



What We Decided Report Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal

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What is Neighbourhood Renewal?

Through the City of Edmonton's Building Great Neighbourhoods program, the Neighbourhood Renewal program will rehabilitate roads, replace street lights, curbs and gutters, repair sidewalks and connect missing sidewalk links where possible. Other opportunities to improve parks and public spaces will also be explored, such as:

- + Trees
- + Play spaces
- + Trails
- + Park furniture
- + Walkways
- + Sports fields

Purpose

This report shares how the City of Edmonton arrived at final designs for the Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal.

The report describes when and how the City used policy and program information, public engagement input and technical requirements to make design decisions. The report also illustrates how the design decisions align with the community-created Vision for Neighbourhood Renewal in Lorelei and Beaumaris. A similar report will be provided for the final designs in Beaumaris.

Message from the Project Manager

Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal construction began in spring 2020, with completion scheduled for 2022.

The Neighbourhood Renewal program reflects the City's commitment to support our mature neighbourhoods, and ensure that we take a cost-effective, long-term, strategic approach to addressing neighbourhoods infrastructure needs.

To honour this commitment, the City takes time to get to know the neighbourhood as well as the community's Vision for the future. We worked to understand what people like about living in Lorelei, where there are opportunities for enhancements, and turned these ideas into designs for Neighbourhood Renewal. The designs are created to reflect a combination of City policies and programs, public engagement input and technical requirements (e.g., current standards and best practices and limitations presented by existing and planned infrastructure and assets, such as mature trees). Additionally, the designs consider available funding and identify ideas that can be explored outside of Neighbourhood Renewal as part of community partnerships or other City programs.

Planning in Lorelei began in late 2018, when we introduced the Neighbourhood Renewal project to the community and initiated conversations with key stakeholders. Over the planning process, we co-created a Vision and Guiding Principles for the neighbourhood with the public, asked people for their Neighbourhood Renewal ideas and then returned with draft designs for their feedback. We held public engagement sessions and community conversations, invited survey input and engaged with residents to share information and gather feedback. We've walked the neighbourhood, completed traffic studies and collaborated

with infrastructure service providers—such as underground and above ground utilities. We've learned as much as we can about the neighbourhood to better inform our conversations with the community and our design decisions.

Our learning through the public engagement process culminated in February 2020, when we presented the final designs for Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal and shared information on construction. The final designs reflected what we learned since late 2018. We received a lot of positive feedback on the design and public engagement process and would like to thank you for your role in the project.

Through this report, we will share what will be constructed in Lorelei and how we made these decisions. I'm proud to say that much of what we decided is based on public input and in support of Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal Vision.

As a City, we undertake these projects to support the needs and quality of life of our residents. As a City Project Manager, I am grateful to everyone for sharing their ideas and feedback, and helping our plan evolve into what it is today. It is an honour to be a steward of Lorelei infrastructure improvements and to help bring your and your neighbours' Vision for a great neighbourhood to life.

Thank you,
Chase Gingles
Project Manager,
Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal

Building Great Neighbourhoods

Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.

Great neighbourhoods are the building blocks of a great city, and the City of Edmonton is committed to building great neighbourhoods by investing taxpayer dollars in reconstructing neighbourhoods to enhance their livability and longevity.

Building Great Neighbourhoods is designed to improve infrastructure and increase vibrancy in Edmonton's mature neighbourhoods. It is a cost-effective, long-term, strategic approach to address infrastructure needs such as rebuilding and renewing roads, sidewalks and street lights.

