

# Valley Line West - MINUTES

Citizen Working Groups F & G  
(Downtown/Groat & Stony Plain Road)

Edmonton

March 15, 2023 7 to 9 P.M. | GOOGLE MEET

Members		Attendance
<b>Zone "F"</b>		
Andrew Chau	First Capital Realty – Brewery District & Long Street	
Andrew MacIsaac	Downtown Edmonton Community League	
Cadence Bergman	Edmonton Chamber of Commerce	
Christine (Co-Director)	Co-Civics Director, Oliver Community League	✓
Dan Young	City Market Downtown	
Emma Zurawell	Oliver Community League	✓
Haylie Thomlison	BentallGreenOak – Unity Square	
Jared Candlish	Oliver Community League	
Kajsa Duke	Public at Large	✓
Karen VanDerLaan	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Luwam Kiflemariam	124 Street Business Association	
Martyn Bell	Queen Mary Park Community League	
Natalie Tremblay	Co-Civics Director, Oliver Community League	✓
Puneeta McBryan	Edmonton Downtown Business Association	
Robert Summers	Westmount Community League	
Sarah Proudlock	124 Street Business Association	✓
Sarah Ricardo	Edmonton City Centre	
Thomas Oster	Public at Large	
Tony Nunes	Altus Group / BentallGreenOak – Unity Square	

<b>Zone “G”</b>		
Allan Bly	Grovenor Community League	
Barb Busse	Britannia Youngstown Community League	
Brandon Schatz	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	
Christine Lefebvre	Old Glenora Conservation Association	✓
Craig Werner	School sector - Glenora School Parent Advisory Council	
Currently unassigned	Glenora Community League	
Dinah Plamondon	Public at Large	✓
Peter Doell	West Jasper / Sherwood Community League	✓
Rod Matheson	Crestwood Community League	
Taylor Soroka	Jasper Place Wellness Centre	
Todd Janes	Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association	✓
Tony Lovell	Canora Community League	

Jack Stuempel	Community Relations Advisor (Facilitator)	
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<b>COE / MIP / Guests</b>
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Meilai Ha	Partnerships Manager, COE	✓
Jyllian Park	Communications Advisor, COE	✓
Wade Wilson	Valley Line LRT Stakeholder Relations	✓
Brad Baumle	Construction Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Jennifer Sheehan	Communications Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Jodi Doesburg	Communications & Stakeholder Relations Support, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓

