What We Heard – Phase II Public Engagement

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

HIGHLANDS

Workshops April 14 & 17, 2018
City of Edmonton

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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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SUMMARY

The City of Edmonton is planning neighbourhood renewal construction for Highlands beginning in 2019 and ending in 2021. The Highlands neighbourhood renewal includes Ada Boulevard. Public engagement will also take place for the Bellevue portion of Ada Boulevard, which will be constructed at the end of 2019 (i.e., Wayne Gretzky Drive to 50 Street).

Before construction begins, an Urban Design Analysis, preliminary designs, and detailed designs will be created. The Urban Design Analysis and designs will be a reflection of City policy, technical requirements (i.e., standards and guidelines), and public input.

This report shares the results of one phase of the City’s public engagement efforts. In April, the City of Edmonton invited people to attend one of two identical workshops and, for those interested, a pre-workshop guided walk. People who participated were asked to share ideas to refine a project vision and set of important elements to guide the City’s work in the neighbourhood. They were also asked to share advice about what is working well in the neighbourhood and what needs attention. This information will help the City create an Urban Design Analysis followed by preliminary designs for Highlands.

### PARTICIPATION LEVELS:

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The input that people shared about the vision and set of important elements aligned well with the advice that people shared regarding what is working well in the neighbourhood and what needs attention.

As a result of the input, the City has adopted a project vision and set of important elements to guide Highlands’ Neighbourhood Renewal Project:

### VISION

Highlands is a safe, friendly, and highly-connected neighbourhood. It is an active and accessible destination, where people enjoy modern infrastructure and beautiful gathering spaces surrounded by local history.

### IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

- Highlands features its natural beauty, including mature trees and connections to the river valley.
- Highlands is an active and accessible neighbourhood, where streets and sidewalks are designed to favour pedestrians and other active modes of transportation.
- Highlands is a safe neighbourhood, where traffic management and lighting help people feel secure moving throughout the neighbourhood.
- Highlands is a friendly neighbourhood, where there are beautiful, functional and accessible outdoor areas for people to gather.
- Highlands honours and reflects its history, recognizing local points of interest and telling stories about the diverse groups of people who lived on these lands.
- Highlands is a connected neighbourhood, where the streets and sidewalks support a natural flow of people who move both north and south of 112 Avenue.
The City’s next steps are to:

1. Share the project vision and set of important elements, as well as this summary of public input with project stakeholders and post to the project webpage at: [edmonton.ca/buildinghighlands](http://edmonton.ca/buildinghighlands)

2. Develop an Urban Design Analysis and preliminary designs that reflect the following:

   a. The information from this report, along with the detailed location-based input collected throughout the engagement activities

   b. City policy

   c. Technical information

In Summer/Fall 2018, the City will begin its next phase of public engagement to discuss potential design possibilities and trade offs. Between June 2018 and January 2019, the City will conduct additional public engagement for Ada Boulevard and share project updates with anyone who joins Highlands’ Building Great Neighbourhoods [mailing list](mailto:mailinglist).
PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

• Share what we heard from the April 14 and 17 workshops
• Provide information about the City’s next steps with neighbourhood renewal in Highlands

SCOPE OF BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS IN HIGHLANDS

The City of Edmonton is planning neighbourhood renewal construction for Highlands beginning in 2019 and ending in 2021.

The Highlands neighbourhood renewal includes Ada Boulevard. Engagement will also take place for the Bellevue portion of Ada Boulevard, which will be constructed at the end of 2019.

Construction involves the renewal of:
• Roads and gutters
• Missing sidewalk links and curb ramps
• Streetlighting

Depending on the level of interest in the neighbourhood, construction may also include two Local Improvements, sidewalk renewal and the addition of decorative streetlighting.