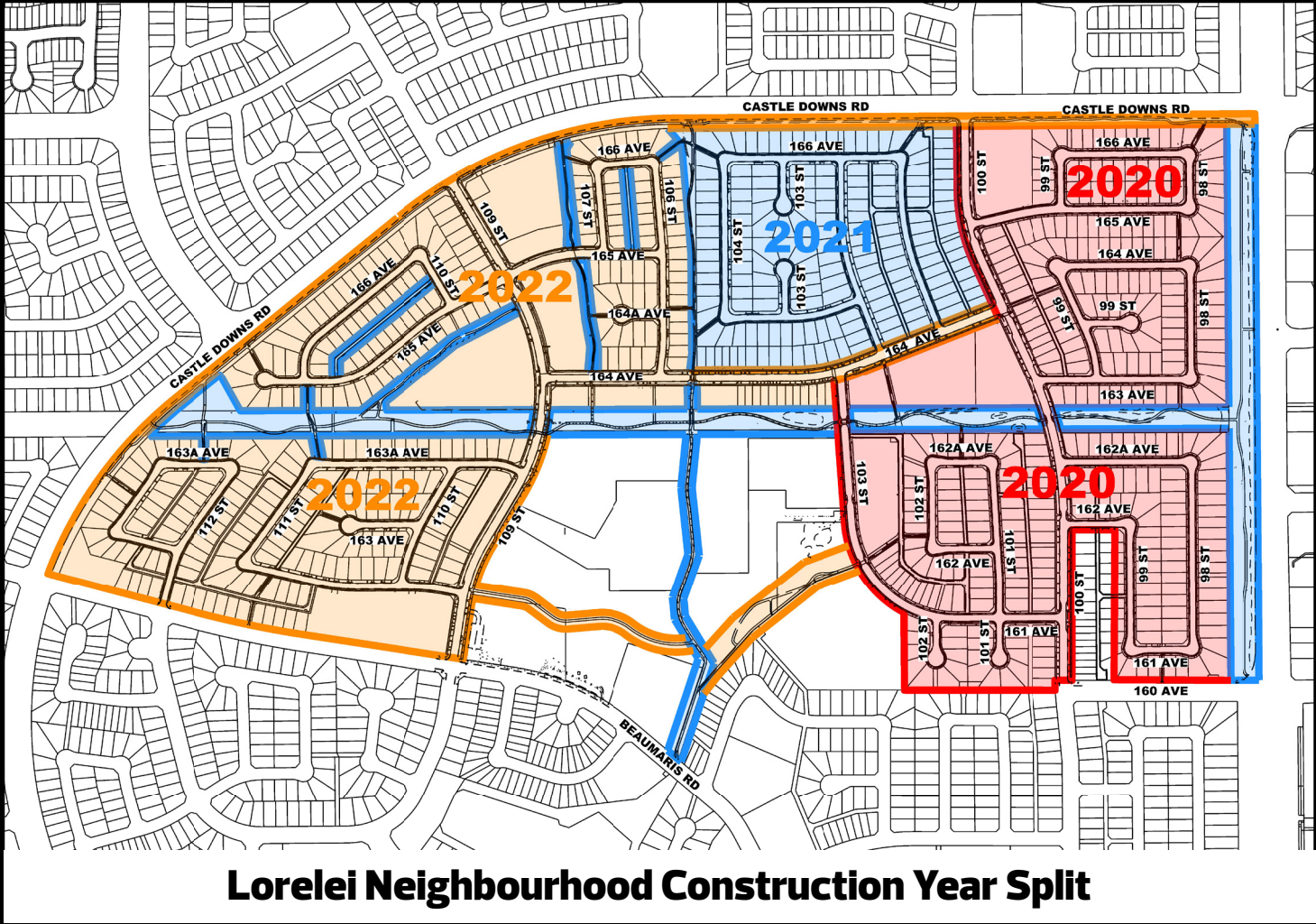
Neighbourhood Renewal in Lorelei

In spring 2020, Neighbourhood Renewal construction began in Lorelei and includes the following:

- + Upgrades to residential streets, including measures to slow traffic and make it safer to get around the neighbourhood
- + Enhancements to park spaces to make them more welcoming, while maintaining their natural look and feel
- + Increasing the number of trees and green spaces while preserving mature trees
- + Providing lighting to improve safety and accessibility
- + Improving connections to local and regional destinations for people who walk and bike, including the creation of new pathways and wayfinding signs
- + Creating spaces for the community to gather, visit, play and enjoy nature

The reconstruction in Lorelei is expected to be a three-year renewal, with anticipated completion in fall 2022.

