



MANNING DRIVE LONG RANGE PLANNING STUDY – PROJECT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2014

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Manning Drive serves as a major commuter and goods movement corridor through northeast Edmonton. In order to prepare for the future widening of the road, City staff have developed a concept plan for Manning Drive from 137 Avenue to Anthony Henday Drive.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A public involvement process was implemented as a part of the concept planning study to help the project team better understand the transportation needs of this corridor.

Feedback from public involvement is a key factor in the decision making process. The public's input is balanced against technical considerations, policy and funding to develop a recommended concept plan.

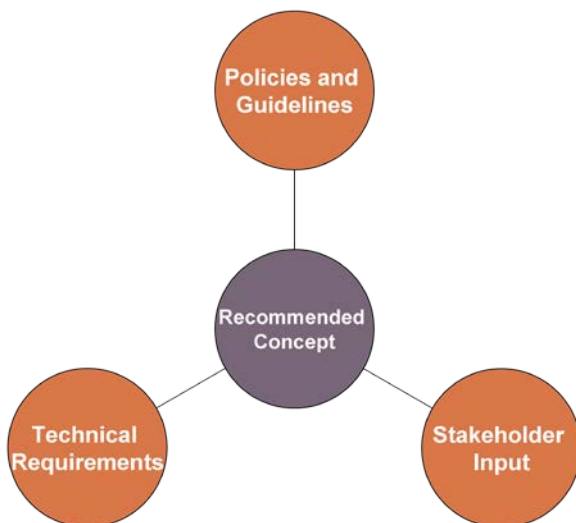
As the planned widening will use existing road right-of-way, expanding towards the center median with no anticipated access changes or property impacts, an Open House was not scheduled as part of the Manning Drive concept planning study.

Instead, information flyers were sent to area residents, organizations and businesses inviting them to contact the city directly with any questions or concerns. Additionally, road signs were placed along Manning Drive to notify commuters of the project.

The project team collected feedback and answered questions from July until September 2014.

In all, the project team connected with area residents via telephone calls and emails, communicated with three local Community Leagues and met with Alberta Health Services to discuss access and traffic flow to and from the Northeast Community Health Centre.

All of the concerns and comments gathered during the study period were considered to develop one recommended concept plan.





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WHAT WE HEARD

The table below outlines the project team's responses to common concerns heard during the public involvement process as well as key points in the plan.

Items	Update on Concept Plan/ Response to Public Concerns
Existing & Future Traffic Noise	<p>A noise study has been conducted by an external consultant using readings taken along the corridor and incorporating projections for future traffic flow. The results of the noise study indicated that the noise mitigation in place today would keep noise level below the City's Urban Traffic Noise Policy threshold levels.</p> <p>For more information about the City's Traffic Noise Policy please visit: http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/traffic-noise.aspx</p>
Pedestrian Connection between Miller community & Clareview LRT/Transit Centre	<p>As there is no pedestrian link between the Miller community and the Clareview LRT/Transit Centre, the concept plan includes a section of separated sidewalk along the southbound lanes of Manning Drive between 144 Avenue and 142 Avenue. It will connect to the existing sidewalk on 142 Avenue which leads to LRT/Transit Centre. In addition to this planned sidewalk, Clareview Station Drive will extend north to meet 144 Avenue once the adjacent vacant land develops. This future collector road will include facilities for pedestrians and cyclists to reach public transit services in Clareview.</p>
Speed Limit	<p>The speed limit is set by City Transportation Operations and will most likely remain at 70 km/h.</p>
Stormwater Ponds & Vriend Lake	<p>As road widening will occur toward the center median, minimal impacts are foreseen for these water bodies adjacent to Manning Drive. The project team have consulted with environmental groups in the City and the Province in regard to natural area protection for this corridor.</p>

RECOMMENDED CONCEPT PLAN

The recommended concept plan for Manning Drive can be viewed online at Edmonton.ca/roadplans, click on the "Manning Dr - Planning Study" tab in the left navigation to view the web page.

WHAT'S NEXT

Construction start dates are unknown at this time, as funding has not been allocated to this project. Long-range concept planning allows City administration to implement plans as soon as funding becomes available.

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