

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal Newsletter – November 2020

Edmonton

Neighbourhood Renewal is coming to Boyle Street and McCauley!

In 2023, the City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Renewal program will build new roads, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks, and install new street lights in both Boyle Street and McCauley. The program will also explore other neighbourhood improvements such as street crossings, additional bike connections, and improvements to City-owned parks and gathering spaces. Some alleys may also be upgraded.

Planning begins now!

We invite you to get involved early to share how you move, work, live, gather and play in Boyle Street and McCauley now, and how you would like to in the future. New roads, sidewalks and parks will be in place for the next 30 to 50 years, so think long term!

Stay informed and engaged!

Complete the survey – November 25 – December 21, 2020

Share how you bike, walk and drive around your neighbourhood. What are the challenges? What outdoor spaces do you use to gather with friends? How can we improve them?

Online – edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley

No access to online resources? No problem!

Paper copies of the survey are available upon request by emailing chase.gingles@edmonton.ca or calling 780.996.4372.

Translation Services

Change is coming to your neighbourhood. Find out how to get involved. Email Leanne for translated material at leanne.janke@edmonton.ca.

您所在的社区即将发生变化。了解如何参与。向Leanne的电子邮件 leanne.janke@edmonton.ca 发送邮件可获得更多翻译材料。

Un cambiamento sta arrivando nel tuo quartiere. Scopri come prendere parte. Email Leanne per il materiale tradotto a leanne.janke@edmonton.ca

У Вашому районі (околиці) плануються зміни. Якщо Ви бажаєте прилучитись до них та отримати додаткову інформацію, тоді звертайтеся до Ліанн за емейлом - leanne.janke@edmonton.ca



Boyle Street & McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal Schedule

WE ARE HERE

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2020

Building a Project Vision Together

JANUARY–MARCH 2021

Exploring Opportunities

APRIL–OCTOBER 2021

Exploring Options and Tradeoffs

NOVEMBER 2021–FEBRUARY 2022

Community Feedback on Draft Design

MARCH–JUNE 2022

Community Feedback on Final Design

FEBRUARY 2023

Preparing for Construction & Local Improvement Decisions

SPRING 2023–FALL 2025

Construction on Your Streets

FALL 2025

Celebrate with Us!

Volunteer for Neighbourhood Renewal

Join the Boyle Street and McCauley Community Committee

We would like to invite residents, business owners and others with an interest in improving Boyle Street and McCauley to participate in the Neighbourhood Renewal Community Committee. The group will brainstorm design ideas, discuss how best to connect with residents and others, and review communication materials. We expect about eight meetings to be held between January 2021 and June 2022. Meeting times and days will be decided by the committee.

If you are interested or require more information, please contact the project coordinator for your neighbourhood:

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Two Great Neighbourhoods – One Project

MCCAULEY



BOYLE STREET



These two neighbourhoods will start renewal construction beginning in 2023 and, because they are physically connected, one Project Team will oversee both to ensure the final designs work together. However, we recognize that Boyle Street and McCauley are separate, distinct neighbourhoods with their own histories, characteristics and opportunities, and will ensure the neighbourhood designs reflect this individuality.



Boyle Street and McCauley Project Vision & Guiding Principles

Project Vision:

To enhance how residents and visitors walk, bike, drive, access transit and use public spaces in Boyle Street and McCauley through building of new public infrastructure that considers how residents live, work and play. Sidewalks and roads will be resurfaced, street lights will be upgraded, and features such as bike lanes, traffic calming measures and enhancements to outdoor public gathering spaces will be explored to improve the liveability of each neighbourhood.

Guiding Principles

Boyle Street and McCauley are two distinct communities located in the heart of Edmonton and are each home to a diversity of active residents who want to:



1. Enjoy walking or biking using clean, smooth, comfortable connections that take them to their desired destinations.

The Project Team will, along with replacing or resurfacing all sidewalks, roads and upgrading street lights, **explore ways to:**

- + Provide pedestrian and biking connections to key destinations including transit stops
- + Prioritize City owned spaces for those who walk and bike (wider sidewalks and bike lanes vs wider roads)
- + Improve crossing safety (slow traffic, shorter crossing distances)
- + Improve pedestrian visibility (pedestrian lighting, clear sight lines, raised crosswalks, curb extensions)
- + Include the needs of all ages, genders and mobility levels
- + Design infrastructure that is usable in all seasons

- + Include comfortable seating areas along highly used walking and biking routes
- + Beautify high-use areas (tree plantings, artwork, garbage cans)
- + Provide secure bike parking



2. Use outdoor public and green open spaces that are welcoming, vibrant and provide an inviting and thriving extension of living spaces where they, and their visitors, feel safe to relax, gather, socialize and play year round.

