

Building Great Neighbourhoods

124 Street Renewal

REFINE

Planning and design is underway for renewing 124 Street. Between 111 Avenue and 118 Avenue, 124 Street roadway will be rehabilitated, as well as replacing street lights, curb and gutters and repairing sidewalks. The portion between 109 Avenue to 111 Avenue will have the road repaved.

To understand your priorities and needs, we are looking for your input on amenities including lighting, beautification, streetscaping elements, winter use and character/historical design considerations.

At this event you can:

- + Help us prioritize streetscaping elements to make this portion of 124 Street more pedestrian-friendly
- + Help us understand how people want to interact with each other on 124 Street
- + Help us understand what winter activities look like on 124 Street
- + Share your input on the draft design
- + Help us refine the landscaping and greening of 124 Street
- + Help us identify what character or historic element to celebrate on 124 Street
- + Help us determine lighting preferences and priorities for 124 Street

124 Street Renewal Vision:



Walkable



People meeting people



Safe to cross



Bright and well-lit



Winter friendly



An area that brings people to places



A space for business and residential



A green street

The vision for the 124 Street Renewal was created through public input heard through Inglewood's Neighbourhood Renewal and Neighbourhood Revitalization projects.

Project schedule

Nov 2018 – Mar 2019

124 Street planning study

Fall 2019

Community Feedback on Exploring Options & Tradeoffs – draft design

Spring/Fall 2020

Community Feedback on Refined Design

Winter 2020/2021

Preparing for construction

Spring 2021

Construction on your street

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Fast facts about 124 Street from 109 Avenue – 118 Avenue:

- + This portion of 124 Street is an arterial road, however it also has multi-family residential areas and commercial/business locations
- + During peak hours, 124 Street can be very busy, supporting people who drive, bike, walk and take the bus
- + 124 Street is a bus route. Bus stops will be changing as a part of the Bus Network Redesign
- + This stretch of 124 Street spans two neighbourhoods, Westmount and Inglewood
- + Two business improvement areas, the 124 Street Business Improvement Area and the Crossroads Business Improvement Area
- + Between 1908 and approximately the early 1950s, three different streetcar lines travelled along 124 Street

What we've heard so far and what has been decided

The 124 Street Renewal team attended two public engagement events for Inglewood's Neighbourhood Renewal to gather feedback in the early stages. The team incorporated the public input along with technical requirements to create a draft design. Here's a look at what has been decided and what needs further analysis:

What's been decided:

- + **Road:**
 - + No change to existing number of lanes
 - + The boulevard cross section was chosen
- + **On-street parking:**
 - + Maintain the current off-peak on-street parking
 - + No curb extensions into 124 Street
- + **Bike lanes:**
 - + Will not be included on 124 Street
- + **Bus stops:**
 - + Bus stops north of 114 Avenue will be removed as part of the Bus Network Redesign

What needs further technical evaluation and public input:

- + Pedestrian crossings
- + Street lights
- + Signals
- + 124 Street historical character
- + Landscaping and greening

Scope map





Lighting options

There are two types of lighting options for the 124 Street Renewal: **decorative street lights** and **secondary lighting**.



Standard galvanized street lights
(included in the budget for 124 Street renewal)



Powder coated galvanized street lights
(cost-shared with 124 Street property owners)



Decorative street lights
(cost-shared with 124 Street property owners)



Pedestrian light
(cost-shared with 124 Street property owners)

Secondary lighting

Secondary lighting is an opportunity to beautify 124 Street and encourage residents to spend time outside at night, resulting in safer, more vibrant spaces. This beautification also attracts evening customers and visitors to businesses in the area, which can lead to economic gain. During initial public engagement, we heard the desire to continue secondary lighting north of 111 Avenue along 124 Street.

Secondary lighting is a project usually sponsored by a community group, business association or other collection of business owners who maintain and take responsibility for the cost of electricity.



What is streetscaping?

Streetscaping adds different amenities to a sidewalk to help make the area more interesting and comfortable for people walking and gathering. This can include:

- + Street furniture like benches, waste bins
- + Public art
- + Wayfinding signage
- + Bike racks
- + Planters
- + Decorative street lights
- + Tree lighting



What is a green street?

Green streets are designed to capture rainwater at its source to provide water for plants and trees to grow in the area. They also provide a natural filter to clean the water before it continues to the local waterway.

Elements to help make 124 Street a green street can include:

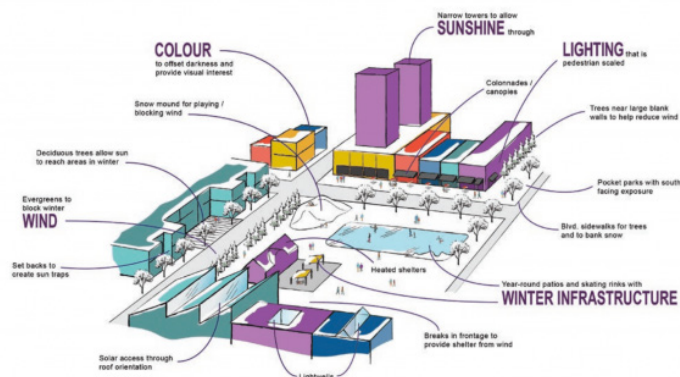
- + Trees
- + Shrub beds
- + Planter boxes
- + Rain gardens
- + Hanging flower pots
- + Community planting boxes or spaces



Using 124 Street during the winter

As a winter city, we design our roads, sidewalks and amenities for year-round activities. Many items are taken into account including ease of snow-clearing maintenance and planning for winter comfort, safety and accessibility. We are looking for input to refine the options for winter enhancements.

PRINCIPLES OF WINTER DESIGN



History and character of 124 Street

124 Street streetcar

Streetcar service was developed by the Edmonton Radial Railway Company in 1908 and was in service until approximately 1950. The streetcar travelled through the community to supply transportation service to the Calder railway yards.

Fur trading

Imagine! Prior to the 1880s the area now known as Inglewood was an unsurveyed 'bush' country quite removed from the then Fort Edmonton. The area was mainly significant for the overland fur trade trail that connected Edmonton House to the northwest trade and mission posts.

Welcoming businesses on 124 Street

Businesses along 124 Street, from 111 Avenue to 118 Avenue belong to The Crossroads Business Improvement Area. These businesses are generally located at the intersections.

The City of Edmonton has programs to support Business Improvement Areas. Great storefronts support great businesses and contribute to attractive, lively commercial main streets. **The Storefront Improvement Program** provides matching reimbursement grants for improvements to ground-floor commercial storefronts located within Business Improvement Areas and other Council-approved commercial streets.

There are two grants available under the Storefront Improvement Program:

- + Storefront Improvement Grant
- + Storefront Refresh Grant

For more information visit: edmonton.ca/SmallBusiness

Next Steps

After the November 2019 event, your feedback will be compiled and incorporated into a refined design that will be presented in mid 2020. For more information and to sign up for project updates, please visit edmonton.ca/124StreetRenewal