

# GETTING AROUND

## Strengths

- Close to destinations within the City (example: University of Alberta, Whyte Avenue)
- Access to transit
- Lots of on-street parking
- Limited number of accesses in and out of the neighbourhood reduces the amount of through traffic
- Wide roadways
- Shared-use path connection along Whitemud Drive alley
- Sidewalks on both sides of the street

## Weaknesses

- Lack of direct connections to neighbourhood destinations - people often walk and bike through the alleys
- Nearby LRT station increases vehicle traffic in the area
- Alleys are in poor condition and are not maintained in the winter
- Fences or other barriers for people walking or biking
- Missing or informal bike or foot paths
- Drivers parking too close to intersections
- Increased traffic near the school during pick-up and drop-off times
- Most roads are designed for vehicles, making the streets less safe for people walking or biking
- Missing mid-block pedestrian crossings
- Missing curb ramps at many intersections
- Missing clearly marked paths, with signage, for people on bikes, particularly in Whitemud Drive alley
- Connection to pedestrian bridge over Whitemud Drive is awkward for people riding bikes



## Opportunities

- Improve on-street school pick-up / drop-off area
- Improve bike access to pedestrian bridge over Whitemud Drive
- Improve crossings and complete missing links in pedestrian / bike network
- Add wayfinding signs / markings to improve navigation of the neighbourhood for people walking, biking and driving
- Add curb ramps and crosswalks to improve accessibility
- Explore opportunities to widen sidewalks or add boulevard space between the sidewalk and road where possible

## Constraints

- Alleys are outside the scope of Neighbourhood Renewal
- 51 Avenue, 111 Street, 122 Street and Whitemud Drive are outside the scope of Neighbourhood Renewal

### Legend

- Malmö Plains Neighbourhood Area
- Scope Area for Neighbourhood Renewal Project
- Parking Restriction Area - 2 Hour Parking 8:00am - 6:00pm Monday - Friday
- Green Space Areas
- Capital Line LRT
- Shared Use Path
- Shared Roadway
- Bus Stop
- Bus Route
- Malmö Community League License Boundary





# SAFETY

## Strengths

1. Engaged community members who watch out for their neighbours
2. Very few missing sidewalk connections

## Weaknesses

1. Poor sightlines due to overgrown bushes and fencing create potential safety concerns
2. Spaces exist where unwanted activities take place (illegal activities, litter, loud parties, etc)
3. Poor or missing lighting
4. Shared-use path in Whitemud Drive alley can be hazardous for people biking because of limited maintenance
5. Alleys feel unsafe for people walking or biking because of poor lighting
6. Confusing intersections near pocket parks
7. Poor sightlines at some corners
8. Poor drainage and icing in the winter on sidewalks
9. No separation between sidewalks and roads within the neighbourhood
10. Poor pedestrian experience on 51 Avenue due to there being no separation between the sidewalk and the road
11. Poorly defined crosswalks, lack of curb ramps and lack of mid-block pedestrian connections/crossings
12. Missing or informal bike and foot paths



## Opportunities

1. Opportunity to expand green spaces where there are existing wide roadways
2. Improve sightlines where alleys intersect with roads
3. Improve sightlines at 51 Avenue intersections (with 115 & 116 Street) and along the length of Malmoplains Road
4. Improve lighting
5. Improve access to the LRT station from the neighbourhood
6. Improve safety for people walking and biking by adding traffic calming at key locations, eg. curb bulbs
7. Increase separation between pedestrians and vehicles on main roadways
8. Introduce separate sidewalks with boulevards and street trees where possible
9. Improve pedestrian safety by enhancing / upgrading existing painted crosswalks, i.e. near the school

## Constraints

1. Changes to maintenance practices defined in the City's current Snow and Ice Policy are not in scope of Neighbourhood Renewal
2. Berm provides noise reduction, making removal a challenge
3. Landscaping behind sidewalks makes it a challenge to widen or add boulevard space

### Legend





# COMMUNITY SPACES

## Strengths

1. Lots of green spaces within the neighbourhood
2. Wide variety of green spaces surrounding the neighbourhood (including University of Alberta farm and Storm Water Pond Open Space)
3. Close to a variety of recreational opportunities
4. Malmo School provides green space and allows for a variety of different activities for community members
5. Close to all levels of schools and easy access to the University of Alberta by transit
6. Mature landscape and trees

## Weaknesses

1. Lack of street trees
2. Michener Park closure - uncertainty of future uses
3. Green spaces are concentrated on the east side of the neighbourhood
4. Some neighbourhood green spaces are unprogrammed and lack basic amenities (i.e. benches, garbage cans)
5. Asphalt in skating rink is in poor condition
6. Noise from Whitemud Drive



## Opportunities

1. Improve program diversity in pocket parks while maintaining open space (e.g. raised community garden plots, nature play areas)
2. Add basic amenities (seating, garbage cans, etc) in park spaces
3. Develop a unique visual identity for the neighbourhood through landscaping / built features
4. Improve landscaping of lawn area next to the berm

## Constraints

1. Lack of available City right-of-way to improve access to LRT
2. Lack of available City right-of-way to create additional green space
3. Uncertain future of Michener Park
4. Community League License area is outside the scope of Neighbourhood Renewal

### Legend

