Valley Line West - MINUTES

Edmonton

Citizen Working Groups H, I & J (156 Street/SPR to West 87)

Meeting # 15 March 27, 2024 7 to 8:30 P.M. | GOOGLE MEET

	Members	Attendance
Zone "H"		
Andrew Selwood	Meadowlark Community League	
Brent Dragon	Public at Large	
Byron Kwasnitza	Jasper Park Community League	
Jamie Post	Glenwood Community League	✓
Jane Duffy	Public at Large	
Josh Thompson	West Jasper / Sherwood Community League	✓
Sharon Beitel	Lynnwood Community League	
Zone "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	Thorncliff Community League	
Stephen Poole	West Meadowlark Community League	
Trevor Small	Misericordia Hospital (Covenant Health)	
Zone "J"		
Aaron Clark	Aldergrove Community League (alternate)	

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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	✓
Tania Gonzalez	Valley Line West LRT Communications Advisor, COE	✓
Meghan Capicio	Valley Line LRT Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Associate	✓
Jonathan Cox	Deputy Construction Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Jennifer Sheehan	Communications Manager, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Lynley Kotyk	Senior Communications Advisor, Marigold Infrastructure Partners	✓
Sheila Keenan	Valley Line West LRT Communications Advisor, COE	

	DISCUSSION ITEMS	ACTION BY:
1	Welcome & Introductions	
	Meeting participants introduced themselves.	
2	Confirmation of Agenda	
	The agenda was adopted as circulated.	
3	Previous Minutes	
	The minutes and action items from the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed.	
4	Action Item Review	
	Pam to submit a request that a "No U-Turn" sign be installed on 178 Street to LRTprojects@edmonton.ca. Pam did not submit the inquiry	Complete
	Jenn S to investigate decoration of gantry during Christmas season for community members. • Jenn looked into decorating the gantry and it could not be done.	Complete
	Mark to provide Aldergrove School with the option of MIP doing a safety presentation for the school. Email will include contact information for Jenn Sheehan so school administrators can get in touch with her. • MIP had a tour planned that ended up getting canceled by the school administration. Jenn shared that the offer still stands if they would like to plan another tour.	Complete
	CWG members should sign up for MIP's newsletter. • CWG members were reminded to sign up for MIP's newsletter	Complete
	CWG members should submit concerns to LRTprojects@edmonton.ca • CWG members were reminded to submit concerns to LRTprojects@edmonton.ca	Complete
	Pam to send an email that specifies the exact location/intersection of the problematic lights. • Pam shared that the issue was fixed so she did not send an inquiry in	Complete
	Mark to submit an email to MIP with the details of intersection. A local traffic only sign can be installed once details are provided. • Jenn shared she could not find an email from Mark	Complete
	Jasmine to submit an email to LRTprojects@edmonton.ca with the details of intersection. A sign can be installed once details are provided. • Jasmine sent in the inquiry to LRT projects	Complete
	Jasmine to submit an email to LRTprojects@edmonton.ca with the details of intersection. A sign can be installed once details are provided. • City could not find another email from Jasmine.	Complete
	Citizens should submit the concern via 311, who will send it directly to Traffic Ops to address it. CWG members were reminded to send any traffic concerns off the alignment to 311	Complete
	Meilai will raise this issue with the right contact as this is a capital project, not a VLW project. • Wade shared that the rocks are part of the landscaping and will not be removed.	Complete

	MIP will take a look at the detour on 156 St. and Meadowlark Road and make sure it is not going through the library parking lot. • Jenn looked into this and it is resolved now	Complete
5	City Update (presentation)	
	 A copy of the MIP/City presentation accompanies these minutes. The City has collaborated with Marigold Infrastructure Partners (MIP) to meet numerous stakeholders regularly through MIP-hosted stakeholder meetings. MIP continues to collaborate extensively with Fire Hall 2 on 107 Street to ensure emergency access routes for fire trucks are maintained throughout the LRT construction period. The City has participated in these meetings. MIP and the City regularly meet with community leagues along the alignment. If you would like MIP and the City to present and answer questions about Valley Line West at one of your community league meetings, please contact us. 	
	Valley Line West 2024 booklet The City shared they have a new Valley Line West booklet available online and have printed copies as well. CWG members shared that they appreciate how detailed the booklet is. https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/ValleyLineWest-LRT-Booklet.pdf	
6	MIP Project Update (presentation)	
	 A copy of the MIP/City presentation accompanies these minutes. MIP shared that roadworks and utility work continue along the LRT corridor. Work on the elevated guideway continues in 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in 2024 with work on the elevated stations to continue. The Anthony Henday Bridge will continue to be under construction to accommodate LRT vehicles crossing Anthony Henday Drive. During this construction, the main portion of the bridge will remain open for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians. MIP shared that 87 Avenue, Meadowlark Road, and 156 Street will continue to be under construction for utilities, roads, and sidewalk work. 	
	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
	87 Avenue Members shared that 87 Avenue and 170 Street is very congested and have witnessed near misses. MIP shared that several traffic accommodations have been made to this area and will continue to be made. Bulletins available on the MIP website: https://marigoldinfra.ca/current-construction-notices/	
	Valley Line Southeast shelter doors Josh shared that he has heard a number of shelter doors along Valley Line Southeast have been damaged. He asked MIP what they plan to do to ensure this is not an issue for the Valley Line West. Jonathan shared that MIP is aware of the issue and is working on a solution for the doors as Valley Line West has a similar design as Valley Line Southeast.	

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6	Round Table	
	 Josh shared that on 155 Street there is a lot of shortcutting from 156 Street and asked if the City could put up more signage in the area. ACTION: Josh will send an email to Wade to specify the areas where more signage could be added and Wade will take it back to the City. 	Josh/Wade
	 Josh asked since MIP is 19% complete is there a sense for when the line could open? Jonathan shared there is no completion date set at this time. 	
	 Melvin shared that during rush hour, 189 Street from 87 Avenue to 95 Avenue is very congested and it is very hard for him to leave his house due to traffic blocking his access. ACTION: Melvin to share the exact location with Wade and he will take it back to the City to look at traffic patterns. 	Melvin/Wade
	Pam shared that she is very excited to see that West Edmonton Mall will have a park and ride available and a passenger drop off to the waterpark was added.	
	 Rusk asked for a hard copy of the updated Valley Line West booklet ACTION: Wade asked Rusk to send him his address and the City will mail a hard copy to him. 	Wade
	 Rusk shared that when he bikes over the Anothny Henday bridge he did not see lights for pedestrians and asked if MIP will look into this issue. Jenn S. asked Rusk to email the MIP inquiry inbox with this question and they can look into it. 	Rusk/Jenn
8	Next Meeting	
	Wade mentioned he will be reaching out regarding membership and participation in future meetings as attendance is very low and the purpose of the meeting is shifting due to the phase of the project.	