The Project Team will explore ways to:

- + Improve the visibility of users (lighting, clear sight lines)
- + Beautify spaces (tree plantings, artwork, garbage cans)
- + Create welcoming gathering areas (communal / picnic tables, shade structures, plazas)
- + Incorporate active and passive recreation and activity areas (open green spaces, dog park)
- + Explore opportunities to add additional green space



3. Drive around their neighbourhoods on smooth roads and alleys that are user-friendly and easy to navigate.

The Project Team will, along with replacing roads and alleys, and upgrading street lights, **explore ways to:**

- + Enhance the safety of intersections
- + Design roadways that encourage slow speeds (traffic calming measures)
- + Improve the visibility of wayfinding and traffic signage (reduce unexpected maneuvers / collisions)
- + Meet on-street public parking needs





4. Visually celebrate the unique character areas and rich history of each neighbourhood.

The Project Team will explore ways to:

- + Bring visual identity to specific areas of the neighbourhoods using different colours, patterns or textures in elements such as sidewalks or street furniture (lighting / benches)
- + Incorporate urban design elements such as:
 - i. Art – Integrated details in common elements such as poetry in a sidewalk or within the street furnishings
 - ii. Language – Signage and wayfinding that reflect the local context of language and dialect
 - iii. Culture – Cultural elements such as colour that evoke cultural context (such as red streetlight poles in Chinatown and green in Little Italy)
 - iv. Heritage – Recognise historic resources/ events through an interpretive program of some sort, e.g. original house numbers in sidewalks, heritage plaques, etc.

Public engagement

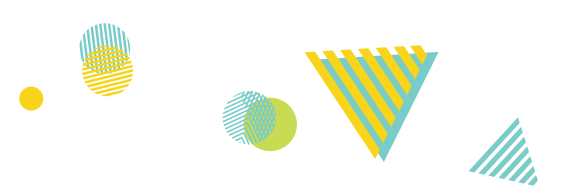
We have created a road map to share the renewal process from the creation of the neighbourhood design through to celebrating the final results.

Each step of the process builds upon what was heard and learned in the step before.

There will be many ways for you to help influence your neighbourhood design. We will explain what input we need from you and how it will be used to help make decisions and we commit to reporting back to you on how your input was incorporated.



Tell us what you think about the Vision and Guiding Principles in the survey.

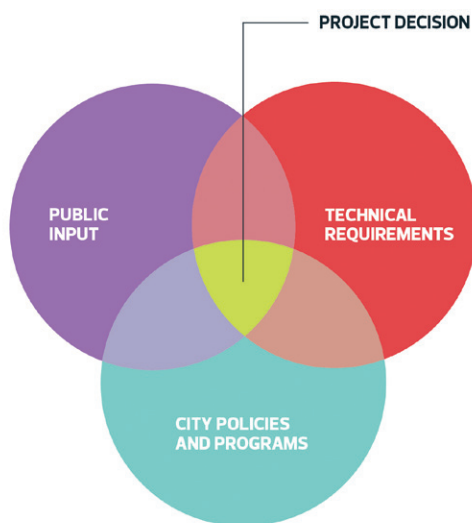


How decisions are made

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, technical requirements and public input.

City policies and programs such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, Active Transportation Policy, Safe Mobility Strategy and Winter City Strategy provide the overall direction for Neighbourhood Renewal designs. As each neighbourhood is unique, the Project Team asks for input from residents and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will fit in the neighbourhood.

The City will consider what is important to people who live, work and play in Boyle Street and McCauley and to understand how neighbourhood renewal decisions will affect them.



Local Improvement Decisions: Property owner cost-sharing opportunities

Decorative street lights and sidewalk reconstruction are Local Improvements that are cost-shared by the City and property owners in the neighbourhood.

Standard street lights will be replaced as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal process. Property owners in each neighbourhood will also have the opportunity to upgrade to their community's choice of **decorative** street lights through a community-initiated Local Improvement process.

Sidewalk replacement is also a cost-shared improvement. This means property owners are responsible for 50 per cent of the cost and the City pays the other 50 per cent. Property owners will have the opportunity to decide if this improvement proceeds or not. Should property owners decided not to proceed with sidewalk replacement, the City will address trip hazards by grinding and patching.

New sidewalks may be installed where connections are missing as part of the renewal. These are fully funded by the City. There is no cost to property owners.

For more information on Local Improvements and the decision processes, please visit edmonton.ca/Localimprovements for more details.

About the Project Team

The Boyle Street and McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal Project Team is led by project manager, Becky Redford, and project coordinators Chase Gingles and Leanne Janke. The team includes transportation engineers, urban planners and landscape architects, along with public engagement and communications specialists.

Building Great Neighbourhoods: Our commitment

Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

This is your city and your neighbourhood. We want to understand how you experience your neighbourhood and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better. We will engage and work with you on the renewal of your roads, sidewalks, street lights and park spaces and promote other community opportunities to enhance how people live and interact in your neighbourhood. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. Let's make the most out of your neighbourhood.

While in-person public events are paused and physical distancing is a priority, we remain committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities efficiently and safely.

Stay informed

Visit edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley for more information and to sign up for project email updates.

For more information:

Web: edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley

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Call: 311

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