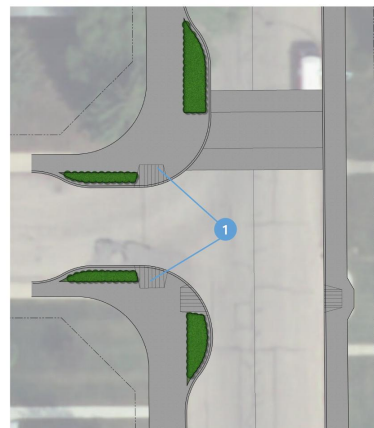


Draft Design includes:

- 1 New marked crosswalk at 116 Street*
- 2 New pedestrian and bike activated signal at 115 Street, similar to what exists at Malmo Road and 51 Avenue*
- 3 New curb extensions that extend into the parking lane on 51 Avenue only

*These upgrades are subject to further assessment by the City

Curb extensions

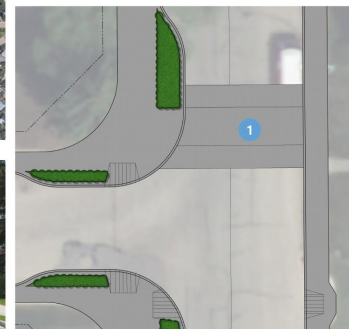


Draft Design includes:

- 1 New curb extensions with landscaping at key intersections circled in green to reduce the crossing distance for people walking, improve visibility of people walking for people driving and encourage people driving to go slower through the intersection and when turning

Adding landscaping will help add interest and improve the look of the corners

Raised crosswalks



Draft Design includes:

- 1 New raised crosswalks on the north side of key intersections circled in green to increase driver awareness of the crosswalk, encourage slower driving speeds, improve the safety of people walking and increase accessibility for people of all ages and abilities by reducing the slope of the sidewalk to the crosswalk

115 Street



Proposed curb extension
and raised crosswalk

Example in front of homes



Example in front of a school



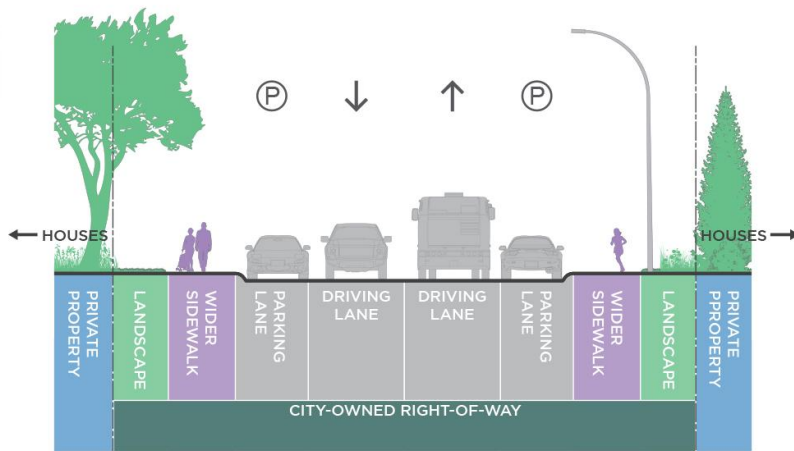
Draft Design includes:

New shared-use path on the west side of 115 street to provide an all-season route for people walking and biking since the shared-use path will be cleared of snow by the City

Additional space is created in front of the school so people on the path do not interfere with student drop-off and pick-up, similar to the shared-use path added alongside other schools such as the one in Royal Gardens at Louis St. Laurent School (pictured above)

New curb extensions and raised crosswalks will help improve safety for people walking, biking and driving

Sidewalk improvements



Draft Design includes:

Widening existing sidewalks along key walking routes along Malmö Road, 116 Street, 48 Avenue and 49 Avenue to improve accessibility for people walking of all ages and abilities

All existing sidewalks will be reconstructed, subject to your decision on the sidewalk reconstruction local improvement. More information about local improvement can be found at edmonton.ca/BuildingMalmoPlains

Whitemud Drive bridge connection



Draft Design includes:

- 1 **Remove the chain-link fence and some landscaping to add two new curved paths** off the bridge to connect to the existing shared-use paths to the east and west
- 2 **New path and landscaping** that connects to the alley straight ahead, that has tight curves to slow down people biking
- 3 **New sidewalk** between the bridge and the noise wall to directly connect the shared-use paths

Next Steps

We are looking for your feedback on the draft designs after you review these materials or watch the video.

Questions?

Ask your questions online and our project team will respond. **Available from June 15 to June 29, 2020.**

Online Survey

Complete the online survey to tell us what you think about the proposed changes. **Available from June 15 to June 29, 2020.**

Paper Survey

Please arrange to have your paper survey picked up with Emily McDonald at emily.mcdonald@edmonton.ca or 780-442-7031 **on or before June 29, 2020.**

Access all online engagement opportunities on the project webpage: edmonton.ca/BuildingMalmöPlains

The feedback we receive will be used along with technical requirements and City policies and programs, to help refine the final design. This design will be shared back with you and your neighbours in the fall.

Cost Sharing Opportunities

Decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction are Local Improvements that are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood.

Standard street lights will be replaced as part of Neighbourhood Renewal process. However, property owners in each neighbourhood will have the opportunity to upgrade to their community's choice of decorative street lights through a community-led local improvement process. The City can provide support by sharing the options available for decorative street lighting and help gather feedback at future public engagement opportunities. Please contact Emily McDonald at emily.mcdonald@edmonton.ca if you are interested to learn more. The decorative option would need to be determined and submitted to the City by **July 2, 2020.**

Sidewalk reconstruction is also a cost-shared improvement. Residents will have the opportunity to decide if this improvement proceeds or not. Sidewalks installed where currently missing are 100% City funded.

For more information on Local Improvements and the decision processes, please visit edmonton.ca/LocalImprovements for more detailed information.

Malmö Plains Neighbourhood Renewal Public Engagement Schedule



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