Planned construction staging for roads and sidewalks



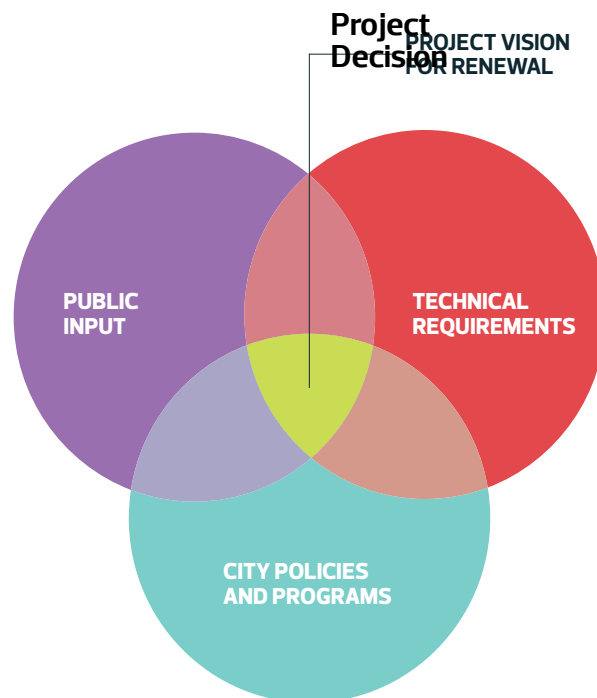
The planned construction staging is subject to change depending on weather conditions, coordination with utilities and unforeseen design and construction issues.

Making Neighbourhood Renewal decisions

Policy and program information, public engagement input and technical requirements

The City makes decisions using a combination of policy and program information, public engagement input, technical requirements and available funding. This process helps to ensure that the decisions we make are fiscally responsible, align with best practices, consider the existing public and private infrastructure, land uses and activities in the neighbourhood, and result in the best outcomes for our city.

The role of public engagement input is to help the City consider what is important to people with an interest in Lorelei, as well as how the Neighbourhood Renewal construction decisions will affect them. The City policies and programs, technical requirements and public engagement input include:



City policies and programs

- + City Plan
- + Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk Strategy, Edmonton Bike Plan)
- + Local Improvement Policy
- + Public Engagement Policy
- + Breathe – Green Network Strategy
- + Winter City Guidelines
- + Safe Mobility Strategy
- + Community Traffic Management Policy
- + Snow and Ice Control Policy
- + Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy
- + Corporate Tree Management Policy

Public engagement input

- + **ADVISE** on approach to public engagement
- + **CREATE** the Neighbourhood Renewal Vision and Guiding Principles
- + **REFINE** the understanding of neighbourhood assets, opportunities, and priorities
- + **REFINE** the draft designs and neighbourhood priorities
- + **ADVISE** on preliminary plans
- + **ADVISE** on possible construction issues and solutions
- + **DECIDE** on Local Improvements

Technical requirements

- + Infrastructure assessments
- + Universal design (i.e., Access Design Guide)
- + Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- + Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards

The City's approach to public engagement input

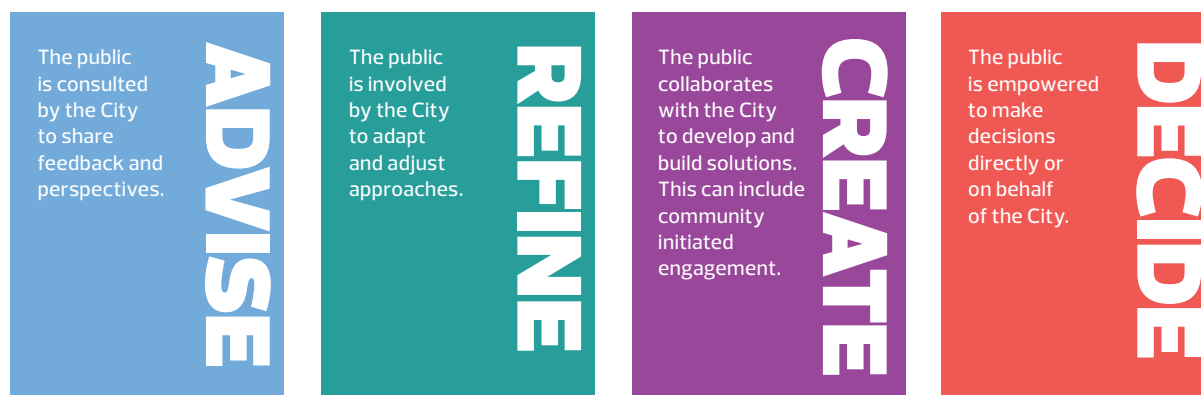
People living in, and with an interest in, Lorelei were invited to provide input into the City's decision-making process for Neighbourhood Renewal at various stages along the roadmap below.



