



# 127 STREET RECONSTRUCTION CONCEPT PLANNING

MARCH 2015

**OPEN HOUSE  
PRINCE CHARLES SCHOOL  
12325 - 127 STREET  
JANUARY 28, 2015, 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

## WHAT WE HEARD

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The City of Edmonton is finalizing a concept plan for 127 Street from 118 Avenue to Yellowhead Trail in preparation for road reconstruction scheduled in 2016.

Throughout the public involvement process, the project team has consulted with area residents, commuters, community leagues, local schools and businesses, and the Prince Charles Community Traffic Management Plan Committee.

Various communication methods were employed to foster information sharing and consultation with stakeholders, including one-on-one meetings, flyers, e-newsletters, online surveys, social media, public open houses, as well as communicating directly with citizens through emails and telephone calls.

One message the team consistently heard from stakeholders is that reconstruction of 127 Street is vital, due to the dire state of the road surface. In fact, 97% of respondents of our online survey agreed that 127 Street needed reconstruction.

The latest stage of the public consultation process occurred on January 28, 2015. An Open House was held at Prince Charles School to present the Recommended Concept Plan for 127 Street.

### FEEDBACK RECEIVED

A total of 80 individuals attended this Open House with 33 of those completing a comment form. A further 10 individuals completed the comment form online. The following provides an overview of the results of the comments submitted. **Note:** not all respondents completed each question.

The majority of respondents are area residents (80%), of which 64% are from Sherbrooke and 33% from Prince Charles. 49% of respondents use the corridor as commuters. A number of respondents indicated they use 127 Street in other ways, such as walking (40%), cycling (19%), and using public transit (26%).

**Respondents were asked about their level of satisfaction with public involvement during the development of the 127 Street concept plan. The results are as follows:**

- Respondents understand the decisions made to develop the concept plan: 63% agree, 12% disagree
- How satisfied are you with the City's efforts to involve the public in the planning of this project? 60% satisfied, 23% unsatisfied
- The recommended concept plan has addressed issues identified by the public where technically feasible: 46% agree, 22% disagree
- If there are issues that cannot be addressed by the recommended concept plan, a reasonable explanation has been provided: 41% agree, 32% disagree

### THEMES

Discussions on key themes heard throughout the public involvement process continued at this Open House.



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## Speeding and Shortcutting in Sherbrooke

As there were a number of Open House attendees from Sherbrooke, this issue was a topic of discussion.

Sustainable Transportation has historically coordinated the Community Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) Program, a process by which communities may explore potential solutions to traffic challenges within their neighbourhoods. New CTMP process guidelines were approved by City Council last year and are being piloted in Prince Charles and Pleasantview this summer.

At the moment, Sustainable Transportation is not undertaking any new CTMP work as the program is not funded and is currently under review.

In the interim, Sherbrooke remains on a list of communities who have expressed interest in participating in the program. Residents of Sherbrooke are also welcome to attend public meetings for the Prince Charles CTMP to learn more about the program.

To alleviate community concerns, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has requested manned enforcement in the area. OTS has also reviewed locations for the installation of two Driver Speed Signs, which have been effective in reducing speeds in problem locations throughout Edmonton.

Residents are encouraged to dial 311 to report any safety concerns in the community.

## Tree Removal or Relocation from the West-side Median

Feedback from public involvement shows majority support for the removal/relocation of trees along the median as a good trade-off to maintain four travel lanes with improved

lane widths, although some concerns understandably remain.

City Forestry has recommended replanting trees within the narrow median from a diversified selection of trees. Choosing the appropriate tree species will be addressed during preliminary and detailed design stage of this project.

## Full Signal at the 122 Avenue Intersection

Traffic Operations has determined a full signal light at this intersection is necessary to improve safety, as it has seen 42 collisions between 2009 and 2013.

Traffic will be monitored after the installation of the full traffic signal. The east/west maximum green time can be adjusted in response to observed traffic patterns.

## Operations at other Intersections along the Corridor

A few Open House attendees asked if the northbound left-hand turn at Yellowhead Trail can be reinstated.

Unfortunately, traffic flow in all directions is at maximum capacity at this intersection, adding a left turn would result in significant delays for traffic in all directions.

An interchange is planned for this intersection in the future; it's one part of a strategy to convert Yellowhead Trail into a freeway. It will be constructed when funding is secured and approved by City Council.

Citizens asked if a left-hand turn at 118 Avenue could be allowed when travelling northbound on 127 Street.

This intersection is not wide enough to allow for a northbound left-turn and dual southbound left-turns, which is why the less



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frequent northbound movement has been historically banned.

## WHAT'S UP NEXT

The project team is providing an update on this project to City Council's Transportation Committee on May 6, 2015. Citizens can register to speak at public meetings. To find out how, visit the [City website](#) or call 311.

Once the 127 Street concept plan is finalized, it will undergo preliminary and detailed design in advance of road reconstruction in 2016.

A pre-construction information session will be scheduled to share construction information with the public. Details of the meeting will be made public once it is confirmed.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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