It can also include an opportunity to discuss other neighbourhood initiatives important to residents, such as:
• Ways to make the neighbourhood more beautiful
• Reflecting the neighbourhood identity
• Enhancements to outdoor public areas

Before the City begins neighbourhood renewal construction, we will work with key stakeholders to access local knowledge of the neighbourhood. Our design takes three things into consideration:
• City policy and programs
• Technical requirements (i.e., accepted guidelines and standards)
• Public input
THE PATH TO GOOD DESIGN

The City has outlined a number of steps to take before proceeding with Highlands’ neighbourhood renewal construction.

In late 2017, we started with pre-project meetings, where the Project Manager, Sherry Wallace, shared information and listened to both the excitement and concerns of interested community groups.

In January and early February 2018, we ran an in-person workshop followed by an online survey to learn more about how people like to use and enjoy Ada Boulevard, and what they see as some of the features necessary to support their interests. It focused on Ada Boulevard, running through Virginia Park, Bellevue, and Highlands.

In late February, Phase I involved inviting representatives of neighbourhood-based organizations and stakeholders to a meeting to learn about neighbourhood renewal construction, form a neighbourhood outreach network, and provide us some initial input to help craft a vision and set of important elements for Highlands’ neighbourhood renewal. The feedback received from Phase I helped to inform the process to develop the neighbourhood vision and important elements as seen in this report.

In April, we confirmed that the section of Ada Boulevard located in Virginia Park will proceed with that neighbourhood’s 2018 neighbourhood renewal construction schedule, and that the sections that run through Bellevue and Highlands will proceed within the 2019 - 2021 construction schedule.

In April, we hosted two identical public workshops to ask people for two types of input:

1. Input to REFINE the vision and set of important elements drafted based on the input that neighbourhood-based organizations and stakeholders provided in February.

2. Input to ADVISE the City on what it needs to consider, relative to City policy and programs and technical requirements, as it drafts designs for an Urban Design Analysis and preliminary designs.

Toward the end of June, we will be hosting pop-up neighbourhood conversations in Highlands on Ada Boulevard to discuss potential design possibilities and trade-offs as well as potential traffic calming measures.

Toward the end of summer and into fall, we will be hosting public engagement activities to invite input on the concepts and preliminary designs.

Moving into 2019, the City will host a pre-construction meeting to ensure that everyone who is interested has an opportunity to see the detailed design for Highlands’ neighbourhood renewal, including Ada Boulevard in both Bellevue and Highlands, and learn about how construction will be staged from 2019 - 2021.
When the City of Edmonton asks people to ADVISE, we are asking you to share feedback and perspectives that we can consider for policies, programs, projects, or services.

When we ask people to REFINE, we are asking you to help us adapt and adjust approaches to policies, programs, projects, or services.

ADVISE and REFINE are part of the City of Edmonton’s Public Engagement Spectrum, a tool that explains the four roles the public can play when they participate in City of Edmonton public engagement activities. As you move within the spectrum, there is an increasing level of public influence and commitment from the City and the public.

For more information on the how public engagement shapes decision making visit edmonton.ca/PublicEngagement.

DATA COLLECTION

The City’s April public engagement was targeted to people who live, work, play, or hold an interest in Highlands.

A total of 79 people provided us with input.

Seventy-eight (78) of them participated in two identical in-person workshops held at Highlands School on Saturday, April 14 and Mount Royal School on Tuesday, April 17.

One additional person submitted feedback to the Project Manager by email.

We received approximately 950 individual comments.

For the participants who attended the workshops, they also had the option of attending a guided neighbourhood walk an hour before the workshops started. The purpose of the walk was to provide interested people an opportunity to view and discuss the condition and possibilities for some of the neighbourhood assets before providing the City with input on them. A total of 28 people participated in the pre-workshop walks.

The communication to encourage participation in the public engagement workshops and walks included:

• Direct mail to reach people in multi-family dwellings as well as single-family homes
• Emails and information packages to community organizations, institutions, and businesses
• Signs along roads in and out of Highlands
• City of Edmonton website

The City also enlisted support from local community organizations, institutions, and businesses to promote the opportunities to the populations they serve. For example, the Highlands Community League promoted the workshops through its e-news and as well as on its sign in front of the community hall.

