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2014 - Great Neighbourhood Capital Program Projects under Construction - (15M) in 18 neighbourhoods:

The Great Neighbourhood Capital Program was established to invest about \$15 million per year to develop and deliver on community-identified priorities. This program looks to coordinate investment in three key areas:

Neighbourhood Revitalizations (\$13.5M)

Alberta Avenue Revitalization: (0.25M)

(Parkdale/Cromdale; Alberta Avenue; Spruce Avenue; Eastwood; Westwood; Delton; Elmwood Park)

Streetscape improvements include: New, wider sidewalks, trees, new marked pedestrian crossings, increased pedestrian level lighting, Street furniture and light pole painting, reorganization of side Street parking, and narrowing of the neighbourhood entrances.

118 Avenue 103-106 A Street - Final touches to complete this stretch of road from 103-106A Street, with landscaping.

ArtsCommon:

The City of Edmonton, in partnership with the Arts Habitat Edmonton and Arts on the Avenue, had planned to transform the former Alberta Cycle Building into an arts hub. During the renovation in 2012, significant, unexpected issues were identified with the 50 year old structure.

A business case was completed to explore options to meet the intended vision of providing space for an arts hub on Alberta Avenue. The City of Edmonton is committed to working with our partners to support a vibrant arts presence in the area.

Jasper Place Revitalization: (11.6M)

(Britannia/Youngstown; Canora; Glenwood; West Jasper Place)

The City began Streetscape improvements to help make Stony Plain Road more accessible, better designed and pedestrian-friendly in 2013. Streetscaping continues in 2014, including curbs, gutters, wider sidewalks, side Streets, crossings and development of parkette spaces on Stony Plain Road from 149-158 Street.

McCauley Revitalization: (0.6M)

The City has completed an Urban Design and Concept Plan for McCauley as part of the McCauley Revitalization Strategy. In 2014, detailed Streetscape plans are underway.

Capital Boulevard (Downtown): (1M)

The City of Edmonton is investing in the downtown to renovate five blocks of 108 Street between 99 Avenue and 104 Avenue. The Streetscape improvements will transform this Street into a premiere address to be called Capital Boulevard.

The project has continued into 2014 to complete outstanding work.

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Neighbourhood Redevelopment & Improvements (\$1.5M)

Building Great Neighbourhoods is a long term initiative that coordinates the efforts of three City of Edmonton programs - Drainage Neighbourhood Renewal, Neighbourhood Renewal and the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program - to renew, replace and enhance infrastructure in neighbourhoods across Edmonton.

As every neighbourhood is different, the investments made through the Great Neighbourhoods Capital Program are unique to each neighbourhood.

By coordinating work with other departments, the City ensures that disruption is minimized and investments are maximized to enhance the livability of neighbourhoods.

Canora - Construction of lighting and upgrade of the walkway to meet standards of a shared use path along 149 Street from 102-107 Avenue. This pathway will provides connections from the Canora neighbourhood to a green space residents can enjoy, as well as a connection through the neighbourhood to pedestrians and cyclists to connect to the Stony Plain Road Business area and to the river valley network.

In addition Street furniture such as benches and picnic tables will be installed along the new shared use path and in St. Anne's park that will follow the same look and feel as the work occurring along Stony Plain Road as part of the Jasper Place Revitalization.

Argyll - design work for the great neighbourhoods investments started in 2013, this project includes benches and some trees in green spaces outside of the Argyll District Park. In addition to these investments, a sidewalk connection will be made to the community league and nearby amenities.

Delton - design work for trees to be planted in the Delton Neighbourhoods along 123 Avenue from 90 St to 97 St.

Hazeldean - pathway connection from the ravine to 93 Street as well as installation of park furniture such as benches, garbage cans and picnic tables. Park furniture and a gravel trail from 93-99 Street along the greenway will be installed.

Montrose - A pathway will be constructed as an extension of the 121 Avenue on-Street bike route that will be installed in 2013 from Victoria Trail to west of 69 Street. The path will connect this substantial eastwest route across Wayne Gretzky Drive, a major barrier, to the Northeast LRT trail that runs into downtown Edmonton. The pathway construction is a partnership with Sustainable Transportation.

Laurier Heights - A hard surface is being added to connect to a staircase near Laurier Drive.

In addition to the design and construction of these projects, the Building Great Neighbourhoods Initiative also engaged residents in the neighbourhoods of Cromdale, Glenora, and Laurier Heights to explore the kinds of neighbourhood improvements they would like to see in their neighbourhood. Specific Neighbourhood projects will be under construction in 2015. The Building Great Neighbourhoods Team also engaged residents in Bonnie Doon, Westmount, Avonmore, Rosslyn, Westwood, and Queen Alexandra. Projects will be identified and are targeted for construction in 2015/2016.

Business Development

Public Realm improvements are made around business and commercial areas.

Westmount - Working with partners to explore development of a local neighbourhood park along 124 Street/108 Avenue.

Highlands - public realm improvements along 112 Avenue adjacent to the commercial area are being designed for implementation in 2015.