

# What We Heard 132 Avenue Renewal

**Building a Project Vision Together  
Exploring Opportunities  
October 2020**

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**BUILDING GREAT  
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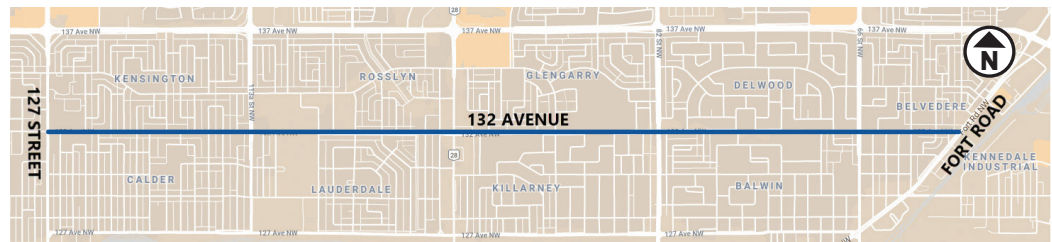
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## Project overview

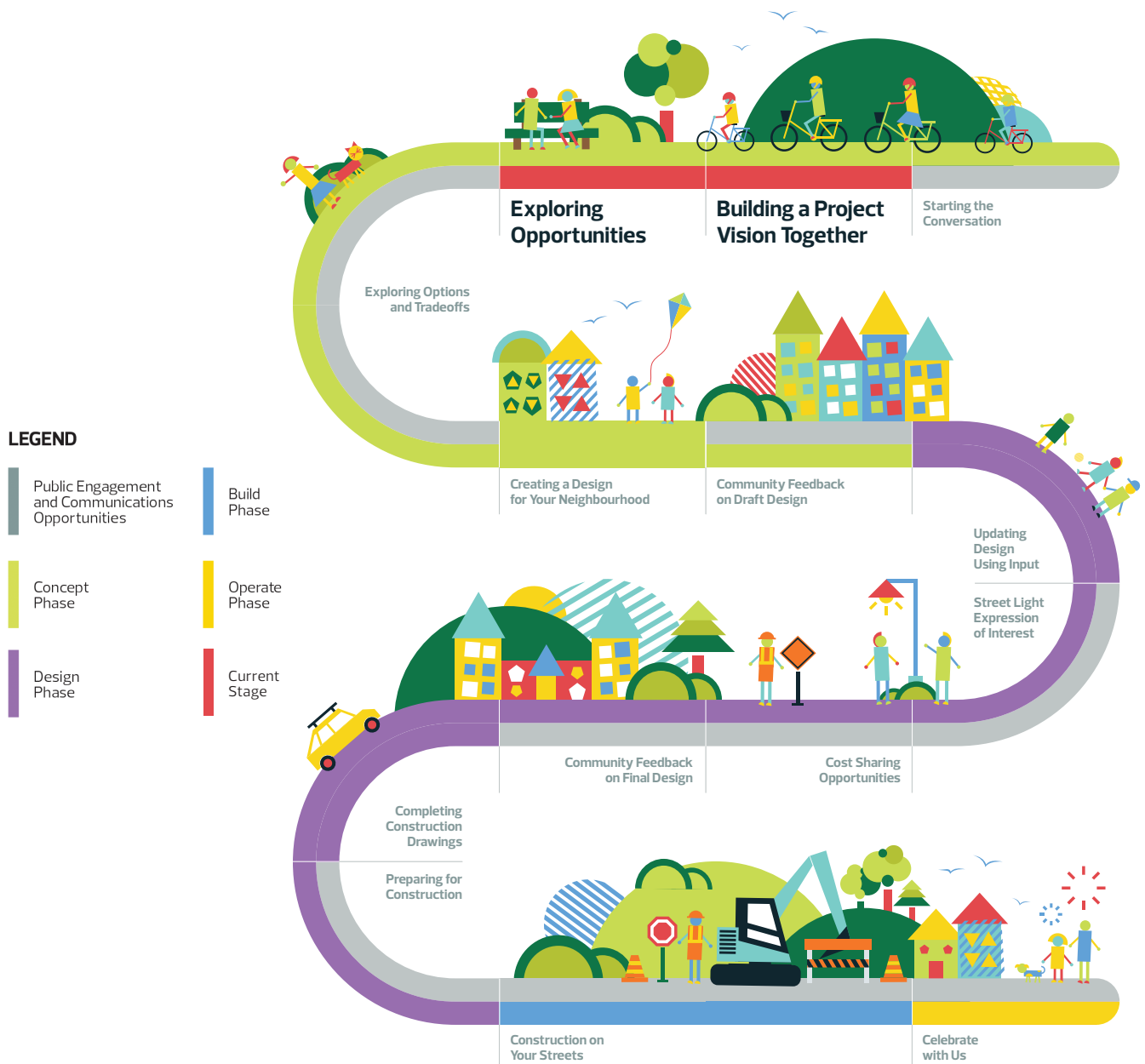
132 Avenue between Fort Road and 127 Street has been chosen for Collector Renewal, with construction anticipated to start in 2023. Collector Renewal will rehabilitate the road, add missing sidewalk links, replace street lights, sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Improving how people walk, bike, drive and 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 132 Avenue which is next to the neighbourhoods of Belvedere, Delwood, Balwin, Glengarry, Killarney, Rosslyn, Lauderdale, Kensington and Calder.



