

What We Heard Report: Boyle Street and McCauley Neighbourhood Renewal

Community Feedback on Final Design
April 2022 to July 2022

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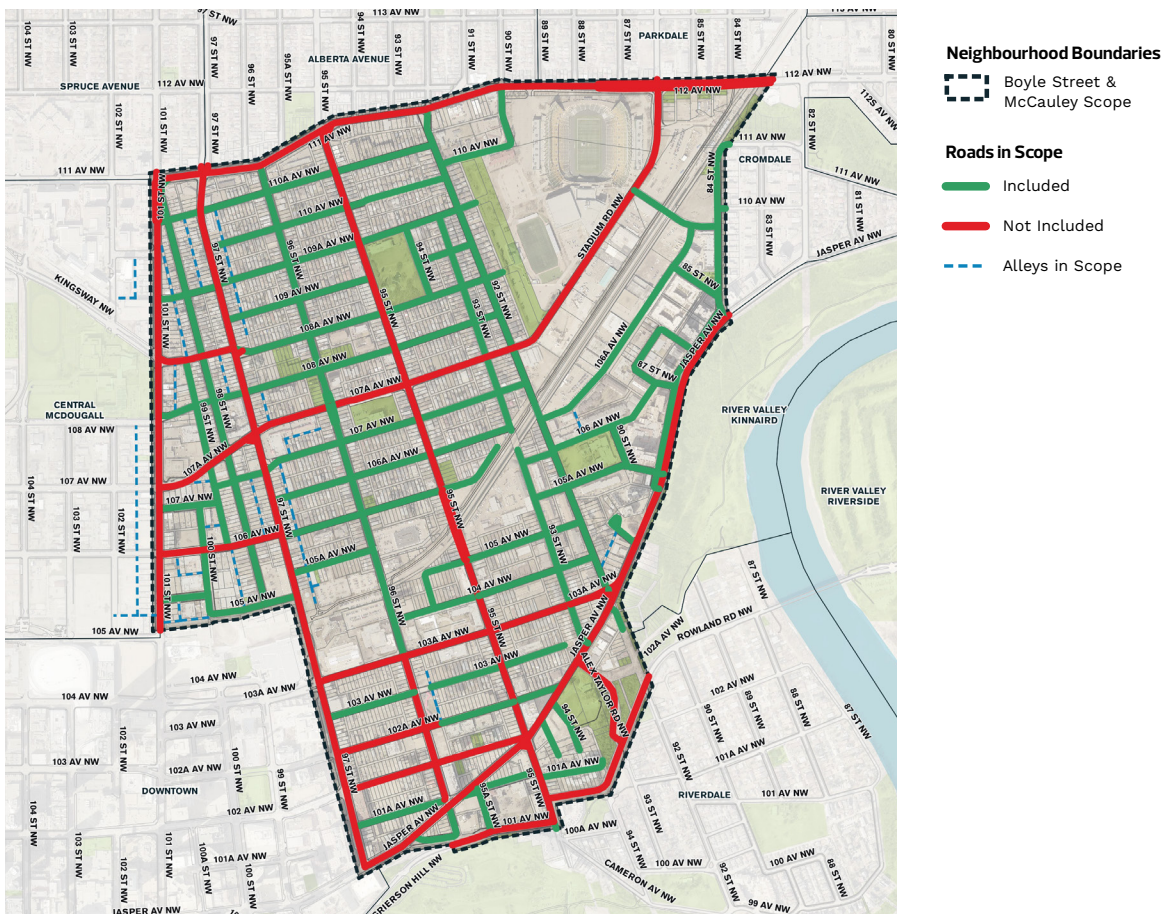


Project overview

Boyle Street and McCauley have been chosen for Neighbourhood Renewal construction to update aging streets and sidewalks. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2023 for McCauley and 2024 for Boyle Street.

Neighbourhood Renewal rehabilitates residential roads, replaces street lights, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and adds missing sidewalk links, where possible. Other opportunities to improve how people walk, roll, bike and drive in the neighbourhood, and how they enjoy City-owned parks and open spaces are also explored.

