



THE WAY WE MOVE

Buena Vista Road Planning Study Public Open House

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September 23, 2014

Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Meeting Purpose/Commitment
- About the Project
- Public Involvement
- Proposed Concept Plan
- Questions

Meeting Purpose and Commitment

Meeting Purpose

- To provide information about the project purpose and process
- To present key highlights of what the public told us about Plan Options in June
- To present the Proposed Concept Plan
- To hear public feedback on the Proposed Plan
- To answer questions

Our Commitment to You

To provide information, answer questions,
listen and receive feedback on the
Buena Vista Road Proposed Concept Plan.

About the Project

Project Area

- Buena Vista Road between 132 and 142 streets
 - Serves Parkview, Laurier Heights, the Valley Zoo and provides access to other river valley amenities
 - 4 lanes (2 in each direction) with on-street parking in some sections
 - 50 km/h speed limit



Why Conduct this Study?

- Buena Vista Road is scheduled for road reconstruction in 2015.
- Opportunity for City to take a comprehensive look at study area to:
 - Determine if upgrades/improvements are required/desired
 - Ensure roadway meets current roadway guidelines and safety standards

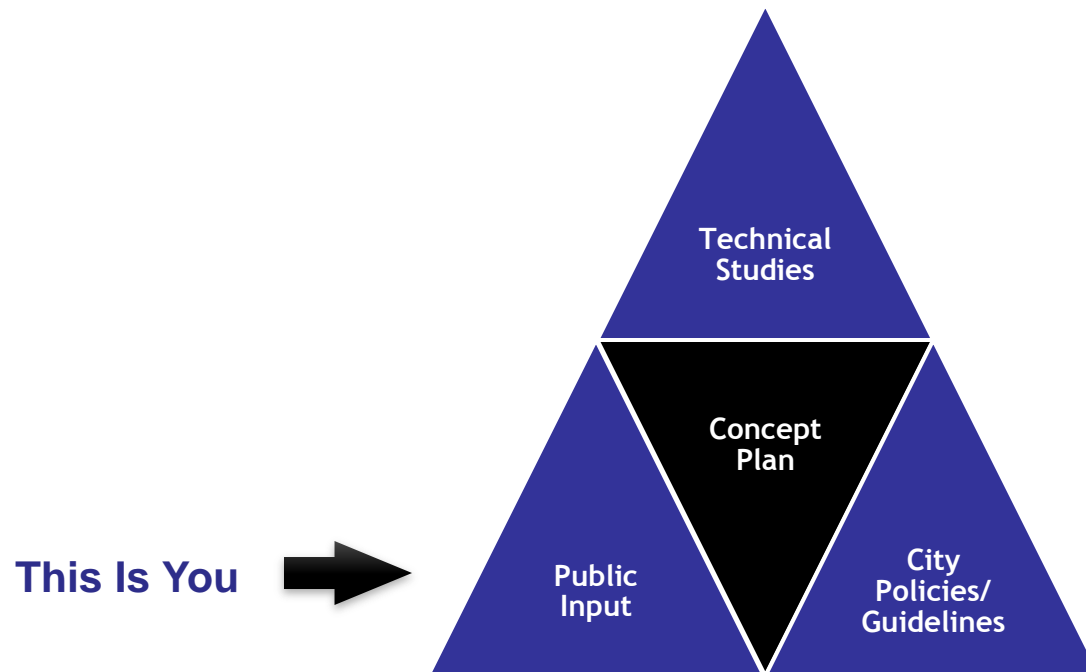
Project History

- 2000: City worked with community to address traffic safety concerns:
 - 2000: Temporary speed humps installed
 - 2009-2010: Speed cushion pilot program
- 2013: Concept plan proposed reduction of lanes from four to two.

Project History (cont.)

- March 2014 – Today:
 - Collected data: traffic volumes, collision data, speed data
 - Received input from public and internal City departments on concept options and design elements

What Influences Decisions?