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REFINING THE VISION AND IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

As part of the April workshops, participants were asked to review a vision statement and set of important elements that were drafted based on input from the February stakeholder meeting as well as cross-referenced against key ideas from the Abundant Community survey results that are on the Highlands Community League website.

To provide input, participants were asked to:

- Indicate whether or not they support the drafts; and,
- If not, provide feedback on how to strengthen the drafts.

**Original VISION**

Highlands is a safe, friendly, and highly-connected neighbourhood. It is a walkable destination, where people enjoy modern infrastructure and beautiful gathering spaces within visible local history.

**Refined VISION**

Highlands is a safe, friendly, and highly-connected neighbourhood. It is an active and accessible destination, where people enjoy modern infrastructure and beautiful gathering spaces surrounded by local history.

**REASONS FOR THE REFINEMENT TO THE VISION:**

- A total of 38 people provided input on the vision. Twenty-two (58 per cent) supported the draft with no changes. Sixteen (42 per cent) made suggestions on how to improve it.
- Of those, that provided suggestions on how to improve the vision, the majority provided very specific design ideas (i.e., decorative lighting, benches, viewpoints along Ada Boulevard) that they want to see included as part of neighbourhood renewal.
- Looking at the input that focused on what people want the project to achieve along with the input on what is working well and needs attention, it is apparent that participants see Highlands as a neighbourhood for all types of activity and leisure and as a place that everyone should be welcome and able to participate.
- The decision was made to expand the idea of Highlands as a “walkable destination” to “an active and accessible destination.”
- There were also comments about the charm of the neighbourhood, and a desire to experience modern infrastructure and beautiful gathering spaces while building on the historical identity of the neighbourhood.
Original IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

• Highlands is a walkable community, where streets and sidewalks are designed to achieve accessibility and favour pedestrians and other active modes of transportation.
• Highlands is a safe and friendly neighbourhood, where traffic calming, good lighting, and an abundance of gathering spaces and infrastructure (i.e., benches along streets, gazebos in parks, lookouts along Ada Boulevard) help bring people together.
• Highlands is a connected neighbourhood, where the streets and sidewalks support a natural flow of people who move both north and south of 112 Avenue.
• Highlands is designed to direct traffic and people toward local businesses and gathering spots, while maintaining calm and quiet residential streets.
• Highlands honours and celebrates its history, integrating its story and heritage into beautifying design features (e.g., decorative light poles, signs, memorial plaques, planters).
• Highlands features its natural beauty, including maintaining its mature trees, beautifying parks, and facilitating connections to the river valley.

Refined IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

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REASONS FOR THE REFINEMENTS TO THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

• There was high support (87 - 95 per cent) for the three elements focused on natural beauty, walkability, and being safe and friendly.

• The element focused on “directing people to local businesses and maintaining calm and quiet residential streets” had less support than all the others (i.e., 55 per cent). There was also very little input on what is working well or needs attention related to this element.

• While there were high levels of support for the important elements, the majority of participants (79 per cent) provided input to offer additional elements.

• In response to the input, several updates were made to the elements:
  - They were re-ordered to demonstrate where the most support lies.
  - Participant input did not connect the ideas of safety and friendliness; therefore, safety was made into an element focused on good traffic management and lighting and friendliness was made into an element focused on beautiful, functional, and accessible gathering spaces.
  - Related to the above, participants connected beautification to supporting a friendly neighbourhood, and so “beautification” was removed from the element focused on natural beauty and added to the new element focused on friendliness.
  - The element focused on walkability was updated to be more expansive, focusing on being active and accessible, where the design of infrastructure and its uses support both.
  - The element focused on honouring and celebrating Highlands’ history was updated to replace “celebrating” with the idea of making it more visual to people. It was also updated to be clear that people want to take a more inclusive approach to representing Highlands’ history, reflective of more diverse demographics.
INPUT TO HELP DEVELOP DESIGN IDEAS

As part of the April workshops, participants were asked to provide the City with advice on what is working well (i.e., strengths of the neighbourhood) in the neighbourhood and what needs attention (i.e., concerns, gaps, and opportunities) to support the creation of an Urban Design Analysis and, following that, preliminary designs for Neighbourhood Renewal.