Increasing influence of the public

The City of Edmonton solicited input from residents to help guide the project. The City's public engagement spectrum below shows the four distinct levels of influence that the public had on decisions made by the City throughout the project.

Increasing influence of the public



The Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal public engagement input opportunities included:

Timeline	Steps	Public engagement	Number of participants	Outcome
October 2018	<p>Starting the Conversation</p> <p>Share information about the project and invite input for the approach to public engagement</p>	<p>Outreach took place with the Lorelei-Beaumaris Community League and other neighbourhood stakeholders to introduce Building Great Neighbourhoods and the Neighbourhood Renewal project</p>		<p>A public engagement plan</p> <p>A stakeholder list with an understanding of the roles, interest levels, and communication needs</p>
November 2018 – January 2019	<p>Vision, Guiding Principles and Community Knowledge</p> <p>Invite public input to understand the needs of the community</p> <p>Use public input to support the development of a draft Vision and Guiding Principles, and ideas for the urban design framework</p>	<p>Community walk and online survey to REFINE our understanding on what exists and what is needed for infrastructure in the neighbourhood</p> <p>Workshop-style public engagement session and online survey to explore opportunities, issues, and ideas and CREATE a draft Vision and Guiding Principles</p>	<p>Over 35 event participants</p> <p>20 online survey respondents</p>	<p>A draft Vision and Guiding Principles that describe what the community should look like in the future and what is most important to the community</p> <p>A compilation of opportunities, issues, and ideas for Neighbourhood Renewal</p>

Timeline	Steps	Public engagement	Number of participants	Outcome
February 2019	<p>Vision Confirmation and Community Options</p> <p>Invite public input to improve and finalize the draft Vision and Guiding Principles</p> <p>Adapt and adjust our approach to identify opportunities and challenges</p>	Drop-in public engagement session to confirm the draft Vision and Guiding Principles and explore ideas for options and opportunities	Over 35 participants	<p>A final Vision and Guiding Principles for Neighbourhood Renewal in Lorelei</p> <p>Draft designs and urban design analysis based on the opportunities and options discussion</p>
May 2019	<p>Community Feedback on Draft Designs</p> <p>Use public input to improve and prioritize the draft designs and finalize the urban design analysis</p>	Drop-in public engagement session to REFINE the draft designs, and determine which improvements are most important to residents	Over 95 participants	<p>List of prioritized draft designs</p> <p>Refined (preliminary) designs</p> <p>Finalized urban design analysis</p>
October 2019	<p>Community Feedback on Final designs</p> <p>Use public input to finalize the refined designs and share information on the Local Improvement process</p>	Drop-in public engagement session to ADVISE on the refined (preliminary) designs to confirm that they align with the Vision and Guiding Principles, and share information on the Local Improvement process	Over 125 participants	Final designs that detail what the City is intending to construct in the neighbourhood for renewal
February 2020	<p>Preparing for Construction</p> <p>Share information on the final designs and plans for construction and use public input to confirm sidewalk reconstruction</p>	Drop-in public engagement session to ADVISE on construction for Neighbourhood Renewal and for property owners to DECIDE on the Local Improvement for sidewalk reconstruction through the petition process.	Over 135 participants	A plan for construction that has considered the needs of the community and the results of the sidewalk reconstruction petition process

Public engagement also incorporates input that the City of Edmonton project manager received via email, letters and phone calls.

Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal Vision and Guiding Principles

The Vision and Guiding Principles for Neighbourhood Renewal were created using input from the public and refined throughout the public engagement process. The Vision identifies what the public imagines for the future of Lorelei. The Guiding Principles indicate the aspects of the neighbourhood that are most important to maintain and improve.

Vision

Lorelei and Beaumaris are family-friendly neighbourhoods that welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. We are a safe and walkable community that is connected to key destinations like parks, schools and commercial areas. We are an active and vibrant community that enjoys nature and getting together with our neighbours.

