

City of Edmonton
Accessibility Advisory Committee
(AAC) Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022
 Google Meet
 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Present: D. Achuroa D. Antaya-Moore B. Belsek
 K. Boyd C. Brenneis M. Dancsok
 S. Klassen P. Kocon T. LaRiviere
 D. Rudolph C. Sneddon I. Stefaniuk-Gaudet
 C. Tang C. Wright Z. Weeks

Guests: L. Bar J. Molora M. Ponich

Regrets: H. Craig P. Rzechowka M. Vautour

Staff: C. Lamoureux A. Szafranski

Notes	Action
1. Call to order At 4:34 pm	
2. Approval of agenda Agenda of May 9, 2022 Moved by S. Klassen	Carried
3. Approval of minutes Minutes of April 11, 2022 Moved by C. Brenneis	Carried

4. Land Acknowledgement

- i. A land acknowledgement was made.

5. Welcome and Introductions

- i. Introductions were made.

6. City Council update

- i. AAC is encouraged to keep following the Snow and Ice Reports; the next report is on budget implications and will go to Council in June.
- ii. Online survey engagement opportunities:
 - a. Snow and Ice (Date to be determined)
 - b. City of Edmonton budget cycle: looking to hear feedback on the Capital and Operating budget for the next four years (June, date to be determined).
 - c. [Warehouse Park downtown](#) is currently in the concept stage. H. Craig will participate in the initial internal conversation/consultation.
- iii. [Campaign on the rights of disability workers](#) - recently reached a milestone of 3000 signatures.

7. Valley Line LRT Safety Presentation

1) [Valley Line LRT](#)

- i. The Valley Line LRT will run from MillWoods to Downtown, then passengers can connect at Churchill Station to the Capital and Metro lines.
- ii. The valley line features low floor trains. This means the doors open at sidewalk level making boarding easy for everyone. They will share the road with motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. There are no crossing arms, gates, or bells like other LRT lines in Edmonton. Drivers will also notice that right turns are not allowed on red lights at some intersections.
- iii. What is different about the Valley Line?
 - a. The valley line stops are located closer together and they're integrated into communities.
 - b. The stop platforms are accessible via ramps and we have an elevator at Davies station.
 - c. The trains have what is called step-free boarding, which means the floor of the train is level or as close to level with the floor of the stop platform.
 - d. The trains all have priority seating located near every door, and our trains have dedicated space for wheelchair users (there are no seats in these areas).
 - e. Valley Line trains will move with traffic, and the system doesn't have any crossing arms, gates or bells at intersections.

- f. Trains are quiet and cannot be heard over normal traffic noises.
 - iv. Safety program will take a phased approach:
 - a. Phase 1: a postcard was mailed out to Edmontonians in late January or February to showcase the differences between the current LRT system and the new Valley Line. It also included some safety messages.
 - b. Targeted outreach to special interest groups like the AAC and City Hall schools.
 - c. A general safety brochure which has been translated into multiple languages and braille.
 - d. Educational videos will be released in June.
 - e. Phase 2 will include safety messaging advertising, social media and radio ads change, approximately thirty days from opening the line.
 - f. Phase 3 will occur two months post service commencement, post opening to the public. It will be more targeted outreach - some areas or communities that maybe are experiencing challenges or not feeling comfortable and confident interacting with the new system. Plan to have targeted outreach with them and provide some support.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

1) [Orientation](#)

- i. AAC members received orientation on how the AAC operates.

10. Administrative/Executive Update

11. Other Committee Work

12. AAC Calendar

- i. [May 15 - ValleyLine LRT open house](#)
 - i. Opportunity to see the LRT cars between 9 am to 10 am at Millwoods stop (anyone from AAC or DAG). A meeting invite will be sent out.
- ii. May 19 - NAAW with Ron Wickman
 - i. Come to the AAC spoke before. Report was passed at City Council to reduce single use items (complex items with Federal legislation around plastic use).

13. Round Table/Social Media

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be May 9, 2022.