The advice received through the workshops will be considered in context of City policy and programs, as well as technical requirements. The City’s designs will strive to, wherever possible, reflect public input that aligns with its policy direction, program requirements, and technical necessities.

For Highlands’ neighbourhood renewal, the City has secured funding to renew:

- Roads and gutters
- Missing sidewalk links and curb ramps
- Streetlighting

Depending on the level of interest in the neighbourhood, the City will also work with the community to pursue two Local Improvements, sidewalk renewal and the addition of decorative streetlighting.

The City also asked people to share ideas for other types of issues and opportunities in Highlands, including related to outdoor public parks and green spaces, beautification, history and heritage, natural assets, and river valley connections. Where there is a high-degree of neighbourhood interest, the City will partner with representatives of the neighbourhood to pursue funding and implementation.

When the City asked questions about what is working well and needs attention, it asked participants to focus on four topics:

- Get around in Highlands (i.e., walking, biking and driving/on-street parking)
- Access public transit locations
- Use and enjoy outdoor public areas, natural assets and connections to the river valley
- Reflect the identity and character of the neighbourhood (e.g., landscaping, signs, historical and cultural displays)

It also asked people to provide input on:

- The condition of and missing infrastructure that is the neighbourhood now
- Other ideas related to neighbourhood renewal

The workshop input, including forms submitted by people who participated in the optional neighbourhood walks, points to 10 themes to describe what is working well in Highlands.

### Working Well in Highlands

- It’s a walkable and bikeable neighbourhood, where people generally feel safe doing both
- It’s a charming neighbourhood that has a small town feel, and the multi-use spaces (i.e., roads were people can drive, walk, and bike) help contribute to its character
- There are a lot of outdoor amenities that allow people to participate in a variety of leisure and recreation activities
- The outdoor parks and green spaces are safe, open, and well-maintained
- There is a lot of available parking, which is helped by the 72-hour parking program
- There is year-round access to the river valley, including through the Highlands Golf Course
- There is good lighting
- There are large intersections
- There are new curbs between 113 - 114 Avenue and between 64 - 67 Street
- There is good access to public transit
The workshop input focused on what needs attention and reflects nine themes. When participants provided input into what needs attention, they focused on a combination of issues (i.e., gaps, concerns) and opportunities. In most cases, the opportunities were presented as ways to overcome the issues.

The following charts provide a view of the nine themes as well as a summary of the main issues and opportunities that were raised as part of each theme.

It is worth noting that some of the themes summarizing what needs attention are the same as those identified as themes about what is working well. It’s also worth noting that the themes reflect the most commonly identified issues and opportunities. For many of the issues and opportunities, there were a smaller subset of participants who disagreed with or opposed some of the suggestions.

The City will also use policy and technical information to develop designs for the neighbourhood.

| Increasing pedestrian safety and accessible design that supports all users |
|---|---|
| **Issues (i.e., concerns and gaps)** | **Opportunities** |
| **Missing sidewalk links** | • Complete the sidewalk network through Highlands, particularly where there are only sidewalks on one side of the street and through green spaces, with the exception of pocket parks, that are used as pedestrian routes |
| **Dark locations along pedestrian routes** | • Add more lighting that its directed to sidewalks and shines below the tree canopies |
| **Narrow sidewalks, missing sidewalk ramps, and uneven sidewalks** | • Support accessibility for all users by widening sidewalks, adding ramps at all four corners of intersections, and ensuring even sidewalks and good grading |
| **Locations (i.e., Ada Boulevard) where pedestrians must use the road and people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids cannot get over the speed bumps** | • Add missing sidewalks and sidewalk links as well as cut throughs in or mini ramps over the speed bumps on the roads |
## Minimizing the impact of drivers on both driver and pedestrian safety