Our Process



- Issues and opportunities identification
- Concept options and design elements

Today → •**Proposed Concept Plan – public feedback**

- Final Concept Plan – information sharing

Public Involvement

How the Public Was Involved

- Stakeholder interviews/meetings – May 2014
- Public open house – June 2014
- Online survey – June 2014
- Site meeting at BVR – September 2014

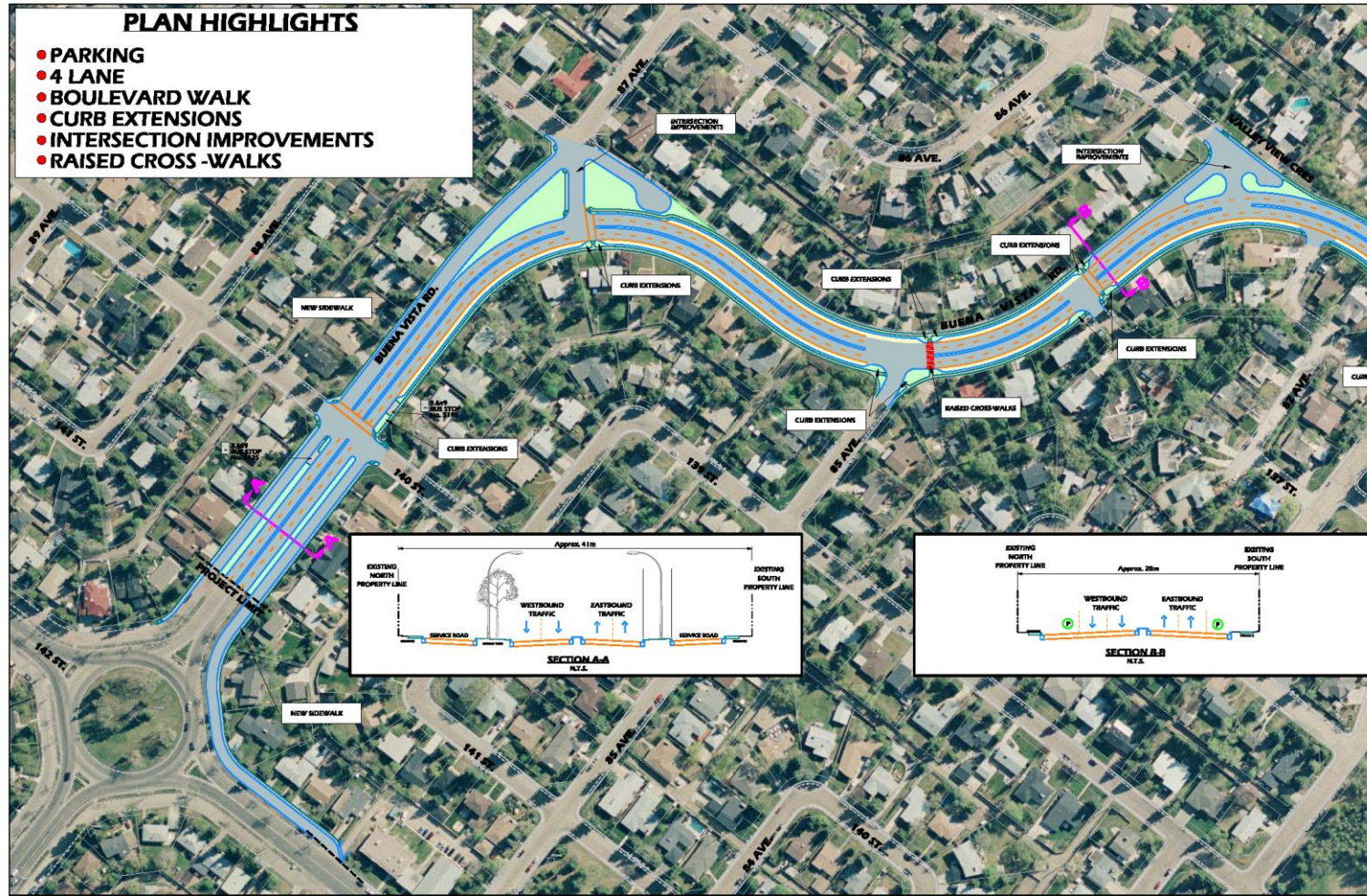
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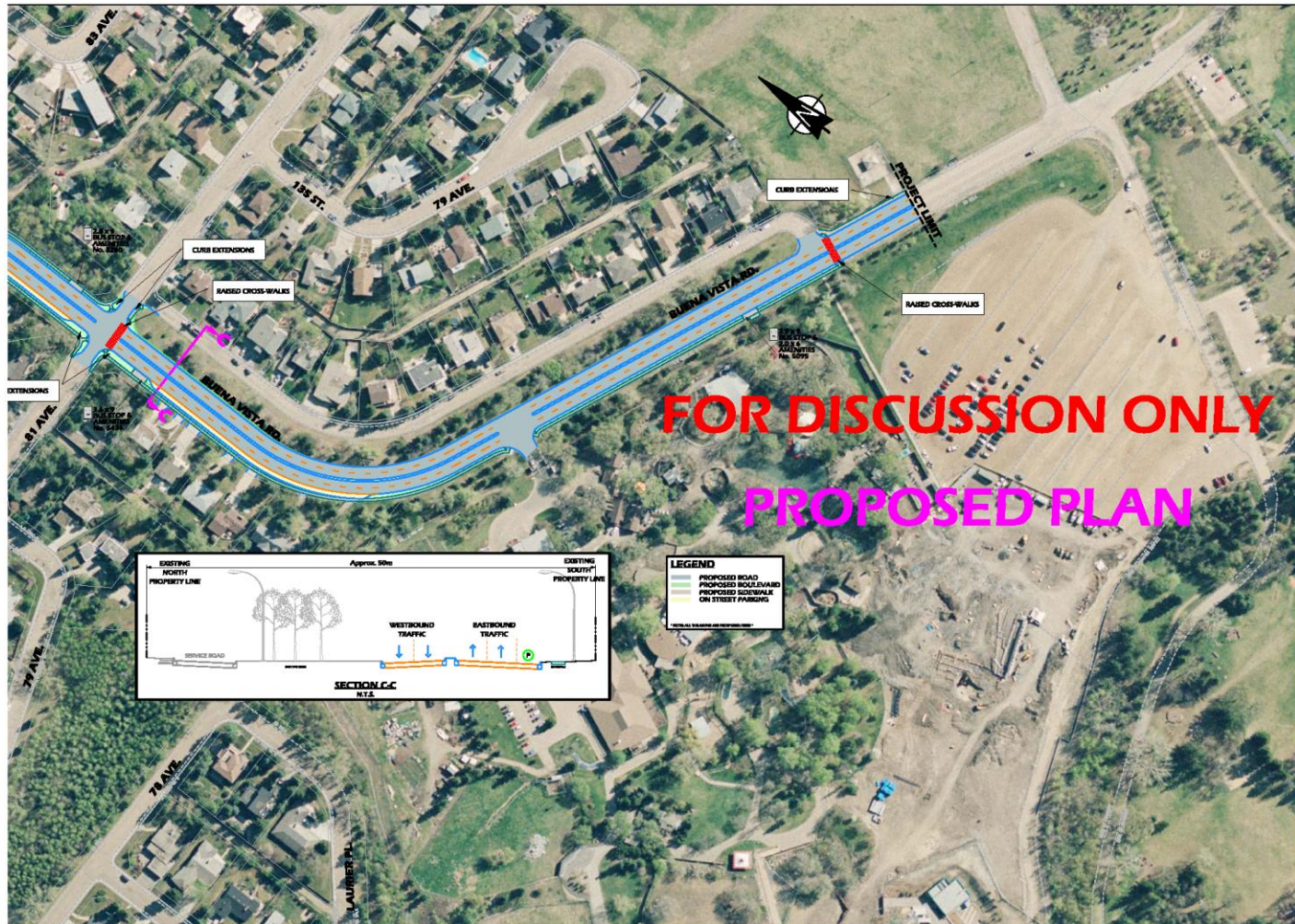
- To help the City Project Team:
 - understand local issues, concerns, opportunities
 - gather input on Concept Plan options and roadway design elements for consideration in the design of the Proposed Concept Plan

