BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

132 Avenue Newsletter – September 2020

RENEWAL IS COMING TO 132 AVENUE!

The Building Great Neighbourhoods and Open Spaces Branch of the City of Edmonton is responsible for improving infrastructure in Edmonton's neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood infrastructure and improvements play a huge role in shaping the use and feel of a community. Through Building Great Neighbourhoods, the City of Edmonton creates opportunities for community members to shape the future of their neighbourhood infrastructure. 132 Avenue between Fort Road and 127 Street has been chosen for Collector Renewal with construction anticipated to start in 2023. Collector Renewal will rehabilitate the road, add missing sidewalk links, replace street lights, sidewalks and curb and gutters. Improving how people walk, bike, drive and gather in and around 132 Avenue will also be explored.

Over the next three years, the City will be working on a plan to renew the section of 132 Avenue, connecting the neighbourhoods of Belvedere, Delwood, Balwin, Glengarry, Killarney, Rosslyn, Lauderdale, Kensington and Calder.



This newsletter is to invite your participation and explain when and how you can join the conversation to shape 132 Avenue renewal. Over the course of the next three years, we will invite you to participate in a variety of ways, share what we heard from you and your neighbours, and showcase how the information is used to inform the design.

Commonly used words in 132 Avenue Renewal

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ROAD MAP

The public engagement road map outlines the steps of the renewal process and how you can participate.

VISION

Edmonton

A vision is a short description that sets the direction on where the community would like to see livability and mobility in the future.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding principles are ideas which inform how the vision is applied to the neighbourhood design. The principles can include important elements to be considered, describe livability and transportation values and priorities.

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Road right-of-way defines Cityowned property designated for people who walk, bike and drive.

VISION ZERO

A multi-national road safety initiative that aims to achieve a transportation system with no fatalities or serious injuries.

BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS: OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU! This is your city and we want to understand how you experience 132 Avenue and ask for your input on what we can do to improve the area. We will engage and work with you to enhance how people live and interact along 132 Avenue. We commit to being open and transparent about how your input is used. **Let's make the most out of 132 Avenue.**

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR 132 AVENUE RENEWAL

Through the City's Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative, the City of Edmonton creates and provides public engagement opportunities for community members to shape the future of this area and its infrastructure.

Throughout this project, the City will consult, involve, collaborate with and empower citizens to make decisions to improve the area. To be able to do this, we will connect with residents of the 132 Avenue area, community members, schools, local business owners and organizations as well as anyone else who frequents the area.

We have created a road map to help you and your neighbours understand the various opportunities to provide feedback and how you can participate throughout the different stages of the project. At each step, we will tell you what the purpose is and how your input will inform the decisions being made. We commit to reporting back on how we used your input. Please note that steps may happen concurrently and out of sequence.

Working together, we can make the most out of 132 Avenue.



NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

Planning begins now for construction in 2023. We want to hear from you! Tell us what is important to you and what changes you would like to see along 132 Avenue. This helps ensure the renewal outcome best meets your needs and those of your neighbours. Start thinking about how you move, work, live and play along 132 Avenue and how you would like to in the future. New infrastructure will be in place for the next 30 to 50 years.

A series of upcoming engagement events and activities will give you the opportunity to provide input into the project and discuss details with the project team during the development of the design.



To receive reminders about upcoming engagement opportunities and to sign up for the electronic newsletter via email, go to Edmonton.ca/132Avenue.

Upcoming Public Engagement Events

Find more information on public engagement events, links to surveys and project updates at Edmonton.ca/132Avenue.

STARTING THE CONVERSATION

We invite you to share your thoughts on how you would like us to communicate with you.

Starting the Conversation Survey: September 14 – 27, 2020

BUILDING A VISION TOGETHER AND EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to share your experience along 132 Avenue and to tell us what is important to you when it comes to the renewal of 132 Avenue. We further invite you to develop with us the Vision and Guiding Principles for this project and to explore the opportunities around the 132 Avenue renewal.

- In-depth Interviews with Stakeholder Groups: September 28 – October 28, 2020
- Visioning and Exploring Opportunities Online Survey: October 6 – 28, 2020
- A variety of engagement opportunities via Engaged Edmonton: October 6 – 28, 2020
- Self-guided Walking Tour: October 6 – 28, 2020
- Online Engagement Events: October 20, 6:00 – 8:00 pm October 22, noon – 2:00 pm October 24, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Please contact Y Station, the consultant supporting the 132 Avenue Renewal project team with this project, if you would like to share your feedback via phone: (780) 447–7385.

We will provide information on the public engagement opportunities of the following phases in the beginning of 2021.

HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE

Project decisions are made by the City, considering technical requirements, City policies and programs, and public input. Technical requirements include existing conditions such as roadway widths and constraints such as mature trees.

City policies include current road design standards such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards and others which support the City as a whole. Input from the public includes local knowledge, concerns and desires.

Every decision is different, which means the level of influence that public input, technical requirements, and City policies have is also different for each decision. You will be asked to advise the project team with local knowledge and help refine the design options. The City commits to telling you how public input influences decisions according to the City's public engagement spectrum. For more information on the spectrum you can visit Edmonton.ca and search Public Engagement Spectrum.



ABOUT THE PROJECT TEAM

The 132 Avenue Renewal project team is led by project manager, Cathy Dytiuk, and includes transportation engineers, urban planners, and a team of consultants supporting urban design, engineering, and community engagement.

You can connect with Cathy directly by email at cathy.dytiuk@edmonton.ca or phone at (780) 495–0323.

COVID-19

While the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of daily life, it hasn't changed the fact that Edmonton is still the thriving city we love. We are continuing to build and make our city better because robust and healthy infrastructure is critical to a safe and healthy Edmonton.

The Corridor Renewal Program, in particular, has a long-term outlook of providing quality infrastructure. Corridor Renewal ensures that infrastructure is maintained, is safe, and serves the people who use 132 Avenue and depend on this work.

The project team will work on the 132 Avenue design to ensure construction remains on schedule to begin in 2023. With in-person public events postponed and physical distancing a priority, we are committed to delivering project information and meaningful public engagement opportunities efficiently and safely.



Stay in the know!

Sign up to receive email project updates and find information at **Edmonton.ca/132Avenue**. Email us at **buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca**. Call us at **311**.