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Welcome to **Building Great Neighbourhoods** HIGHLANDS

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Building Great Neighbourhoods

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 roads, sidewalks, streetlights 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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What is Included?

Upgrades to neighbourhood infrastructure include:

- Local and Collector Roads
- Sidewalks, Sidewalk Connections, and Curb Ramps
- Curbs and Gutters
- Standard Streetlights

Other upgrades could include:

- Connections that help you walk, bike and move around your neighbourhood
- Improvements to green spaces and parks - i.e. trees
- A look at neighbourhood traffic issues
- Coordination with other projects happening in the neighbourhood

**Subject to funding and approvals*

Highlands' Project



- **Neighbourhood boundaries are between 118 Avenue and Ada Boulevard and 50 Street and 67 Street**
 - Does not include arterial roads (112 Avenue, 118 Avenue, 67 Street)
- **Construction is scheduled from 2019 - 2021**



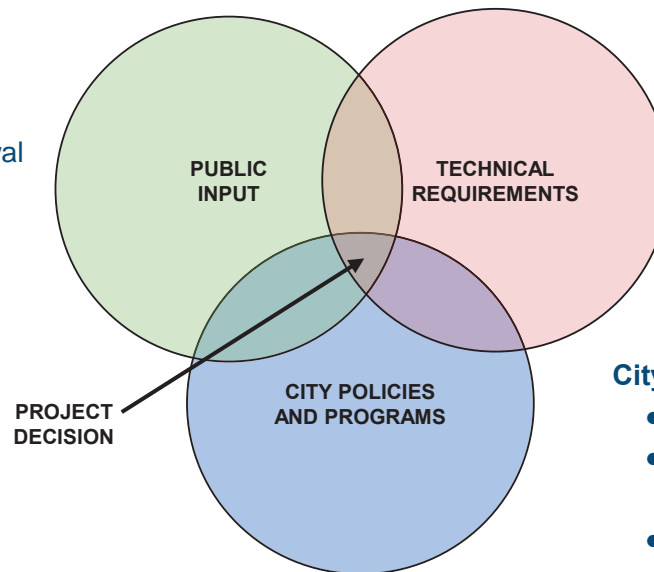
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The City considers the following in its decision making:

Public Engagement Input:

- **Refine** Neighbourhood Renewal vision and important elements
- **Advise** on neighbourhood assets, opportunities and priorities
- **Refine** infrastructure options
- **Advise** on preliminary design
- **Decide** on sidewalk and/or decorative light local improvement



Technical Requirements:

- Infrastructure Assessments
- Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards
- Universal Design
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Urban Design Framework

City Policies and Programs:

- City's Strategic Plans - The "Ways"
- Active Transportation Policy (Sidewalk Strategy; Bicycle Transportation Plan)
- Local Improvement Policy
- Public Engagement Policy
- Breathe - Green Network Strategy
- Winter City Guidelines
- Vision Zero
- Community Traffic Management Policy

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Local Improvements Key Dates

July 3, 2018:

Deadline for the neighbourhood's submission to the City of the choice of decorative lighting (pole, arm, colour)

Decorative
Streetlight



Sidewalk
Renewal

October 4, 2018:

City sends Expression of Interest (EOI) notices to registered property owners



November 20, 2018:

Deadline for property owners to submit signed EOI form to the City



Winter 2019:

30 day local improvement petition period



Preliminary Plans Public Event

Welcome to the Highlands Preliminary Plans Public Event!

Purpose:

Share the preliminary plans for neighbourhood renewal and invite input on what we need to consider before construction.

Approach:

Each display board will share information about renewal work planned for locations in Highlands. Please review the plans, ask any questions, and share feedback. We are asking you to ADVISE us on local knowledge that can assist us with finalizing the plans as we move forward to construction.