An interactive public engagement process began in November 2020 to gather local knowledge and views and opinions from residents and property owners to inform the development of the neighbourhood design and ensure it meets the needs of both current residents and visitors and those in the future.



Roadmap to Building Great Neighbourhoods

The Neighbourhood Renewal program follows the roadmap below from Starting the Conversation to the unveiling of the new neighbourhood enhancements and celebration of the completion of construction. At each step, the Project Team shares how public input will inform the decisions being made.

This report highlights the input received during the **Community Feedback on Final Design** phase between April 2022 and July 2022.



Public engagement spectrum

The City of Edmonton is committed to seeking diverse opinions, experiences and perspectives from Edmontonians, ensuring a wide range of input is available to support decision making.

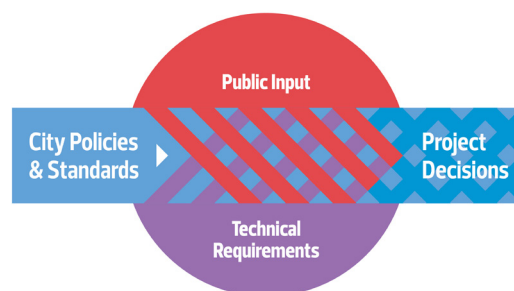
The City's public engagement spectrum defines the public's level of influence in the engagement process. Engagement activities during this phase were at the **ADVISE** level on the City's public engagement spectrum.



Visit edmonton.ca/PublicEngagement for more information on the City's public engagement process and click on Vision, Definition and Spectrum.

Decision making process

City policies and standards such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards, 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 who live, work and play in the neighbourhood and considers technical aspects such as roadway widths and conflicts with utilities and trees to determine what will best fit in the neighbourhood.



Over 10,000 residents live in Boyle Street and McCauley, each with needs and opinions on how they envision its future. Over the past year, feedback has been collected in multiple ways—surveys, Community Conversations, emails/phone calls, stakeholder discussions and online engagement. Early public input was used to develop the Project Vision and Guiding Principles that, along with ongoing public engagement, continue to guide the Project Team when prioritizing design decisions.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the public engagement opportunities to date and contributed knowledge and experience to help shape the future of Boyle Street and McCauley.

Community Feedback on Final Design

During this project stage, the Project Team reviewed and analyzed public feedback on the draft design for the neighbourhood from the previous engagement stage – **Community Feedback on Draft Design** – and created the final neighbourhood design. The final design was shared with the public to gather feedback.

How we informed and engaged

We asked the public if they had any concerns with the final design they wanted the Project Team to be aware of and also which changes they were most looking forward to.

The Project Team shared information and answered questions at two online public information events and gathered public and stakeholder input through an online survey and through email and phone call interactions.

The input received during this phase is summarized in this report and will be used to modify the design and prepare it for the construction phase.

Visit edmonton.ca/BuildingBoyleStreetandMcCauley for details from previous phases.





PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENTS

Boyle Street, June 22, 2022 - **6 Attendees**

McCauley, June 23, 2022 - **17 Attendees**

Residents, stakeholders and other interested members of the public were invited to attend online public information events to review the final design and ask questions.



SURVEY

35 Responses

The survey was available online and in paper copy (as requested) and presented the final design as a whole for public input. The survey was available between June 16 to June 30, 2022.



EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS

Residents, and property and business owners shared information with the Project Team via email and telephone.



FINAL DESIGN INFORMATION BOOKLET

Maps, drawings and details of the final neighbourhood design were organized into an information booklet and posted online or available in paper copy, by request.



What we heard

The following is a summary of what we heard across all engagement activities and audience groups during the Community Feedback on Final Design phase. All feedback will be considered by the Project Team as they work to modify the final design and prepare it for the construction phase.

It is important to note that unique priorities, issues and concerns were raised by individual stakeholders and public respondents and may not necessarily be reflected in the common themes.

All designs are subject to final approvals and funding.