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<td>Drivers who speed and shortcut through the neighbourhood, creating safety issues for the</td>
<td>• Address traffic shortcutting north to south along the streets north of 112 Avenue, particularly between 65 and 68 Street, as well as along 111 Avenue</td>
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<td>pedestrians</td>
<td>• Address speeding north-south along 51 - 53 and 65 - 68 streets as well as east-west along Ada Boulevard</td>
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<td>• Implement traffic management measures, like:</td>
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<td>&gt; Curb extensions</td>
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| Speeding and congestion, especially near the two schools, creating traffic flow issues for      | • Implement traffic management measures, like:                                                                                                  |
| drivers and safety issues for pedestrians                                                      | > Direct traffic to 118 and 112 Avenue                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                               | > Designate 66 Street as a collector route                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                               | > Lower the speed limits                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                               | > Tighten the curb radii to slow turns                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                               | > Use one-way streets                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                               | > Add traffic signs                                                                                                                             |

| Wide, multi-direction (i.e., five-way), and uncontrolled intersections along 111 Avenue        | • Address the confusion with the design and lack of traffic signs at the large intersections along 111 Avenue                                    |

## Adding functions and amenities to underused parks and green spaces, river valley lookouts, and river valley trails

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<td>There are parks and green spaces that are underused because they don't effectively support</td>
<td>• Add power and water access and amenities that support people to gather, rest, have meals together, and participate in a variety of leisure</td>
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<td>leisure, gatherings, and events</td>
<td>activities (i.e., near Community League building, in Buttercup Park, along Ada Boulevard)</td>
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<td>• Upgrade the undeveloped and underdeveloped green spaces along 111 Avenue to turn them into functional and desirable parks and gathering spaces</td>
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<td>Mount Royal School site is underused</td>
<td>• Consider what the site will be used for once the school is closed</td>
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<td>• Keep and maintain the baseball diamonds on this site</td>
<td>• Add pathways for people to move through the site</td>
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<td>• Add an off-leash park on the northside of the grounds</td>
<td>• Add trees to provide shade and support people to gather on the southside of the grounds</td>
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<td>There are challenges with access from Ada Boulevard into the river valley, including too few entry points, accessibility barriers to entering the river valley, too few connections within the river valley trail network, and, in some locations, pooling water and flooded parts of trails</td>
<td>• Add more entry points into the river valley, connect the trail system in the river valley, and add some wide, paved, less steep (i.e., gently sloped grade) trails that allow all types of users access to the river valley</td>
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<td>There are too few lookouts and places to enjoy the views of the river valley along Ada Boulevard</td>
<td>• Add more lookout locations, especially where there are natural breaks in the trees, and provide lookout and gathering structures as well as street furniture (i.e., benches) to help people enjoy it</td>
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<td>There are ongoing maintenance challenges, with a strong emphasis on trimming trees and maintaining undergrowth, that affects various parts of the neighbourhood, with significant emphasis on people's ability to use Ada Boulevard and the views, access points, and trails into the river valley</td>
<td>• Trim the trees and bushes throughout the neighbourhood and along the river banks</td>
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<td>• Manage and clean up the undergrowth in the brush and bushes</td>
<td>• Clean the streets and remove snow in a timely manner</td>
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<td>• Maintain the trails into and in the river valley</td>
<td>• Convert open spaces, particularly along 114, 113 and 111 Avenue into new beautiful and/or functional green spaces</td>
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<td>There are underutilized opens spaces that could be better used if converted to green spaces</td>
<td>• Add a dog park on the northside of the neighbourhood (i.e., north of 112 Avenue), and consider how this might integrate into the Mount Royal School park area</td>
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<td>There is a need for an off-leash area north of 112 Avenue</td>
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| Bikers feel unsafe commuting through Highlands without access to designated bike lanes          | • Add either designated or segregated bike lanes north-south in the section of the neighbourhood that is north of 112 Avenue and a bike lane going east-west along 113 Avenue  
  • Do not add a bike lane along 111 Avenue 
  *Note: There were a notable number of comments both for and against a bike lane along Ada Boulevard.* |