Guiding Principles

- + Celebrating nature and preserving trees and open spaces
- + Feeling safe and having well-lit spaces
- + Making the roads safe for all users (people who walk, bike, drive)
- + Improving connectivity by having viable options to walk, bike and drive within and surrounding the neighbourhood
- + Creating places for the community to come together and gather
- + Creating easy access to neighbourhood destinations such as commercial areas, schools, parks and Beaumaris Lake

The Guiding Principles were shared with the public at multiple events throughout the public engagement process for them to refer to when sharing feedback. At the final event in February 2020, we asked participants to tell us if the final designs align with the Vision and each guiding principle. Participants' responses are as follows:

Guiding Principles	Yes	No
Celebrating nature and preserving trees and open spaces	8	0
Feeling safe and having well-lit spaces	7	0
Making the roads safer for all users (people who walk, bike, drive)	8	0
Improving connectivity by having viable options to walk, bike and drive within and surrounding the neighbourhood	8	0
Creating places for the community to come together and gather	6	0
Creating easy access to neighbourhood destinations such as commercial areas, schools, parks and Beaumaris Lake	8	0

What we decided

This section presents the final design decisions for Neighbourhood Renewal in Lorelei, including the key City policies and programs, public engagement input and technical requirements that informed the City's decisions related to each topic.

To view the final designs, please visit edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris

Legend for “What we accounted for to make our decisions”

The City uses policies and programs, public engagement input and technical requirements to make Neighbourhood Renewal decisions.

This report uses three coloured icons to illustrate which decision-making criteria is a policy or program, public engagement input, or a technical requirement. You will see these icons attached to each point in the “What we accounted for to make our decisions” column in each table on the following page:

The decision making criteria are:



Public engagement input/What we heard



Technical requirements



City policies and programs

What we heard along the way

The Lorelei and Beaumaris Neighbourhood Renewal project team published three What We Heard reports and presented a summary of what we heard on displays. These reports and displays were created to keep people informed about what public input the City heard and how it informed the process. The What We Heard reports can be viewed at edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris

Green Corridor

Connection between 97 Street and Castle Downs Road

What we decided

To extend the shared-use path to enhance the east-to-west connection of the Green Corridor

To add new lighting along the shared-use path to make the Green Corridor feel more welcoming and safe

To add new curb extensions and a raised crosswalk at road crossings along the Green Corridor

To improve the look and feel of the Green Corridor by adding new tree and shrub plantings

To not add an off-leash dog park due to technical restrictions from the high-power transmission line and engagement feedback

To not add seating areas directly along the corridor due to technical restrictions from the high-power transmission line

To not add community gardens or a children's play area due to technical restrictions from the high-power transmission line. Gardens and play areas are community-led projects that can be led by residents but fall outside of our scope

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Extending the shared-use path helps to provide "viable options to walk and bike" and supports an "active and vibrant community that enjoys nature"

Providing new lighting supports the creation of "safe and well-lit spaces"

Adding new tree and shrub plantings to "celebrate nature"

Adding curb extensions and a raised crosswalk to make "the roads safer for all users" and create "easy access to neighbourhood destinations"

What we heard:

People like the new shared-use path and believe that it will increase the usage of the space

People would like to see more waste bins and amenities such as a community garden or a play area for children

People have mixed feelings about a dog park; some people believe it will be well-used and others think it is too small (narrow) of a space

People like the new tree and shrub plantings to beautify the corridor



Tree plantings need to consider sightlines and landscaping design standards

All new infrastructure needs to consider Altalink technical restrictions and existing underground and above ground utilities

Curb extensions and raised crosswalks need to be designed to minimize impacts on parking and accommodate emergency services and drainage



The City follows universal design (i.e. Access Design Guide) to support access and use for people of all ages and abilities

The City of Edmonton's 2010 Corporate Tree Policy supports the orderly development and growth of the City's tree inventory and the protection of the tree canopy

The Community Traffic Management Policy supports raised crosswalk and curb extensions to:

improve visibility by ensuring that parked cars maintain a distance from the intersection reduce driver speeds reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians

Section 8 of The Edmonton City Plan promotes a walkable environment and bike friendly city

The Dogs in Open Spaces policy has strict requirements for available amenities for dog parks

Lorelei Park

What we decided

To add a new east-to-west shared-use path to enhance connections between 103 and 109 Street through the park

To add new tree and shrub plantings to beautify the park space

To add new lighting, seating areas and waste bins to provide amenities and improve safety along the paths