Decision-Making:

The preliminary plans shown here tonight are based on previous feedback gathered since January 2018. We also consider:

- City policies and programs
- Technical constraints
- Availability of funding

Please note that some of the proposed elements may not receive funding for implementation with Neighbourhood Renewal; however, efforts will be made to partner with other City programs, community partners and initiatives to leverage additional funding opportunities.



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Public Engagement Process Overview

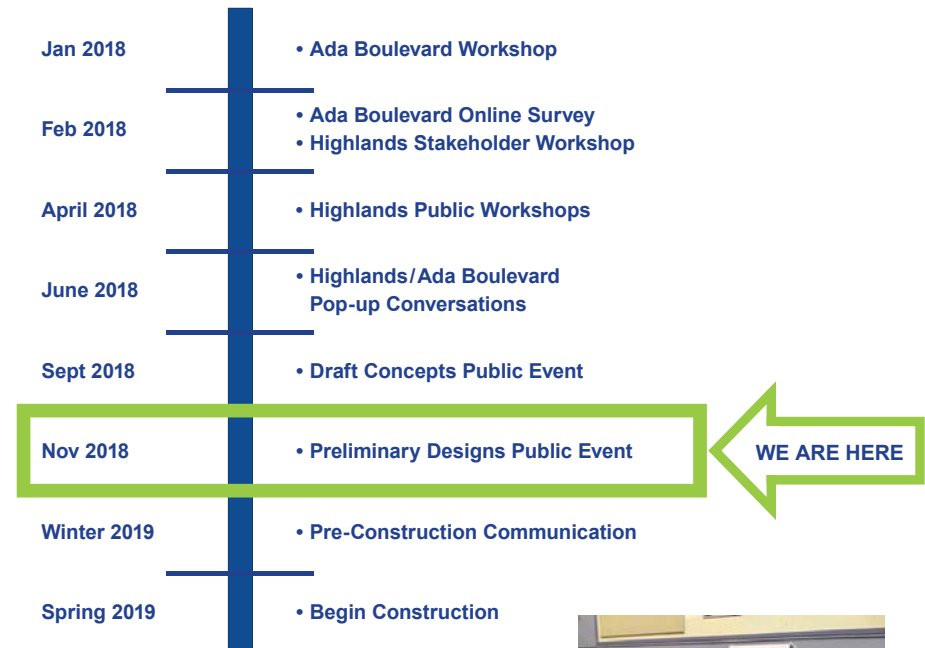
We have engaged with the public on several occasions over the past year to support the development of the preliminary plans. These plans were informed by the vision, important elements, urban design principles, and draft concepts which were developed through engagement at previous events. A timeline has been provided on the right which includes all of the events that have occurred, as well as future events for neighbourhood renewal in Highlands. The public engagement event today will be an opportunity for the community to give feedback in order to ADVISE on the further development of the preliminary plans.

Preliminary Plans

Previous engagement also included a prioritization exercise to help determine which concepts were chosen to become preliminary plans. The concepts that were selected and are featured on the following panels include:

- Henry Martell Park
- Boulder Lookout Park
- Buttercup Farm Park
- Ada Boulevard
- East/West Bike Route Along 113 Avenue
- North/South Bike Routes

In addition to these concepts, the preliminary plans for missing sidewalks, decorative street lights, and traffic calming are also included on additional panels.



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External Neighbourhood Connections