	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION BY:</b>
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting participants introduced themselves</li> <li>● Wade Wilson, Stakeholder Relations, is now facilitating CWG meetings, taking over from Jack Stuempel.</li> <li>● Wade shared the new format of the meeting - City and MIP presentations will be given at each meeting with high-level milestones and information</li> <li>● Discussed how presenters will share information and raise/capture action items for future meetings</li> </ul>	
2	<b>Confirmation of Agenda</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The agenda was adopted as circulated.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as circulated.</li> </ul>	
4	<b>Status of Action Items</b>	
	a) City met with Todd Janes - City has been meeting with Todd regularly: microsite development ongoing, signage for SPR BIA, shortcutting concerns	<b>COMPLETE</b>
	b) Traction power substation - 124 Street - addressed in meeting)	<b>COMPLETE</b>
	c) Confirm official names of stops and stations - addressed in meeting)	<b>COMPLETE</b>
	d) Traffic safety near Glenora School - addressed in meeting)	<b>COMPLETE</b>
	e) All is Bright festival (124 Street) - MIP willing to promote to gain possible MIP volunteers	<b>MIP</b>
	f) 142 Street intersection/traffic flow - MIP addressed in meeting: monitoring and making changes as needed	<b>COMPLETE</b>
	g) Signage on 142 Street to detour people to 107 Avenue - City Safe Mobility teams are monitoring and working on solutions	<b>COMPLETE</b>
5	<b>City of Edmonton Update</b>	
	<p><b>Notable stakeholder engagements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CWG meetings ongoing through March</li> <li>○ Pre-construction meeting coming in May</li> <li>○ Conversations with stakeholders along the alignment are ongoing</li> <li>● Update on 134 Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with businesses near SPR bridge - specifically 134 Street - City + MIP met with business owners and installed Open for Business and wayfinding signage. MIP will address parking concerns as they come</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Grovenor/Glenora community meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two community league meetings hosted by Councillor Knack</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion focused on traffic flow concerns and shortcutting related to LRT construction</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Traction Power Substation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Power station will be on 125 Street and 105 Avenue on two residential lots                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ City is working on plans for lots on the NW/NE of 124 Street and SPR</li> <li>○ The confusion about the substation location came from an early map created when the VLW project was approved. The substation on the old map was located in a previously approved location but is now out-of-date.</li> <li>○ City has confirmed the new and final location (2 residential lots)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Todd Janes asked about what will happen with the NW/NE lots</li> <li>● Peter Doell requested a more accurate location of the substation on the final map (map was just for presentation purposes only)</li> <li>● Sarah Proudluck asked how the old Western Cycle lot will be used in the future</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - COE will provide CWG members with the proper contacts for future land use inquiries.</li> </ul>	Wade
	<p><b>102 Ave Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meilai gave update on the pedestrian pilot program bylaw that was defeated</li> <li>● Meilai encouraged members to share their concerns and opinions about the usage of 102 Avenue</li> <li>● bike detours - Meilai gave an advanced notice that City is exploring what will happen with the 102 Ave bike lane</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Safe Mobility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Melai explained how the City + MIP work together to monitor traffic changes and find solutions as issues arise</li> <li>● Discussed how we the City is monitoring and reacting to traffic changes during the SPR Bridge closure</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION:</b> CWG members to use the <a href="#">formal inquiry</a> process to explain specific traffic concerns including location and observed issues.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>136 Street traffic changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meilai explained jughandle changes on 136 Street</li> <li>● Gave background on Glenora Parents Council concerns about traffic concerns related to the jughandle                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ City Council approved the request to eliminate northbound traffic - only way to access would be 134 Street and 139 Street</li> <li>○ signals moved to 133 Street and 139 Street</li> <li>○ NB routes will be limited</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Peter Dowell asked if the City can provide a jughandle map for the changes - expressed these are high traffic areas right now and may become more congested</li> <li>● Safe Mobility will continue to monitor traffic and will make mitigations as needed</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - City will look into additional communication materials and efforts for residents about the upcoming traffic change.</li> </ul>	Meilai
6	<p><b>MIP Construction Update</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jenn led with Jodi supporting</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MIP stated their “Good Neighbour” policy             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Snow clearing - MIP is asking people to raise concerns and MIP will address ASAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Project updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MIP shared high-level focus for 2023 construction activities along the alignment</li> </ul> </li> <li>● MIP shared the look back video</li> <li>● MIP shared the look-ahead plan for 2023 construction             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trees                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ More trees will be removed this spring to allow for prep and roadworks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Drainage                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 107 Street (fall) single lane traffic</li> <li>■ 104 Avenue (spring/summer) 4 lanes maintained</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p>Stony Plain Road Closure (129 Street to 139 Street)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stony Plain Road + bridge construction overview - SPR will be closed to east/west vehicle traffic from 129 Street to 139 Street starting this construction season</li> <li>● MIP shared SPR Bridge demo timelapse from December/January</li> <li>● MIP directed members to their website for more information and construction updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Confirmed postcards with closure dates and access changes will be delivered to impacted residents and businesses before the