To not upgrade the playground as the playgrounds are community-led projects that are not within the scope of Neighbourhood Renewal infrastructure work

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Providing a new east-to-west shared-use path helps to create “viable options to walk and bike” and supports an “active and vibrant community that enjoys nature”

Providing new lighting supports the creation of “safe and well-lit spaces”

Adding new tree and shrub plantings to “celebrate nature”

Providing seating areas along the paths will create areas for people to rest and “places for the community to come together”

What we heard:

People like the new park amenities such as seating areas and lighting

People like the new east-to-west shared-use path to make it easier to access the sport fields

People have concerns with flooding in the park and would like improvements to consider how this can be addressed



Tree plantings need to consider sightlines and landscaping design standards

All new infrastructure needs to consider existing underground and above ground utilities

Seating areas should consider winter city design including material choice for benches (wood), orientation of benches to block wind and maximize sun exposure, and use of colour



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The City of Edmonton's 2010 Corporate Tree Policy supports the orderly development and growth of the City's tree inventory and the protection of the tree canopy

The Way We Green promotes managing stormwater runoff by providing green spaces and plantings for low impact development

The Way We Live supports the creation of community and public spaces to connect people and build vibrant communities

Section 8 of The Edmonton City Plan promotes a walkable environment and bike friendly city

97 Street shared-use path

Connection between 97 Street and Castle Downs Road

What we decided

To add a new north-to-south shared-use path along the west side of 97 Street to make it easier to move around the neighbourhood

To add a new crossing with a pedestrian crossing signal at 165 Avenue to connect the path to the Eaux Claires commercial area

To add new lighting to make the path feel more welcoming and safer

To improve the look and feel of 97 street by adding new tree and shrub plantings

To not add wayfinding signage based on a lack of interest from the public and cost

To not extend the path to 153 Ave, as this was not possible due to the existing swale/ditch and other technical constraints

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Providing a new north-to-south shared-use path to create "viable options to walk and bike within and surrounding the neighbourhood"

Providing new lighting supports the creation of "safe and well-lit spaces"

Adding new tree and shrub plantings to "celebrate nature"

Adding a new crossing with pedestrian crossing light creates "improves connectivity surrounding the neighbourhood", especially to the commercial/transit area to the east

What we heard:

People like the new north-to-south shared-use path to make it easier for people to walk and bike along 97 Street

People would like the path to extend south of 160 Avenue, all the way to 153 Avenue

People like the new crossing to make it easier to cross the busy street (97 Street)

The park space is located close to an arterial road (111 Avenue) which may result in traffic noise impacts



The shared-use path and any connections to 97 Street need to consider the existing swale/ditch

Tree plantings need to consider sightlines and landscaping design standards

All new infrastructure needs to consider existing underground and above ground utilities



Complete Streets Standards supports crossing lights to assign the right-of-way to the pedestrian and ensure that there is adequate time to cross the street

The City follows universal design (i.e., Access Design Guide) to support access and use for people of all ages and abilities

The City of Edmonton's 2010 Corporate Tree Policy supports the orderly development and growth of the City's tree inventory and the protection of the tree canopy

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164 Avenue

What we decided

To add new curb extensions to address speeding along 164 Avenue

To add a raised crosswalk to improve the visibility of people walking, biking and rolling

To add boulevards and missing trees where gaps exist

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Providing boulevard areas supports a “safe and walkable community” with “easy access to neighbourhood destinations”

Providing new curb extensions and a raised crosswalk will make “the road safer for all users”

What we heard:

People have concerns with speeding along 164 Avenue and would like to see traffic calming measures to slow drivers and improve safety

People like the raised crosswalk and curb extensions to make it easier and safer for people who live north of 164 Avenue to access Lorelei Park schools and playground



All new infrastructure needs to consider existing underground and above ground utilities

Curb extensions and raised crosswalks need to be designed to minimize impacts on parking and accommodate emergency services and drainage



The City follows universal design (i.e., Access Design Guide) to support access and use for people of all ages and abilities

The Community Traffic Management Policy supports curb extensions and raised crosswalks to:

- + improve visibility by ensuring that parked cars maintain a distance from the intersection
- + reduce driver speeds
- + reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians