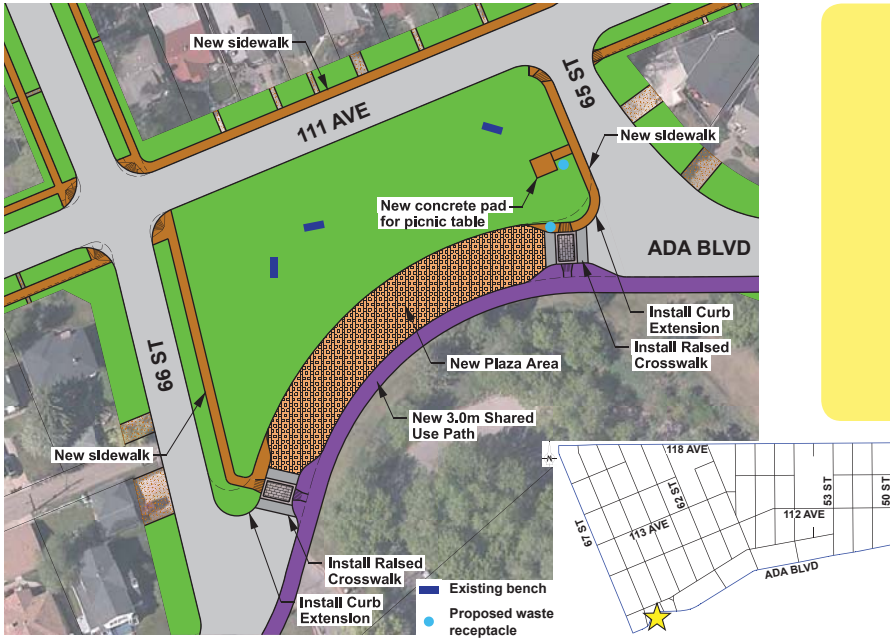


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Henry Martell Park



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Paving Stone



Stamped Concrete



Stamped Asphalt

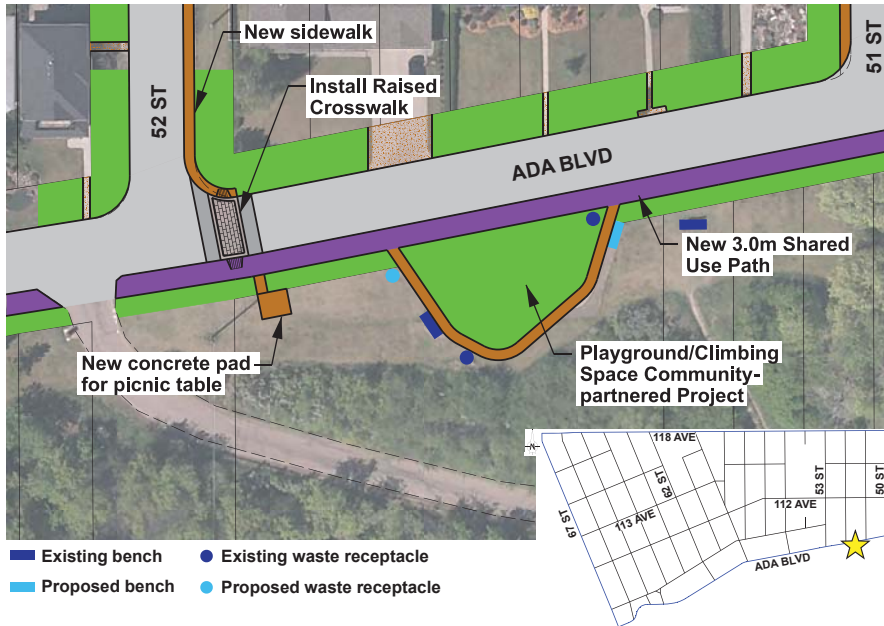
What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant ranked #1 priority for improvements It is a well-used location due to its proximity to Ada Boulevard and is a home to important community gatherings Strong interest in a design and supporting amenities and park furniture that encourage people to gather and host events in this space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important to keep the centre of the park open and natural, and at the same time add pathways and crossing measures that help achieve neighbourhood connectivity and park accessibility along the perimeter A sidewalk is not feasible on the west side of 66 Street due to technical constraints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A unique feature for Highlands that encourages a safe and enjoyable space for all people Adding sidewalks on both east and west sides with curb ramps to increase accessibility Creating a plaza space on Ada Boulevard in front of the park Adding a concrete pad for a picnic table Adding waste receptacles