closure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kajsa asked about north/south access during the road closure             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MIP shared high-level information about cross street access - 136 Street and 134 Street access will be maintained as much as possible</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kajsa asked about Google map updates - bridge is shown as being open             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jenn expressed that MIP is looking at making updates but updating Google Maps is a challenging process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p>West SPR construction timeline (142 Street - 156 Street)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MIP shared a high-level overview of upcoming roadwork along SRP from 142 Street to 156 Street</li> <li>● Todd Janes asked about the timeline for when the construction will move from the southside to the northside of SPR             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MIP explained more to do on southside yet, timeline unknown. Once the southside work is done, northside will be closed to allow for construction</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Todd requested additional key messages for how MIP + City will support businesses</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - MIP will keep Todd updated on the construction schedule for SPR</li> </ul>	<p>Jenn</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - MIP committed to having conversations with COE and SPR BIA about how to best support and inform businesses along SPR. Will set up a meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Jenn <b>(COMPLETE)</b></p>
	<p>Business support program available to businesses impacted by construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MIP provides resources and materials to businesses and organizations impacted by LRT construction             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Signage + scrim</li> <li>○ Construction toolkit</li> <li>○ MIP shared information on construction notification channels</li> <li>○ MIP shared information on the school safety program for schools near construction zones</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - MIP committed to working with the SPR BIA investigating more ways to promote access to businesses including possibly more signage</li> </ul>	Jenn
	<p>Stops and Stations Renderings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MIP showcased approved renderings for future stops                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members expressed the importance of seeing future renderings - requested to see more of them</li> <li>○ Todd Janes expressed to City staff that the City needs to provide more access to renderings</li> <li>○ Christine L asked if they can have the renderings to share with their communities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - COE committed to showcasing more of the renderings on City channels + sharing approved renderings with CWG members</li> </ul>	Wade
	<p>Community events + stakeholder opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sarah Proudluck inquired about when SPR will open - All is Bright event is planned for November 19                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If the road is still closed, the festival wants to activate the area east of the SPR Bridge</li> <li>○ Sarah wants to engage with the City and MIP about how they can activate the closure area during construction .</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - MIP/City will work with All is Bright Festival to confirm construction timelines and look into options for activation of the space during construction. MIP/COE to set up meeting with BIA.</li> </ul>	Jenn/Wade <b>(COMPLETE)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Round Table</b>	
	<p><b>Todd</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wants to discuss specific action items with Wade outside the meeting</li> <li>● Would like to see the minutes from CWG meetings well before the next scheduled meeting.</li> </ul>	i
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - Connect with Todd one-on-one to discuss concerns</li> </ul>	Wade <b>(COMPLETE)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - COE will deliver meeting minutes to members more promptly (within weeks) along with detailed action items ahead of future meetings</li> </ul>	Wade <b>(COMPLETE)</b>
	<p><b>Peter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Has specific traffic and signage questions for MIP/COE (not shared in meeting)</li> <li>● MIP directed to members to visit the website for up-to-date construction and traffic notices</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - Jenn confirmed will connect with Peter and loop in MIP teams to address concerns</li> </ul>	Jenn
	<p><b>Emma</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Asked about 104 pedestrian access - will there be marked crossings/traffic signals along the route (Unity Village)?</li> <li>● How many will be controlled crossings?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meiali shared technical map with detailed crossings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - City will discuss with the technical team and find out about specific crossing details (push buttons?). City will provide information about 118 Street to 112 Street infrastructure to members in Oliver.</li> </ul>	Wade
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - Provide Emma and CWG members with pedestrian plans. Look into bringing a technical team member to future CWG meetings to give detailed crossing information. Will provide pedestrian crossing video at next meeting.</li> </ul>	Wade
	<p><b>Natalie</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wants to know the City’s plan to improve walkability and accessibility along the wide traffic corridor of 104 Avenue when construction is completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meilai raised Vision Zero initiative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION:</b> Connect with members of the COE technical team and Traffic Ops to find out more information about traffic calming and pedestrian safety along 104 Avenue when VLW is operational.</li> </ul>	Meilai
	<p><b>Christine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wants more information on final design for marked crossings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meilai confirmed that the City is updating the VLW booklet</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Asked about traffic concerns and lines repainted on 142 Street</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - City will share updated maps and booklets when they are available</li> </ul>	Wade
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ACTION</b> - MIP will look into concerns and see how improvements can be made on 142 Street.</li> </ul>	Jenn
<b>8</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wade asked members if they want to meet in person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most members want to meet online</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Next meeting: October 24, 2023 at 7 pm</li> </ul>	

Notes by Jyllian Park