

112 AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

October 2012



The City of Edmonton is developing a concept plan for the reconstruction of 112 Avenue between 50th and 68th Streets in the Highlands/Bellevue area. This includes consideration of potential lane reduction in the area.

Reconstruction of an arterial road involves the complete replacement of roadway, curbs/gutters, streetlights and sidewalks. In planning for this reconstruction, there are decisions to be made regarding:

- ✓ Aesthetic treatments (for concrete/sidewalks, light pole fixtures, enhanced landscaping where appropriate)
- ✓ Cross-section (road reconfiguration adjustments can be made to sidewalk widths or the number and width of lanes)
- ✓ Circulation (traffic counts, collision data, and pedestrian counts are reviewed to identify if adjustments are needed for pedestrian, cycling or vehicle traffic)

In 2006/07, a study reviewed the potential of reducing the number of lanes along 112 Avenue between 50th and 68th Streets. Direction was given by City Council to review the lane reduction concept with relevant communities before future work to reconstruct 112 Avenue began.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

As a key component of developing the concept plan and considering a potential lane reduction, input will be obtained from key stakeholders, user groups and the general public through a public involvement process that is consistent with the City's *Public Involvement Policy (C513)*, and that reflects best practices of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

The public involvement process accompanying the concept planning process will begin in October 2012 and will be complete by December 2012. Road reconstruction design is targeted to occur in 2013, with construction planned for 2014.

The public involvement process will:

- ✓ Provide balanced, timely and objective information about potential impacts and changes relative to this project to stakeholders within and beyond the immediate project boundary
- ✓ Seek input and local knowledge from residents, community groups, businesses, institutions, and other road users relative to road reconstruction design elements (aesthetic treatments, circulation, road reconfiguration, lane reduction considerations) to help City Council make an informed decision about the potential to reduce travel lanes in the area, and project managers make informed decisions about design elements

LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT

The City of Edmonton's *Public Involvement Policy (C513)* includes a Continuum of Public Involvement that helps to set clear expectations, informing stakeholders and the public about what they are able to influence, and at what point in the process.

Overall Level of Public Involvement for this process is: **Information Sharing / Consultation**

Information Sharing	Consultation		Active Participation	
Sharing information to build awareness	Testing ideas or concepts to build knowledge	Collaborating to develop solutions to build commitment	Sharing decision making to build ownership	Delegating decision making to build responsibility

Public Consultation Continuum

INFORMATION SHARING

Information will be shared through a variety of means throughout the concept planning process regarding:

- ✓ Project purpose and background
- ✓ Opportunities for involvement
- ✓ Draft concepts
- ✓ "What We Heard" reports and how input from stakeholders and the public has been used in the decision process

CONSULTATION

Opportunities will be provided for the public to be involved at a consultation level relative to:

- ✓ Providing input regarding draft concepts

- ✓ Providing input regarding the potential lane reduction and potential impacts of any proposed changes that would affect vehicle, pedestrian and cycling traffic in the area
- ✓ Providing input to identify key areas that would benefit from aesthetic enhancements

HOW THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVOLVED

The following public involvement activities are planned:

- ✓ **Community workshop** to learn about, discuss and provide input on draft concept options
- ✓ **Online opportunity** for the public to review and provide input regarding draft concept options
- ✓ **Drop-in session** for participants to review/refine/validate preferred concept and design elements prior to being recommended to City Council
- ✓ **Website** on which information about the background and process, reports from public sessions, and a final evaluation of the public involvement process will be posted www.edmonton.ca/112Avenue

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