



# 122 Avenue Collector Concept Plan

107 Street to Fort Road

November 24, 2015

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

May - July 2015

The City of Edmonton conducts public involvement activities to provide opportunities for a wide range of community members to voice their views on a project. The goal is to gather collective insight to improve the final project outcome—in this case, the final collector roadway concept plan.

Along with this input, the concept plan will be informed by City policies and guidelines, as well as technical requirements and constraints.

## WHAT WE HEARD

### About the Project

122 Avenue (between 107 Street and Fort Road) is a collector road that gathers neighbourhood traffic and disperses it to arterial roadways.

In planning for the reconstruction of 122 Avenue, tentatively scheduled for 2017-2018, the City initiated a study to create a concept plan for the roadway that will:

- Determine how the roadway can be enhanced to meet the needs of current and future users
- Ensure road design consistency across the five neighbourhoods it passes through

Future construction will include the complete removal and reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bus stops and streetlights.

### What We've Done So Far

The City reached out to community members in Alberta Avenue, Delton, Eastwood, Elmwood Park and

Westwood between May and July 2015 to identify issues and concerns, and to understand how 122 Avenue could better serve all residents in the future. Individual meetings were held with community leagues and businesses, and area residents and commuters were invited to a public event on June 16. A three phase public involvement process incorporating public meetings and stakeholder interviews was designed to share project information and to collect public input to inform the 122 Avenue Collector Concept Plan.



### Feedback

All input received from the June 16 Information Gathering Session, online questionnaire and stakeholder interviews was reviewed and considered in the development of the draft concept plan.

### Primary Concerns

Respondents' top three primary transportation issues or concerns related to 122 Avenue are **speeding** (65%), **pedestrian safety** (58%) and **traffic congestion** (40%). Other issues identified were **shortcutting** (38%), **parking** (30%) and **transit** (15%). Other responses related to snow removal, noise and inconsistent number of lanes.

### Future Vision

When asked how they envision 122 Avenue in the future, the majority of respondents see the corridor as being **pedestrian friendly** (68%) with **mature trees** (63%). Others envision **enhanced pedestrian crossings** (47%) with a focus on **neighbourhood access** (37%). Transit



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accessibility is important to 32% of respondents. Twenty-six percent (26%) see 122 Avenue as bicycle friendly and 21% as a commuter route.

## Summary of Key Issues

The key themes from input received and the City's responses are summarized below:

**Speeding:** Speeding was identified as a traffic and pedestrian safety concern along the entire corridor, specifically through the school zone (89 to 90 streets) and in front of the seniors' centre (103 – 105 streets).

**Action:** Traffic calming techniques including narrowing the roadway width and introducing curb extensions at busy pedestrian crossings are proposed to discourage speeding.

**Walkability/Pedestrian Safety:** Residents would like to see the neighbourhood become more vibrant and walkable with continuous sidewalks, safer pedestrian crossings, better lighting and pleasing aesthetics, including the retention of the mature trees.

**Action:** The draft concept plan introduces a wider boulevard on the north side of 122 Avenue for greater pedestrian safety and comfort. The south side curb line has been retained to minimize impacts to existing mature trees.

**Intersection Safety/Congestion:** Residents and users of 122 Avenue have safety concerns with several intersections along the corridor, with 97 Street, 82 Street and Fort Road being mentioned most often.

**Action:** The draft concept plan includes intersection improvements and traffic signal phasing changes at both 97 and 82 Streets to alleviate congestion and improve safety. The Fort Road intersection is outside the scope of the planning study.

**Shortcutting:** Concerns were raised regarding commuter traffic using 122 Avenue as a shortcutting alternative to arterial roadways such as 118 Avenue.

**Action:** The draft concept plan narrows the existing roadway width from 13.5m to a current City standard of 11.5m, which will slow vehicles down and discourage shortcutting.

**Parking/Traffic Lanes:** Respondents see the on-street parking on 122 Avenue as a safety hazard and would like to see it eliminated. They would also like the lanes defined along the corridor (with painted lines) and widened especially when windrows take up lane space.

**Response:** On-street parking is generally retained along collector roadways to meet the needs of residents, visitors or customers accessing adjacent services or organizations. Parked vehicles have the added benefit of helping to slow vehicles down by providing a visual barrier for drivers.

As collector roadways are generally one lane in each direction with parking, additional paint lines are not provided with the exception of approaches to major intersections, where additional lanes are introduced. Widened boulevards provide additional space for snow storage, which will prevent the lanes from being further narrowed in winter conditions.

## Get Involved!

Your input will help shape the future of 122 Avenue. Let us know your thoughts on the improvements proposed on the draft concept plan.

Complete our Comment Form available at the November 24, 2015 Open House or online at [edmonton.ca/122AveCollectorPlan](http://edmonton.ca/122AveCollectorPlan).

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