

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The City of Edmonton is developing a concept plan for Buena Vista Road between 142 Street and 132 Street. The concept plan options review phase of this project included consultation with representatives of multiple City departments, external stakeholder groups and the general public.

An external stakeholder meeting was held with three participants representing interests from the Parkview and Laurier Heights community leagues and the Edmonton Valley Zoo Development Society. The meeting objective was to gather feedback on roadway elements and three concept plan options prior to taking them out to the broader public for review. As a result of the feedback from stakeholder representatives, a fourth concept plan option was prepared that added a wide sidewalk boulevard. All four concept plan options were presented at a public open house in June 2014.

Several common themes emerged from the external stakeholder meeting, public open house and online feedback received. The themes include the desire for a center median, preferably a narrow median; a preference to maintain four lanes of traffic, although there was some support for the two-lane option; the desire for a wide sidewalk boulevard with trees and shrubs added to improve roadway aesthetics; and the need for parking, which is wanted by most respondents, especially for residents on Buena Vista Drive.

There was very little support for a dedicated bike lane. Respondents indicated that bikes could and do use other routes to access the neighbourhood, parks and the Valley Zoo. Improvements to crosswalks were desired at several key intersections along Buena Vista Road, although there were differing views as to whether these should take the form of raised crosswalks or curb extensions. There was a slight preference towards raised crosswalks from the public open house and online feedback. Both forms of crosswalks were desired for pedestrian safety and for traffic calming, as speed is a key concern amongst respondents.

Participants at the external stakeholder meeting did not have any concerns regarding proposed intersection improvements. Fifty per cent of the combined open house and online respondents indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the options presented. A few comments indicated that the intersections of both Valleyview Crescent and 87 Avenue with Buena Vista Road are functional as they are and do not require upgrading.