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Boulder Lookout Park



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What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant ranked #2 priority for updates Strong connection to the river valley and its natural beauty Desire for opportunities to access and enjoy viewpoints into the river valley Interest and excitement about benches to sit and enjoy the space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor spaces along Ada Boulevard to support the exciting culture of friendliness, socializing, and gathering A safely-designed play and climbing area for children and families Keeping the area natural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A park space with views of the river valley that encourages meeting and gathering for residents of Highlands Adding a concrete pad for a picnic table Providing a hard surface to access existing benches A potential new play area for children and families to enjoy Adding waste receptacles

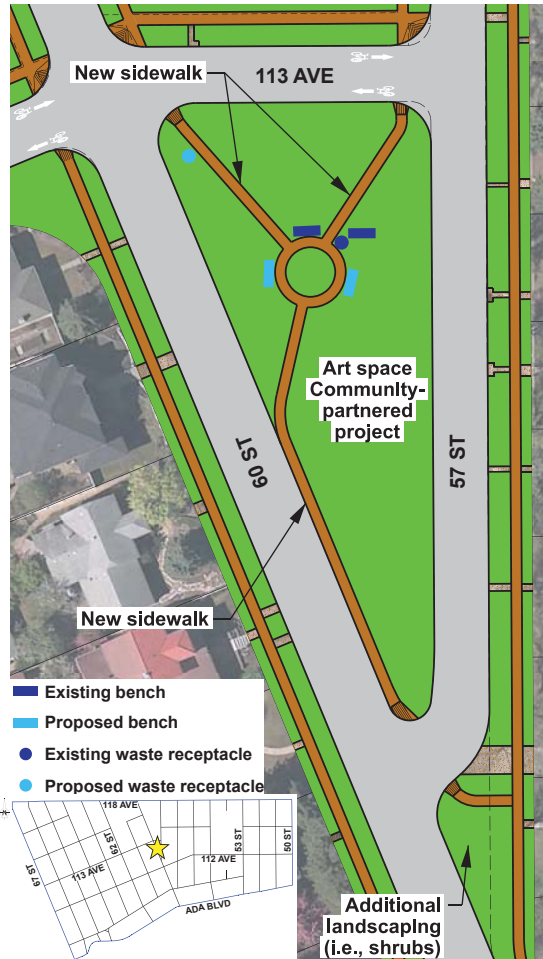


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Buttercup Farm Park



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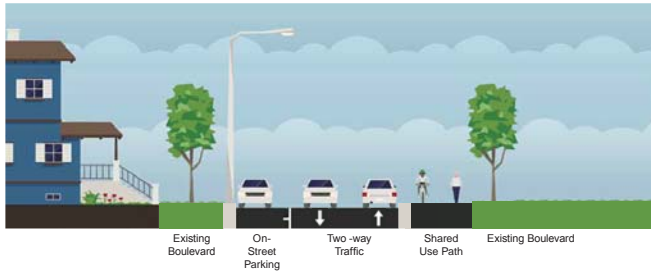
What We Heard	Other Considerations	What Is Being Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant ranked #3 priority for updates Connectivity and walkability along the streets will enhance the function and use of this park space Interest and excitement about visually showing the historical significance of the park 113 Avenue should be left open to accommodate vehicle and bike traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenities including benches, that will allow people to enjoy and gather in the park space 113 Avenue is an important local road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New diagonal sidewalks through the park with curb ramps to increase accessibility to the park Improve the road alignment at the 57 and 60 Street intersection Shortening the crossing distance across 57 Street Maintain operation of 113 Avenue for vehicle and bike traffic A potential community-partnered art space project

