

Building Great Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhood Renewal in Alberta Avenue

Building Great Neighbourhoods will be undertaking roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as providing new street lights in Alberta Avenue.

Additional enhancements will also be considered throughout the neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood boundaries are between 111 Avenue and 122 Avenue and 89 Street and 97 Street. Please refer to the map (right).

Construction is scheduled in 2019 to 2022.

What is included?

Local roads, Collector roads, and City-owned spaces.

What is not included?

118 Avenue

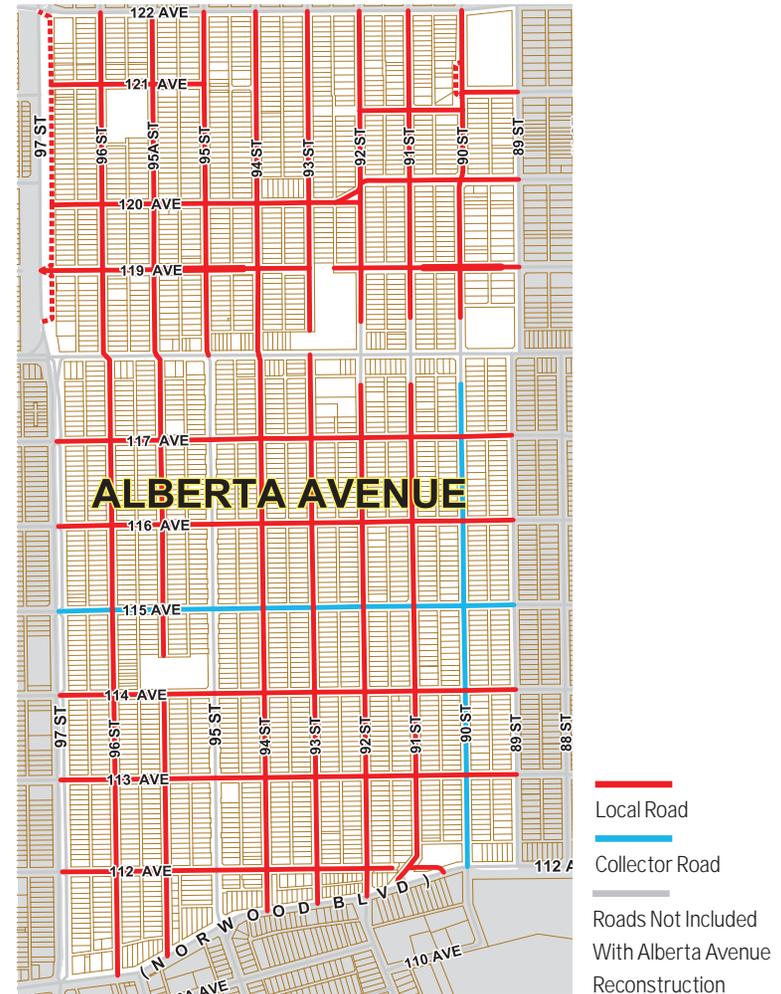
- 118 Avenue recently underwent “Revitalization” which included streetscape improvements such as beautification with trees, flowers, decorative surfaces, wider sidewalks, safer crosswalks, tree lighting and parking areas.

95 Street south of 118 Avenue

- 95 Street is defined as an arterial roadway and follows a different program than renewal. The City is working at coordinating its efforts.

Alleys

- Alleys are not part of the renewal program.



Find out more by going to:

Edmonton.ca/[BuildingAlbertaAvenue](https://www.edmonton.ca/building-alberta-avenue) or call 311

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Draft Concepts Public Event

Purpose

The purpose of this event is to share the concept designs with Alberta Avenue community members and to gather input on their level of importance and priority. The following panels will provide information about the draft concept designs, including specific design elements and details on project considerations.

Engagement Activity

The envelope you received contains 15 coloured stickers. Five blue stickers, five red stickers, and five yellow stickers. This is one sticker per focus area.

To determine how important each focus area is to the community, we are asking community members to:

1. Identify **when the project should occur** based on the following colour scale:



*The short term is the most likely to be considered in the Neighbourhood Renewal process.

2. Identify the **level of importance** for each focus area on a 1 to 5 scale (with 1 being the least important and 5 being the most).