### Enhancing the beauty of the neighbourhood through landscaping, decorative features, and public art

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<td>Not enough public art</td>
<td>• Add locally-focused outdoor public art into parks, green spaces, and wide intersections, and beautify the existing infrastructure (i.e., Community League building, sidewalks, garbage cans) and utilities (i.e., manhole covers, utility boxes)</td>
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<td>Issue not identified</td>
<td>• Add decorative light standards</td>
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<td>• Add welcome signs/banners along the arterials that act as entrances to the neighbourhood (i.e., 118 Avenue, 112 Avenue and 50 Street)</td>
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<td>Lack of trees and landscaping (i.e., shrubs and flowers that add colour) in outdoor public areas</td>
<td>• Add trees, which can also provide the function of shade and a gathering location, and colourful shrubs and flowers into outdoor public areas</td>
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### Telling the stories behind the neighbourhood’s people, amenities, and natural assets

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| Issue not identified                                                                        | • Consult Indigenous community for input and guidance to reflect Indigenous culture and local history  
  • Recognize current Indigenous culture as well as local history                                                                                                                                 |
| Issue not identified                                                                        | • Use signs, street inlays and sandblasting on sidewalks, plaques, panels on streetlights, and bench stamps to display information about the history of the neighbourhood (i.e., people and locations), amenities in the neighbourhood (i.e., in and around parks and green spaces), and natural assets (i.e., types of local plants, birds, and wildlife) |
| Issue not identified                                                                        | • Use neighbourhood signage to promote the Highlands walking tour and supporting app (i.e., mobile phone application)                                                                                       |
Supporting the multi-use function of Ada Boulevard

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| Concerns about changing the character and identity of Highlands by making changes to Ada Boulevard | • Maintain the multi-use functions of Ada Boulevard by continuing to allow people to drive, bike, and walk on the road  
   Note: Within the context of this theme, there were a notable number of comments both for and against a sidewalk along Ada Boulevard.  
   The majority of those who want to see a sidewalk are in support of enhancing accessibility for all the types of users who enjoy Ada Boulevard. They also suggest a sidewalk along the south side of Ada Boulevard and, in some cases, suggest using more natural materials.  
   Among those who do not wish to see a sidewalk are people who want to preserve the unique character of Ada Boulevard and those who believe that the boulevard is functioning well as it is. |
WHAT’S NEXT?

1. Based on participants’ input, the City of Edmonton has adopted the refined vision and important elements for Highlands’ neighbourhood renewal project. They will be posted to the City of Edmonton’s Building Great Neighbourhood webpage for Highlands.

2. Between May and summer, the City of Edmonton will use the content of this report, supplemented by the detailed location-based input collected through the engagement activities, along with policy and technical information to develop designs for the neighbourhood.

3. Toward the end of June, we will be hosting pop-up neighbourhood conversations in Highlands on Ada Boulevard to discuss potential design possibilities and trade-offs as well as potential traffic calming measures.

4. In summer/fall, the City will begin its next phase of public engagement to invite input into and refine the neighbourhood designs, including for Ada Boulevard.

5. The City will share project updates, including notifications about public engagement opportunities, to anyone who joins Highlands’ Building Great Neighbourhoods mailing list.

Jan 2018 • Ada Boulevard Workshop
Feb 2018 • Ada Boulevard Online Survey
• Highlands Stakeholder Workshop
April 2018 Highlands Public Workshops
June 2018 • Ada Boulevard Pop-up Conversations
Aug - Dec 2018 • Highlands Public Engagement Sessions, including Ada Boulevard
Winter 2019 • Pre-Construction Communication
Spring 2019 • Begin Construction

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