



MARK MESSIER TRAIL LONG-RANGE PLANNING STUDY

APRIL 2014

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OPEN HOUSE
TWIN WILLOWS GOLF CLUB
13110-156 STREET
DECEMBER 5, 2013, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

WHAT WE HEARD

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Mark Messier Trail/St. Albert Trail is a busy commuter and north-south goods movement corridor serving Edmonton and the City of St. Albert with a significant impact on local businesses, industry, organizations and residential communities.

Anticipated development of the industrial areas around Mark Messier Trail, as well as growth in surrounding communities has motivated the development of a long-range concept plan for Mark Messier Trail from 137 Avenue to Anthony Henday Drive.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A public involvement process was implemented as part of the concept planning study to help us better understand the traffic patterns and needs of this corridor. This information will lead to informed decision-making with the goal of creating a plan that works for all citizens.

Three options for the corridor were developed and shared with the public at the open house as well as discussed with key stakeholders. The first option featured direct access to businesses from Mark Messier Trail, while the other two options included service roads for business access.

OPEN HOUSE

A drop-in open house was held on December 5 to share draft concept plans with residents and stakeholders and to gather local knowledge of

traffic issues in the area. An accompanying online survey was open for commentary for an additional two weeks.

Informational boards and maps were on display and project staff were available for any questions.

A total of 26 individuals attended the event with three of those completing a comment form. A further three individuals completed the survey online. Common themes/concerns included:

- Business access
- Traffic operations along Mark Messier Trail
- Traffic at the 137 Ave intersection
- Pedestrian and cyclist accommodation





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RECOMMENDED PLAN

There was support for each of the three options from various perspectives and interests; an objective engineering review and option evaluation was conducted to ensure the best option was selected for the greater transportation network. For these reasons, Option One has been selected as the recommended concept plan for Mark Messier Trail.

Features of the recommended concept plan include:

- Direct business access from Mark Messier Trail
- An additional lane to accommodate turning vehicles and to avoid affecting traffic along Mark Messier Trail
- A jug handle configuration at 137 Avenue to accommodate northbound and southbound left turns
- A shared use path along the west side of Mark Messier Trail, with sidewalk connections to bus stops on the east side
- An intersection with lights built at 143 Avenue to provide access to future industrial and commercial areas

WHAT'S UP NEXT

This is a long- range plan; there is currently no funding in place to implement further stages of design and construction for the planned upgrades to the corridor.

FIND OUT MORE

To review the Open House material or to see the recommended plan, please visit:

www.edmonton.ca/roadplans