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Ada Boulevard



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What We Heard	Other Considerations	What We Propose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People highly value Ada Boulevard, where people who drive, bike, and walk all use the road Neighbourhood gem that is treasured for its connection to the river valley and other neighbourhoods People generally have a high level of comfort with the idea of a shared use path on the south side of Ada Boulevard Pedestrian safety, connectivity, and accessibility are important priorities along Ada Boulevard No sidewalk on the north side of Ada Boulevard Residents preferred to maintain parking and two way traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People actively gather and socialize on the south boulevard Ada Boulevard should continue to support on-street parking, biking, including commuters, social interactions, and local events Woonerf and boardwalk options have high maintenance and construction costs Design requirements to continue shared use on Ada Boulevard are still being looked into 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a safe corridor for all modes of travel Retain as much of the original feel of Ada Boulevard as possible while keeping overall safety as a priority Add a shared use path along the south side of Ada Boulevard Add a new plaza area in front of Henry Martel Park Retain parking on the north side of the street

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Bike Routes and Infrastructure

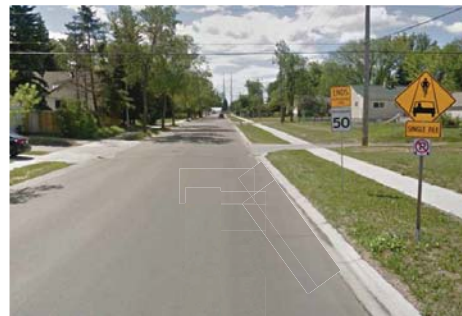
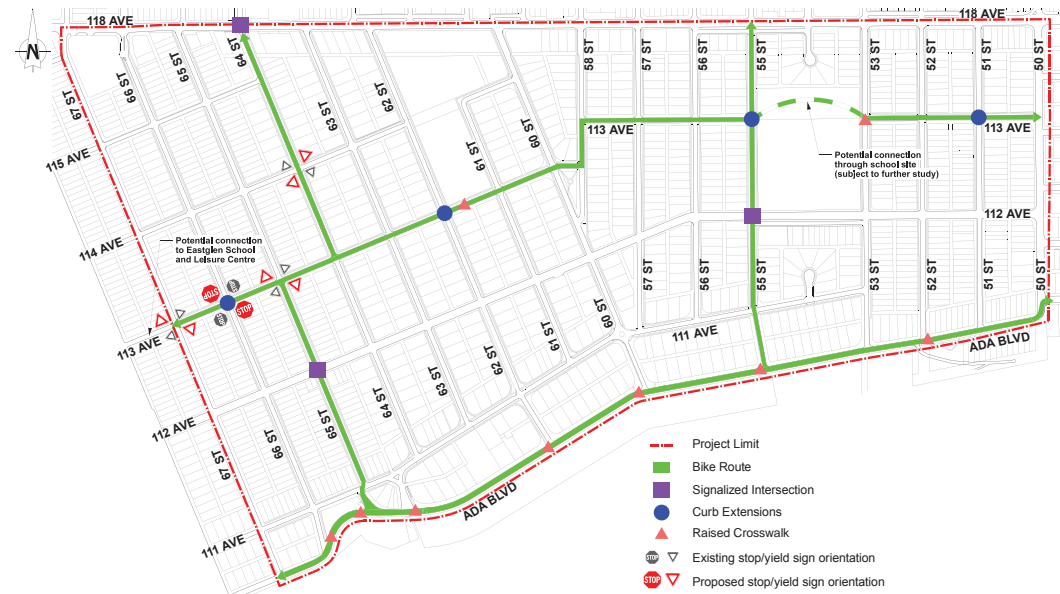
Ada Boulevard has long been established as a highly active bike route through Highlands.

There is a need to support east to west connectivity north of 112 Avenue, and a high level of support to see this route along 113 Avenue.

There is also interest in connecting to other neighbourhoods and, accordingly, identifying bike routes and infrastructure that run north to south.

People are more comfortable having bikes share the road with cars than having bikes share a facility with pedestrians. An on-street shared bike facility will be provided to increase the comfort of people who choose to bike on the roadway.