For example: You may decide that focus area one is very important (5) to you, but you think that it should be designed and built in the mid-term (red sticker).

How important is this concept for Alberta Avenue?



(1 is the lowest level of importance, 5 is the highest)

How We Will Use This Feedback

We will use feedback from this event to continue to refine the draft concept designs. The concepts will be prioritized based on the following factors:

1. Your input at this event
2. City policies and programs
3. Availability of funding
4. Technical constraints

Once prioritized, the preliminary plans will be developed and shared with the public in the Fall.

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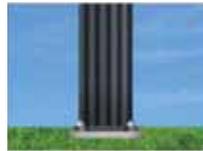
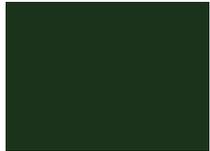
Decorative Street Lights for Alberta Avenue

During neighbourhood renewal the City covers the full cost to replace all street lights with standard galvanized steel poles, LED lights and street address blades. The community has the option to upgrade to decorative street lights, as a cost-sharing opportunity. Currently, there has not been strong support to establish a committee to bring forth a submission for decorative street lights for Alberta Avenue. Based on feedback from the last event the preferred design included:

Pole Colour:
Dark Green

Decorative Arm:
Heritage

Pole Style:
Fluted



Estimated Cost Chart

	Colour	Octagonal	Fluted
% Cost of decorative over standard poles	5%	15%	20%
One-cash payment per metre of frontage	\$6	\$18	\$24
Yearly rate per metre of frontage for 15 years	\$5.6	\$1.68	\$2.24
One-time cash payment for typical lot (50 ft)	\$90	\$270	\$360
Yearly rate for 15 years for typical lot (50 ft).	\$9	\$27	\$36

Learn more at: edmonton.ca/localimprovements

New Option: Post-Top Luminaire Street Lights

One of the most common themes from the last engagement event was the need for lower level pedestrian-oriented lighting. After further research a lower level decorative streetlight option has been identified. While these lights are more in keeping with the needs of the community, there are some additional trade-offs. Post-top pole costs and impacts are still being finalized but are anticipated to cost approximately the same as the black - octagonal pole.



Post-Top options (lower level)



Optima

Metrostyle

Tradeoffs

1. 20% more poles may be required as they are a lower pole and have a different lighting area. This is currently under investigation.
2. Poles may need to be relocated from their original location, as such poles could end up in the middle of lots depending on existing trees.

If you are interested in being part of a committee to develop a formal submission, please contact: **Community League President** (president@albertaave.org), prior to **July 3**.

Upon submission the City can provide a cost estimate on the option selected.

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What We Heard - Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

On April 26, a Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event was held with the community to confirm the vision and core values and to discuss the focus areas within the urban design themes (Open Spaces, Connectivity and Corridors, Traffic Calming and Placemaking). During this event residents were asked what they liked about the vision, core values, and urban design themes, and what needed to be changed. The event also called on residents to share feedback on focus areas and potential design elements that were being considered, by providing their level of comfort. The feedback from this event has been summarized into the following What We Heard panels, as well as the What We Heard table for each urban design theme.

The vision, along with understanding the core values for the renewal, helps inform the design for your neighbourhood.