109 Street

What we decided

To add new curb extensions and boulevard areas

To add a new sidewalk to address the missing link on the east side of 109 Street between 164 Avenue and 165 Avenue

To add a new north-to-south shared-use path to connect Beaumaris Road, Lorelei Park and the Green Corridor

To remove the school drop-off bay to discourage vehicles from making illegal maneuvers near the school

To not add curb extensions in front of Bishop Savaryn school

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Adding new curb extensions will decrease the crossing distance and improve sightlines to "make the roads safer for all users"

Providing wider and new sidewalks will support a "safe and walkable community" with "easy access to neighbourhood destinations"

Adding a new shared-use path to create "viable options to walk and bike within the neighbourhood"

What we heard:

People like the new sidewalk to address the missing link between 164 and 165 Street

People like the proposed addition of the nearby shared-use paths

People have concerns with a curb extension in front of Bishop Savaryn school as they believe that this could cause congestion during pick-up/drop-off hours



All new infrastructure needs to consider existing underground and above ground utilities

Curb extensions need to be designed to minimize impacts on parking and accommodate emergency services and drainage



The City follows universal design (i.e., Access Design Guide) to support access and use for people of all ages and abilities

The Community Traffic Management Policy supports curb extensions to:

- + improve visibility by ensuring that parked cars maintain a distance from the intersection
- + reduce driver speeds
- + reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians

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Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards support sidewalks on both sides of the street

The Bus Network Redesign is updating Edmonton's bus routes

103 Street and 161 Avenue

What we decided

To add new curb extensions, a raised crosswalk and boulevard areas

To add a new rapid flashing beacon in front of Lorelei School to increase the visibility of people walking, biking or rolling when using the crosswalk

To narrow the road to match other local roads with boulevards and trees

To add a parking restriction along the south side of 161 Avenue to maintain two-way travel while preserving most parking in this area

To add a new 2.5 m wide sidewalk in front of Lorelei School

To add new tree plantings on the west side of 103 Street and the south side of 161 Avenue to improve the look and feel of the street

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Adding new traffic calming elements will help to slow traffic and improve visibility to “make the roads safer for all users”

Providing a widened sidewalk in front of the school will support a “safe and walkable community” with “easy access to neighbourhood destinations”

Adding new tree plantings to “celebrate nature”

What we heard:

People like the wider sidewalks in front of Lorelei School

People like the new curb extensions to make it feel safer to cross the street

People like the new tree plantings to improve to beautify the street

People have concerns over the parking supply in this area



Tree plantings need to consider sightlines and landscaping design standards

All new infrastructure needs to consider existing underground and above ground utilities

Curb extensions and raised crosswalks need to be designed to minimize impacts on parking and accommodate emergency services and drainage



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- + reduce driver speeds
- + reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians

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100 Street and Caste Downs Road

What we decided

To add new curb extensions and boulevard areas along 100 Street

To add new shrub plantings in the boulevard area near 100 Street and 165 Avenue

To add a new sidewalk on Castle Downs Road (from 100 Street to 97 Street) to make it easier to get to destinations surrounding the neighbourhood

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Adding new curb extensions will decrease the crossing distance and improve sightlines to “make the roads safer for all users”

Adding new shrub plantings to “celebrate nature”

Providing a new sidewalk on Castle Downs Road will improve “connectivity within and surrounding the neighbourhood”

What we heard:

People have concerns with speeding along 100 Avenue and would like to see traffic calming measures to slow drivers and improve safety, while some are concerned that curb extensions could reduce street parking and are not needed

People like the new sidewalk from 100 Street to 97 Street



Tree plantings need to consider sightlines and landscaping design standards

All new infrastructure needs to consider existing underground and above ground utilities

Curb extensions need to be designed to minimize impacts on parking and accommodate emergency services and drainage



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The Community Traffic Management Policy supports curb extensions to:

- + improve visibility by ensuring that parked cars maintain a distance from the intersection
- + reduce driver speeds
- + reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians

Other Improvements

What we decided

To widen the public utility lot paths (the paths between houses) to 3.0 m where possible

To widen the sidewalks to 1.8 m along key pedestrian corridors including 109 Street, 103 Street, 100 Street, 164 Avenue and 161 Avenue.