What We Heard: Key Themes

- Public want:
 - Crosswalk enhancements
 - Raised crosswalks
 - Curb extensions
 - 4 lane roadway
 - Narrow centre median
 - Sidewalk boulevard
 - On-street parking
 - Aesthetic improvements (plantings)
- Concern about:
 - The need for intersection modifications
 - Safety of proposed intersection modifications
 - Speeding
- No desire for:
 - Dedicated bike lane

Proposed Concept Plan





Proposed Concept Plan - Highlights

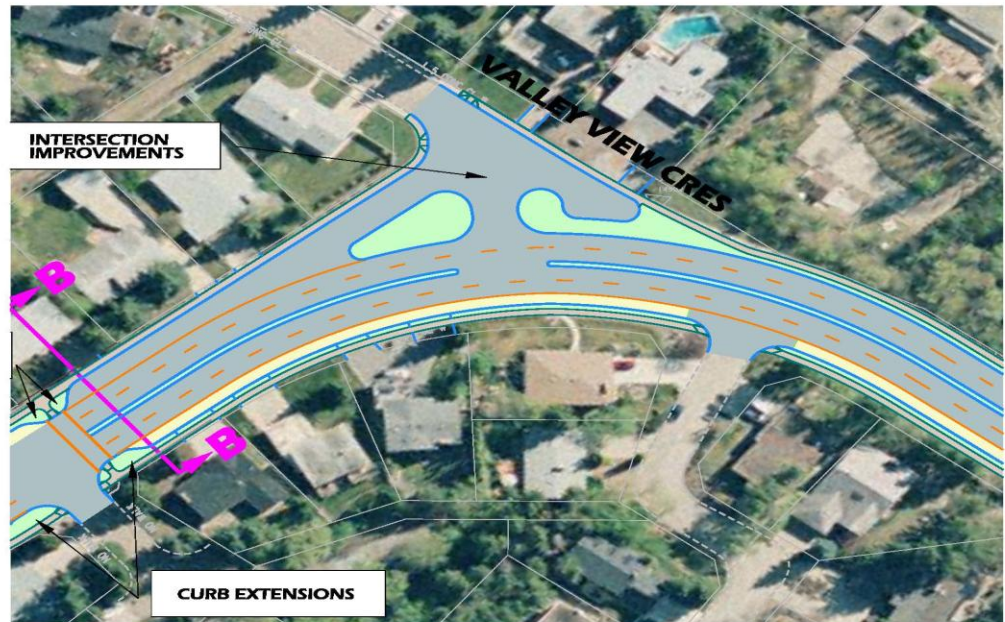
- Modified intersection
- Narrow centre median
- Crossing enhancements
 - Raised crosswalks
 - Curb extensions
- Sidewalk boulevard
- On-street parking
- 4 lane configuration

Modified Intersection - BVR/VV Cr.

Concerns raised about maintaining access onto Buena Vista Road, circulation in the neighbourhood and impacts to adjacent homes.

- Proposed modifications:

- Access road narrowed from 9m to 7m
- Enlarged traffic island



Modified Intersection - BVR/87 Ave.

Proceed with plan presented in June 2014. Review found the planned configuration provides the best design for the area.

- Proposed:
 - Access road closed
 - 90 degree turn added
 - No additional changes from June 2014 Concept



Narrow Centre Median

Centre median desired. Narrow option preferred.

Proposed:

- Centre median retained
- Narrowed by approximately 0.5m where necessary



Curb Extension



Raised Crosswalk



Crossing Enhancements

Desire to enhance the pedestrian experience by providing measures to mitigate traffic speeds.

- Proposed:
 - 81 Avenue – Curb extension and raised crosswalk
 - 85 Avenue – Curb extension and raised crosswalk
 - 87 Avenue – Curb extension
 - Buena Vista Road (cul-de-sac entrance) – Curb extension
 - Buena Vista Road Service Road (by zoo)– Raised crosswalk
- Crossing enhancements not included at:
 - 140 Street
 - Valleyview Crescent

Sidewalk Boulevard

Sidewalk boulevard was preferred.

- **Proposed:** sidewalk boulevard included where possible



Lane Configuration

4 lane vs 2 lane configuration was preferred.

- Proposed: 4 lane configuration retained



On-street Parking

Public want on-street residential parking

- Proposed: on-street parking retained



Dedicated Bike Lane

Dedicated bike lane was not desired.

- Proposed: dedicated bike lane not included

Aesthetic Improvements

Aesthetic improvements desired, (trees/shrubs) are preferred.

- Proposed: additional trees or shrubs are not included as sidewalk boulevard and median are not wide enough

Speeding

Concerns about speeding were expressed and traffic calming measures are desired.

- Proposed:
 - Curb extensions added
 - Raised crosswalks added
 - Narrowed traffic lanes
 - Parking lanes

Snow Storage

- Snow storage planned along either side of BVR where there is 1.2m boulevard sidewalk

Next Steps

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September 2014

Public open house
Feedback on Proposed
Concept Plan

Early 2015

Public information session
Final Concept Plan
presented

2015

Construction begins

Questions

- Provide your questions and comments
 - Presentation question sheets (for consolidated Q&A post open house)
 - Feedback forms
 - Online survey
 - Sticky notes on roll maps and boards
 - Email or mail after meeting
- Submission deadline: October 7, 2014