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53 Avenue Reconstruction

The City is reconstructing 53 Avenue between Whitemud Drive and 141 Street to maintain safety and efficiency of the road for current and future use. Over the fall, the project team met with approximately 78% of residents in the project area to hear their thoughts during the early stages of design and how we can best meet the needs of the area. Key themes from those discussions include:

- How pedestrians and drivers currently use 53 Avenue
- The importance of front landscaping and the interest in preserving mature trees
- Concerns about speeding and stunting on the avenue
- Disagreement with the need to add a sidewalk on the south side of the avenue where currently none exists

Highlights of the refined plan

Based on the feedback received, the project team further refined the design to meet the current and future needs and desires of the residents, while still taking into consideration technical requirements, City standards, policies and programs and available funding. Key design changes include:

- A shared-use path on the northside of 53 Avenue between 143 Street to Whitemud Drive (in front of the school)
- A north sidewalk between 141 Street and 143 Street
- New sidewalk on the south side of 53 Avenue, east of 142 Street
- Removing the left-turn lane at 53 Avenue and 143 Street
- Narrower road and extending the median east of 141 Street

Next steps

After the public event, the project team will finalize the design and prepare for construction. Construction is currently anticipated to begin in spring 2020 and will be completed by the end of the year. For more information and to view the refined plan, please visit edmonton.ca/53AvenueReconstruction.