The public and stakeholders were invited to participate in an online survey where the designs were separated into four sections: McCauley East, McCauley West, McCauley Central and Boyle Street. Each section highlighted planned changes to improve how people walk, bike, roll, drive and experience the streets, sidewalks, parks and public spaces in Boyle Street and McCauley. Feedback was also collected via questions and comments during the Public Information Events and from emails and phone calls exchanged with the Project Team.

Taking into consideration all engagement activities, the following highlights some of the changes respondents look forward to most.

Active Transportation

- + Active transportation improvements including the shared pathways, pedestrian focussed alleys and bike routes on 108 Avenue and 96 Street
- + Protected bike lanes
- + Curb extensions
- + Sidewalks added where missing
- + Walking connections through Giovanni Caboto Park

"Boyle Street: First of all, I am excited by all of the changes. If I had to pick one it would be the shared pathways. I walk a lot in this neighbourhood and I'm sure those upgrades will make those walks even more enjoyable."

"Boyle Renaissance Phase 3 - Alley 103 to 102A Avenue and Alley connecting 104 Avenue to 105 Avenue all look phenomenal. The alley connection to Latta Bridge is also great. Great job!"

"I'm really excited that the city is adding more active transportation routes within the area and widening sidewalks/creating more bump-outs to reduce car traffic. I think McCauley has so much potential but it can be difficult to walk/bike in the neighbourhood because of the amount of pedestrian traffic and how narrow the sidewalks are."

Public Spaces

- + Public space improvements especially where parking will be reduced and wider sidewalks and trees will be added
- + 108 Avenue/108A Avenue Corner Store opportunities that encourage future events/festivals
- + Low impact development

"Generally very excited to see more shared spaces and accommodations for future festivals etc."

"I appreciate the retention of trees on 92 Street"

"As you're probably aware, this portion of the community (McCauley West) has a tonne of potential and is currently stark and inhospitable. Wider sidewalks, curb extensions, and trees will be huge and make much more of a difference to local residences and businesses than parking ever would."

Driving

- + Road repaving

"I'm looking forward to improved traffic flow that respects the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, while also retaining easy access to our homes (without requiring significant circling of blocks)"

Taking into consideration all engagement activities, the following highlights some of the changes respondents are most concerned about.

Active Transportation

- + Pedestrians and cyclists not being prioritized enough:
 - + Consider more 'pedestrian only' spaces
 - + Add more protected bike lanes (suggest 92 Street)
 - + Further reduce parking and use space for active transportation
 - + Add more raised crossings
- + Separate vs shared spaces are preferred to avoid conflicts (pedestrian/bike/car)
- + Paving stones used in enhanced pedestrian crossings tend to deteriorate, ensure maintenance plan in place

"I do not see the need to install shared pathways for bikes and pedestrians. E-bikes and fast-moving cyclists can pose a danger to walkers. Sidewalks for pedestrians, streets for bicycles and scooters."

Driving

- + Planned changes on 92 Street will have traffic impacts on 93 Street between 107A Avenue and 108 Avenue and additional traffic calming measures should be considered
- + Alleys are deteriorating and should be included in the renewal
- + Parking is a priority in business areas such as Chinatown and along 96 Street
- + One-way roadways restrict resident and visitor movements

"We need more parking – the reduction of parking in McCauley Central is unacceptable for us who live here, and for our businesses and churches. Especially to all the churches located so close to each other on 96 Street, a reduction of parking is detrimental!"

Social Issues

- + Concerns about the area's unhoused, crime and encampments that have not been addressed in the design
- + Designs that encourage loitering and encampments are a concern, for example, the wide sidewalks planned in Chinatown
- + Mary Burlie Park has considerable social issues that design alone will not solve



Next Steps

The Project Team will consider all comments received as it confirms the final neighbourhood design.

Watch for information on the upcoming project stages:

February 2023

Preparing for Construction and Local Improvement Decisions in McCauley

Spring 2023 to Fall 2025

Construction on Your Streets in McCauley

Early 2024

Preparing for Construction and Local Improvement Decisions in Boyle Street

Spring 2024 to Fall 2025

Construction on Your Streets in Boyle Street

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