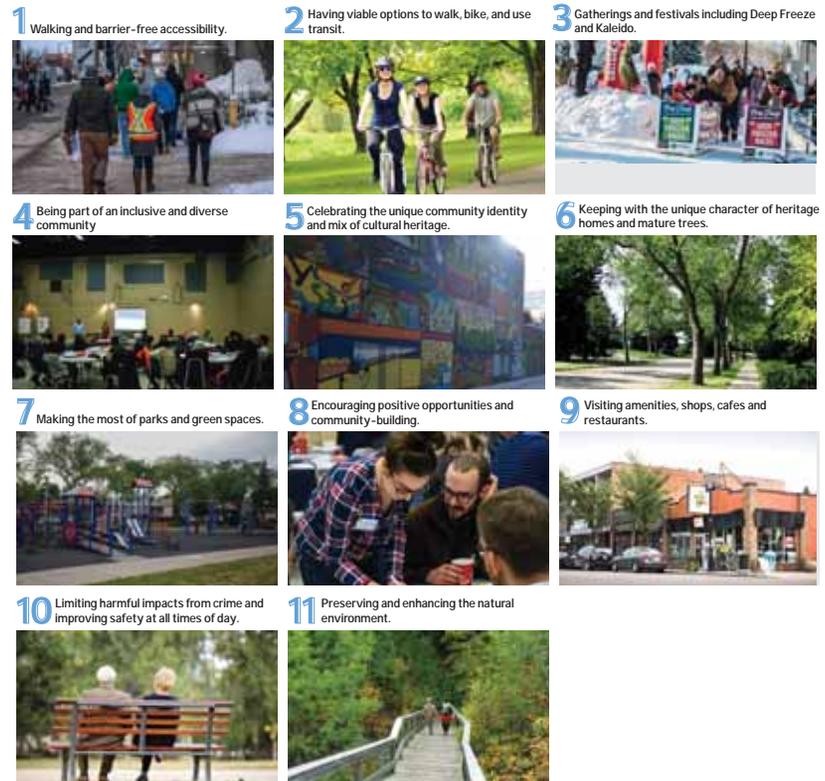
Updated Vision Statement

“Neighbourhood renewal in Alberta Avenue will build a safe and accessible community, for all ages, abilities and incomes. We welcome everyone and will make it easy for people to walk and bike, get to places in the neighbourhood, and gather to visit and play.”

What We Heard:

Addition: *“Making it easy for people to bike.”* As cycling is important to community members.

Updated Core Values



What We Heard:

Addition: *“Preserving and enhancing the natural environment.”* As the protection of existing trees and addition of other green spaces is important to residents.

Remove: *“Having a sense of belonging and telling their own stories as a community.”* and *“Activities for all-ages, abilities and incomes.”* As these are incorporated into other core values and the vision statement.

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What We Heard – Vision Confirmation and Community Options Event

Common Themes

Some of the common themes that we heard throughout the April 26 event included:

OPEN SPACES



Preserve and enhance the natural environment

Residents would like to see the natural environment preserved and enhanced through additional and improved green spaces.



Pedestrian-oriented lighting

Residents would like to see additional lighting throughout the community to improve visibility and safety.



Activity Areas

Residents would like more active spaces throughout the community such as basketball courts or ice rinks.

PLACEMAKING



Dog-friendly community

Residents would like more options for dog parks and amenities throughout the community.



Celebrating Alberta Avenue

Residents would like to commemorate the cultural heritage of the Alberta Avenue community through the original street names.



Placemaking

Residents would like to see placemaking in the community by creating spaces to sit, gather, and relax.



Involving local businesses

Residents would like to see neighbourhood renewal involve local businesses to provide complementary local amenities.



More public art

Residents would like to see more public art throughout the community.

CONNECTIVITY & CORRIDORS



Accessible and safe

Residents would like their community to be accessible and safe to all, including seniors, children, and those with mobility issues.



Boulevards with landscaping

Residents would like to see boulevards along roads with trees and landscaping elements to provide a barrier between foot/bike traffic and vehicles to enhance the pedestrian and cyclist experience.



Protected bike lanes, bike racks and amenities

Residents would like to see more bike infrastructure for people who ride bikes throughout the community.



Easy to get around

Residents would like it to be easy to walk, cycle, and use transit throughout the community.

TRAFFIC CALMING



Reduce speeding and shortcutting

Residents would like to see increased traffic calming measures throughout the community to reduce speeding and shortcutting. Residents prefer the following traffic calming measures:

- Raised Crosswalks
- Raised Intersections
- Mini-roundabout
- Curb Extensions

Do you feel like your comments from the previous engagement event are reflected in these themes?
Please use a post-it note.

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Next Steps

Thank You For Participating In Our Public Event!

The next steps for renewal in Alberta Avenue will include the refinement of the prioritized draft concepts to create preliminary plans over summer. These plans will be presented to the public in Fall. In early 2019, an information session will be held to inform residents about the construction plans, prior to the start of construction. Construction will be staged over 4 years throughout the neighbourhood until the Fall of 2022, at which point Alberta Avenue will have successfully completed the renewal process. 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 could attend in the future.

Future events include:

[October 2018 - Preliminary Plan Public Event](#)

[February 2019 - Pre-Construction Information Session](#)

[Fall 2019 - Wrap-Up Celebration](#)

To find more information visit:

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Please use a post-it note to leave any final remarks.

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