

# 105 Avenue Streetscape (Columbia Avenue)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. Why is this project being looked at again?

This project is being looked at again to:

- i. Update the design to meet new standards
  - ii. Provide protected (separated) bike lanes to meet the new City direction for the Bicycle Transportation Plan
  - iii. Improve drainage for existing and future users
  - iv. Prepare updated cost estimates to take to Council for construction funding.
- Note: Construction may be broken up into stages dependent on funding

### 2. What happens to the work done in earlier studies?

Significant time and effort has been put into this project in the past by community members and the City of Edmonton. This work is very important and provides the starting point for this project. **This is not a total redesign:** it is an update of the 2013 preliminary design to include the separated bicycle lanes and improve drainage.

### 3. Where will the bike lanes go?

It has not yet been determined where the bike lanes will be located. This study looks at the potential options and the public can comment on these at the public meetings and/or online after the meetings.

### 4. How will the bike lanes connect through MacEwan University to the bike network south of 104 Avenue?

The City is working with MacEwan University to provide access through the campus at 110 Street and 106 Street.

### 5. Will the overhead lines be buried?

All overhead lines within the 105 Avenue corridor will be placed underground before the streetscape improvements begin. Burying overhead lines may require landowners currently serviced from these overhead lines to pay a portion of the costs and may require placement of power/telecom equipment on those properties.

### 6. Will there be parking on 105 Avenue?

Parking is being considered in some areas along 105 Avenue. One option has been developed with more parking and the public can comment on the option at the public meetings and/or online after the meetings.

### 7. When will this be built?

Funding for construction needs to be approved by City Council before proceeding with a construction timeline. The 105 Avenue Streetscape preliminary design update will be provided

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to City Council in fall 2018 where a decision will be made. If the design is approved, construction is anticipated to start in 2020. Construction may occur in stages over several years as funds are available.

### **8. When and how can I provide my input?**

The first public meeting is planned for February 13, 2018 where design options will be provided for feedback. A survey following the public meeting will also be available from February 14-28, 2018. The second public meeting will be held in spring 2018, where a final preliminary design will be displayed for comment and input. City staff and consultants will be available at both public meetings to answer any questions you may have. We hope you can join us at these meetings to provide your feedback to the project team. For further information regarding the public meetings or survey, please visit [edmonton.ca/105avenuestreetscape](http://edmonton.ca/105avenuestreetscape)

### **9. Why was 105 Ave selected for the protected bike lane?**

105 Avenue has been identified as a key cycling route in the Downtown North Edge in a number of planning studies, including the 2006 105 Avenue Preliminary Design Study and the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan. These studies identified 105 Avenue as part of a high quality cycling network as it provides key connections between existing cycling trails and a number of community and employment areas.

Protected bike lanes on 105 Avenue are due to Council's direction to develop a network of high quality bike lanes that provide opportunities for Edmontonians of all ages and abilities to travel by bicycle.

### **10. How will traffic lights at intersections be affected?**

This will be finalized once a recommended option has been developed. It is expected that the traffic lights will be similar to what is on the street today.