What we accounted for to make our decisions



In alignment with the project Vision:

Providing widened public utility lot paths and sidewalks will support a “safe and walkable community” with “easy access to neighbourhood destinations”



The City follows universal design (i.e., Access Design Guide) to support access and use for people of all ages and abilities

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Complete Streets Standards supports widened sidewalks (at least 1.8 m), wherever possible throughout neighbourhoods



Working around existing underground and above ground utilities

Preserving existing street trees where possible

Local Improvements in Lorelei

Street Lights

The Neighbourhood Renewal Program has been paid for through City-wide property taxes by creating a reserve fund dedicated to the program. In conjunction with the program, the City offered cost-sharing opportunities between the City and property owners of Lorelei for two Local Improvement options—decorative street light upgrades and sidewalk reconstruction. Local improvements and the cost-sharing opportunities offered by the City were part of the Neighbourhood Renewal discussion with you and your neighbours.

Property owners in Lorelei had the opportunity to upgrade to their community's choice of decorative street lights through a community-initiated Local Improvement process.

The Lorelei-Beumaris Community League submitted their choice of decorative lighting (Decorative Arm: Heritage, Pole Style: Octagonal, Pole Colour: Black, Luminaire: Renaissance) to the City for consideration in June 2019. In September 2019, the City sent an Expression of Interest (EOI) package containing estimated costs, asking registered property owners in Lorelei to indicate if they were supportive or not of the Local Improvement and to return the EOI to the City by November 20, 2019. The EOI package included a form with a "yes" or "no" indication for responses. The City did not receive greater than 50+1% responses in support for the Local Improvement to pass, and therefore, the decorative street light Local Improvement process concluded. Upgrades to the existing street lights will still be undertaken to meet the current City standards which include:

- + New galvanized poles
- + New underground wiring
- + Energy efficient LED lights



Sidewalk reconstruction is a City-initiated Local Improvement. It is less disruptive to property owners and more cost effective to replace sidewalks in conjunction with other infrastructure renewal work.

In January 2020, the City sent out a Local Improvement Tax Notice to all registered property owners in Lorelei which contained information needed to decide whether they wanted to proceed with sidewalk reconstruction or not, including approximate cost. Property owners had until February 20, 2020 to petition against the Local Improvement, by completing and returning the provided petition form.

Sidewalks

Lorelei was divided into eight sidewalk renewal "project areas", which was defined in the Local Improvement Tax Notice. Of the 1118 property owners within the eight project areas, 38 total valid petitions against sidewalk reconstruction (approximately 3.40% of the neighbourhood) were received. Therefore, since the City did not receive majority (50% +1) of petitions against the Local Improvement, sidewalk reconstruction will take place in all three years of construction. Final assessments will be calculated and applied to your tax assessment the year following construction completion..



Lorelei Neighbourhood Renewal pre-construction information

Construction is scheduled in Lorelei over three years starting in spring 2020. You may have seen a few activities in your neighbourhood prior to construction, including:

- + Utility companies completing their work before construction begins. This minimizes cutting into the street after it is reconstructed.
- + Trees being pruned if they are in the way of the construction equipment. If a tree on private property requires pruning, the City will notify the property owner.
- + Existing street lights being removed and installation of some new poles and street lights may occur prior to construction.

How will the City communicate with you?

Before construction starts in your neighbourhood, construction bulletins will be distributed to all residents.

The City's Delivery Project Manager will be your point of contact during construction. Contact information may be found online at edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris

The Delivery Project Manager can assist you with answering questions or addressing specific needs or concerns about construction.

Preparing for construction in front of your house

Now that the designs and cost sharing opportunities have been finalized, the City asks that you start to prepare for construction. There are many things you can do to help prepare your property to make it easier for the City's contractor and you during this time. The construction consists of removal and replacement of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and reconstruction and paving of the road.

You can prepare your property for construction by:

- + Marking all underground sprinkler systems
- + Removing landscaping from street right-of-way
- + Removing plants and flowers before construction so they do not get damaged
- + Pulling back any mulch or rocks

If you have special access requirements, such as DATS, please advise your Delivery Project Manager during construction as soon as possible. Their contact information may be found on the construction bulletin, at edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris, or by calling 311.

For more information:

Web: edmonton.ca/BuildingLoreleiBeaumaris

Email: buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca

Call: 311



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 streets, 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.

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