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On-street shared bike facility

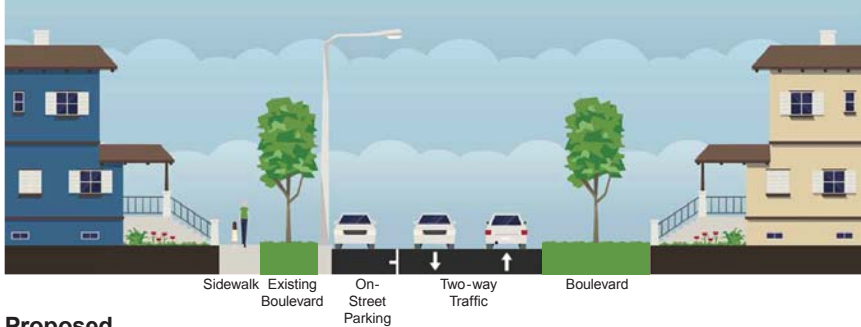
- People who bike share the road with cars
- Updates to signage and traffic calming measures will slow traffic to improve comfort and safety of people who bike

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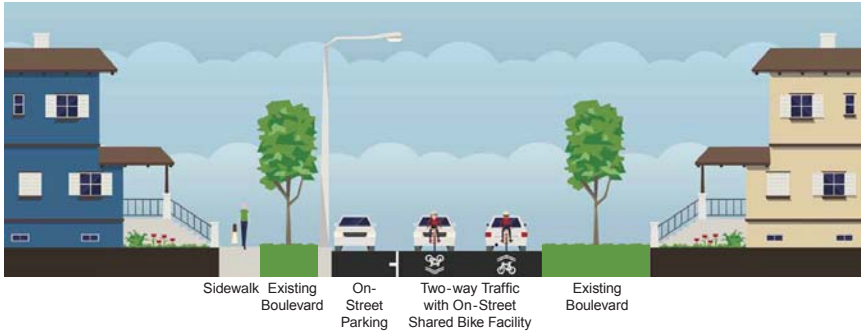
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East/West Bike Route Along 113 Avenue

Existing



Proposed



Traffic calming measures along the bike route



Curb Extension



Raised Crosswalk



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North/South Bike Routes

Existing 55 Street



Sidewalk Existing Boulevard On-Street Parking Two-way Traffic Existing Sidewalk Boulevard

Proposed 55 Street



Sidewalk Existing Boulevard On-Street Parking Two-way Traffic with On-Street Shared Bike Facility Existing Sidewalk Boulevard

Existing 64/65 Street



Sidewalk Existing Boulevard On-Street Parking Two-way Traffic Existing Sidewalk Boulevard

Proposed 64/65 Street



Sidewalk Existing Boulevard On-Street Parking Two-way Traffic with On-Street Shared Bike Facility Existing Sidewalk Boulevard



Traffic calming measure along the bike route



Curb Extension

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Sidewalk Linkages

As part of earlier public engagement we asked which locations people felt that there was a missing sidewalk link that the City should consider adding. The map below shows the locations where new sidewalks are feasible within technical constraints.



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Decorative Street Lights

As part of neighbourhood renewal the community has the option to pay for an upgrade to decorative street lights. As an upgrade from the current standard galvanized street lights, decorative street lights have features that include colour, pole styles, and pole arm type.

The proposed decorative street light option for Highlands selected by the Highlands Community League includes:

Pole Style: Fluted



Decorative Arm: Heritage



Pole Colour: Black



The City sent an Expression of Interest (EOI) notice to registered property owners with the proposed option and cost estimate in September. In order to initiate the local improvement process, 50% + 1 of a representative sample of the neighbourhood must respond in favour of the proposed decorative street light option by **November 20, 2018**.



