

Valley Line West - MINUTES

Citizen Working Groups I & J
(Mid-87 and West 87)

Edmonton

Meeting # 14 March 7, 2023 7 to 9 P.M. | GOOGLE MEET

Members		Attendance
<i>Zone "I"</i>		
Andrea Kendall	Misericordia Hospital (AHS)	
Bill Mayou	Public at Large	
Christine Belter	Summerlea Community League	
Karen Merkel	Elmwood Community League	
Pam Winski	Public at Large	
Rusk Redmond	Summerlea Community League	✓
Sharon Quickfall	Thornclyff Community League	✓
Stephen Poole	West Meadowlark Community League	
Trevor Small	Misericordia Hospital (Covenant Health)	
<i>Zone "J"</i>		
Aaron Clark	Aldergrove Community League (alternate)	
Jasmine Allen	Belmead Community League	✓
Kelly Cromwell	Lewis Estates Community League	✓
Lorena Munteanu	Public at Large	
Mark Edey	Aldergrove Community League	✓
Maxime Belanger	Secord Community League	
Melvin Lacebal	Public at Large (Belmead)	✓
Paul Andrews	Rosenthal Community	✓
Rebecca Goldsack	Lewis Estates Community League	
Scott Sowinski	Melcor Developments (West Henday Promenade)	

COE / MIP / Guests

Meilai Ha	Partnerships Manager, COE	✓
Wade Wilson	Valley Line LRT Stakeholder Relations/CWG Facilitator	✓
Brad Baumle	Construction Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Jennifer Sheehan	Communications Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Sheila Keenan	Valley Line West LRT Communications Advisor, COE	✓

	DISCUSSION ITEMS	ACTION BY:
1	Welcome & Introductions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting participants introduced themselves Wade Wilson, Stakeholder Relations, is now facilitating CWG meetings, taking over from Jack Stuempel. 	
2	Confirmation of Agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was adopted as circulated. 	
3	Previous Minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes and action items from the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed. 	
4	Action Item Review	
	<p>a) Speaker on Transit Oriented Development Deferred to March 2023 meeting. <i>The COE's presentation includes info on this topic.</i></p>	COMPLETE
	<p>b) ETS connection with Sharon/Pam COE spoke with ETS and understands there is a contact CWG members can connect with. Sharon and Pam have communicated with the ETS contact.</p>	COMPLETE
	<p>c) Traffic and shortcutting <i>The COE's presentation includes info on this topic.</i></p>	COMPLETE
	<p>d) Intersection at 87 Ave and 170 Street MIP shared that a pier is being built there now. CWG members asked for information on the accident rate at that intersection as well as 87 Avenue and 168 St. Members noted those are historically problematic intersections; they would also like to see a comparison between historic data and now with construction There is raw collision data available online: https://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/traffic_safety/motor-vehicle-collisions The COE will investigate data and bring it back to the next meeting.</p>	City
	<p>e) Community League Meetings Both MIP and COE are available to attend on request.</p>	CWG members
	<p>f) Site Tours MIP open to providing tours CWG members to request tours from Jennifer Sheehan (MIP)</p>	CWG members
	<p>g) Temporary Transit Centre CWG Member noted there had been a shooting at the centre. For concerns over garbage or any other concerns, contact 311.</p>	COMPLETE
	<p>h) River Cree Shadow Stop City shared that the stop has been moved to the north side of the mall. CWG members shared that there is a stop on 175 Street in front of private residences; residents are noticing garbage and behavior issues. City will contact the River Cree about the 175 Street stop.</p>	City
	<p>i) Action item review process Facilitator welcomes feedback on this new process</p>	CWG members

5	City Update (presentation)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the City presentation accompanies these minutes. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic patterns A member noted that it is not nearby residents who are having problems with the new traffic problems, it is commuters and mall traffic. There is a need for more timely & accurate traffic safety communication from the City & its partners to drivers. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stony Plain Road and 142 St. A member asked if we can repave the milled marks and repaint the lines? The milled lines are becoming deeper and deeper. MIP: Everything that is there is temporary; we'll be rebuilding it over the next year; we'll be tearing it up in the summer. MIP will have crews look at them to make sure they aren't becoming potholes. Potholes will be repaired. City: feel free to email us and be very specific about the problem you would like addressed; the more specific the better. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration with Valley Line East Question from a member on how the two systems will integrate. City: Supply agreement requires the systems to work together and trains will travel along the whole length of track 	
6	MIP Project Update (presentation)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the MIP presentation accompanies these minutes Video was shown how the how gantry crane “walks” from pier to pier and lifts segments up. 2022 look back video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DEXHIN3ZN8 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Info sharing with communities MIP asked how members share information with their communities. Members said they used meetings, Facebook, reporting to CL board meetings and summaries at CL AGMs. MIP: reach out to us, we can share information for your community newsletters and FB pages. We also have a safety presentation for schools. 	CWG members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notifications for construction including laydown areas Members asked how many people/homes are informed about work, suggesting perhaps broader notification is needed for laydown areas. MIP: Notification depends on the scope of work. MIP uses multiple communications tools depending on the scope of the work. Sometimes postcards go to thousands of homes. 	
6	Round Table	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit during future construction Please make sure transit is accessible during construction. Having it on the edge of our community isn't the best during the winter. ACTION: City will share that concern with ETS. 	City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 178 Street improvement Members shared feedback that it is actively being monitored, there's now an additional delay on the left turn, which is good. Good to see that there was a response. MIP: noted it can be hard to predict how traffic will react to a change; we will continue to monitor and adapt as we can. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traction Power Substations (TPSS) Question from member about when those are being built. MIP: some underground work will begin this year, most power equipment will go in 2024. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Road closures and ETS Several members shared concerns with ETS drivers not being aware of detours and so they miss picking up at the alternate stops. ACTION: City asked members to email lrtpjects@edmonton.ca with specific concerns including dates and locations so that we can follow up using the established inquiry process. 	CWG members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Detour communications Members asked if there is a way to better communicate detour advice to people so they're not all funnelling down one road, noting that at times Thorncliff is a giant parking lot. Members also suggested better intercity communication as well so that conflicts between detours and snow removal, for example, don't happen. 	
8	Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was agreed that the next meeting should again be held as a joint session of Groups “I” and “J”, with October 17, 2023, set as the target date. ● Group agreed that the meeting should be in-person. 	

Notes by Sheila Keenan