



# MARK MESSIER TRAIL LONG-RANGE PLANNING STUDY

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## PROJECT UPDATE

Mark Messier Trail/St. Albert Trail serves as an important north-south goods movement and commuter corridor connecting Edmonton to the City of St. Albert. In order to prepare for the long-term growth of Edmonton, City staff have developed a 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 the project team better understand the transportation needs for this corridor.

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

## 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.

### 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

For additional information or to see the recommended plan, please visit:  
[www.edmonton.ca/roadplans](http://www.edmonton.ca/roadplans)

## WHAT WE HEARD

Through a December 5, 2013 Open House, an online survey and discussions with affected stakeholders, the following themes/concerns were identified:

Common Themes/ Concerns	How The Recommended Plan Addresses The Concerns
Business access	Direct business access is provided from Mark Messier Trail along the west side of the corridor.
Traffic operations along Mark Messier Trail	An additional lane is included to accommodate turning vehicles and to avoid affecting through traffic along Mark Messier Trail.
Traffic operations at the 137 Avenue intersection	A jug handle configuration at the 137 Avenue intersection will be implemented to accommodate northbound and southbound left turns.
Pedestrian and cyclist accommodation	A shared use path along the west side of Mark Messier Trail was included, with sidewalk connections to bus stops along the east side.