Standard galvanized street light



Proposed decorative street light

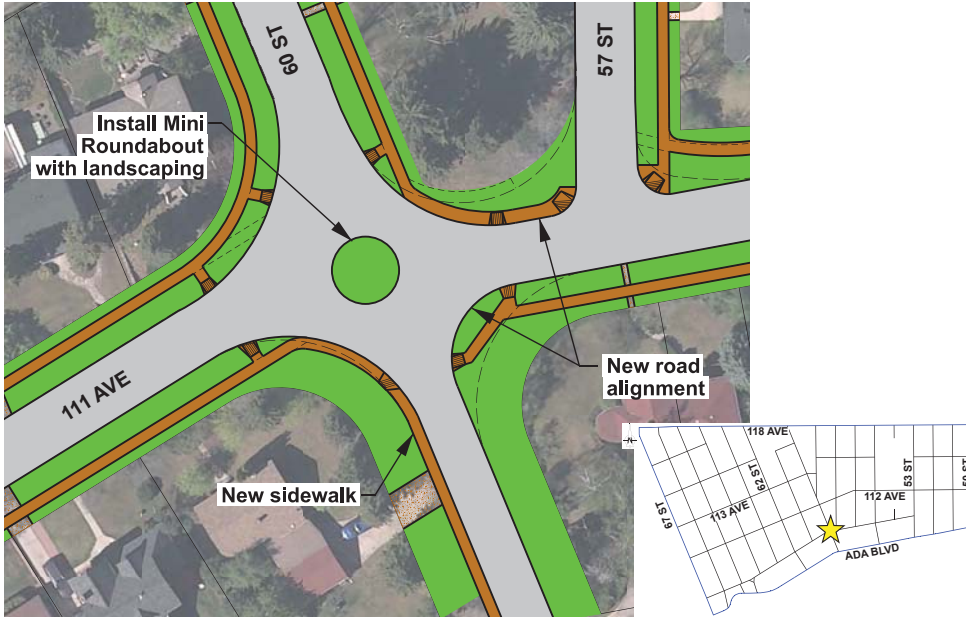
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Preliminary Traffic Calming Map



Mini Roundabout - 111 Avenue & 60 Street



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What We Heard	Other Considerations	What We Propose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 111 Avenue is a speeding location Close proximity of 57 and 60 Streets make this a confusing intersection High level of comfort with a mini roundabout along this avenue, and confidence it will help reduce speeding Some residents use 57 Street to access 111 Avenue and closing this intersection has the potential to lead to shortcutting and turnaround challenges on 57 Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mini roundabout will not help to support pedestrian crossings; however, road realignment will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce vehicle speeds through this area Reduce the level of confusion for vehicles through the intersection which will increase overall safety Improve the sight lines at the intersection of 57 Street and 111 Avenue Install a mini roundabout at 60 St and 111 Avenue



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Adding Curb Extensions & Raised Crosswalks



A curb extension extends the sidewalk into the parking lane to narrow the roadway and provide additional pedestrian space at key locations either at the corners of a street or mid-block.

Curb extensions enhance pedestrian safety by increasing pedestrian visibility, shortening crossing distances, slowing turning vehicles, and narrowing the roadway.

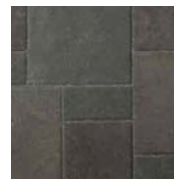
A raised crosswalk is a marked pedestrian crosswalk at an intersection which is constructed higher than the roadway surface. This is intended to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety.



Please place a dot on your preferred raised crosswalk design option.



Grey



Charcoal



Red



Desert Buff



Concrete

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Next Steps

The next steps for renewal in Highlands will be to finalize the preliminary plans using the event feedback at the ADVISE level. We will also consider technical constraints, City policies and programs, and available budget in making design decisions. In early 2019, an information session will be held to inform residents about the detailed construction plans.

Construction will be staged over 3 years throughout the neighbourhood until the Fall of 2021, at which point Highlands will have successfully completed the renewal process. The staging plan for renewal over the course of the three years has been provided on the map to the right.

The Project Team will also host a wrap-up Celebration at the end of the first construction season to thank everyone for their support and involvement. Please see below for all the future engagement events that you can attend.

Future Events Include:

January 31, 2019 – Pre-Construction Information Session

Fall 2019 – Wrap-up Celebration (date to be confirmed)

To find more information, please visit:

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Tentative Construction Staging Plan 2019–2021



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