## Public engagement roadmap

We have created a roadmap 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. Throughout October 2020, we were **Building the Project Vision Together** and **Exploring Opportunities**.



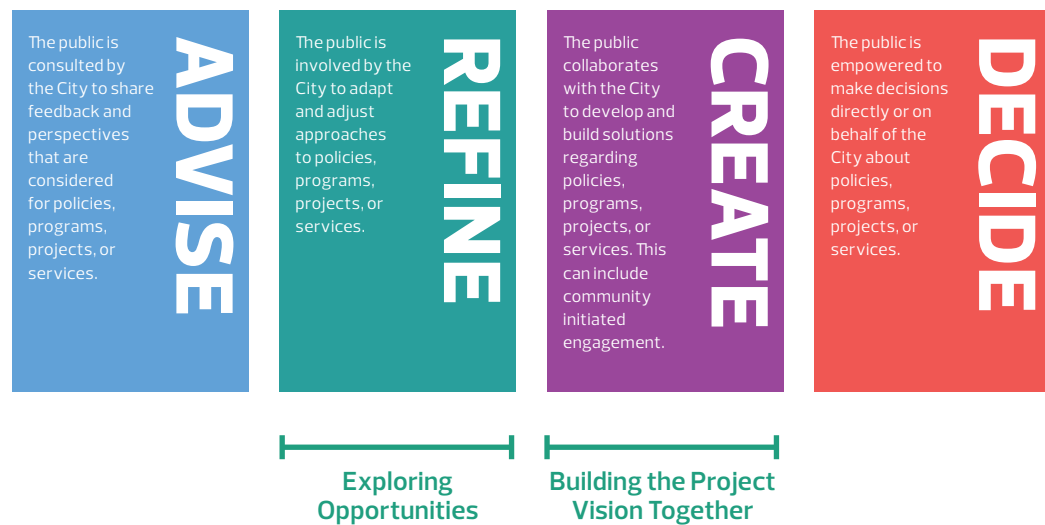
## Public engagement spectrum

Every decision is different. This means that the level of influence that public input, technical requirements, and City policies have, varies for each decision.

We commit to telling you how public input influences decisions according to the public engagement spectrum.

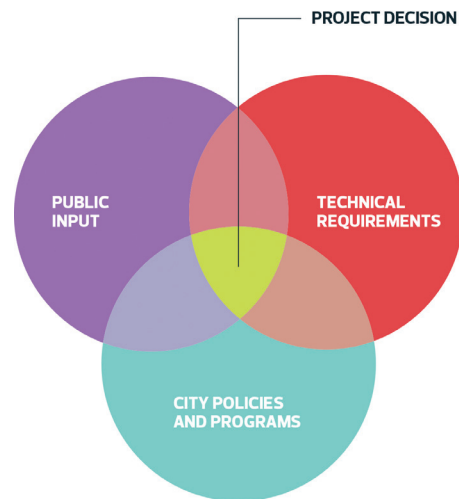
As we move further right in the spectrum, there is an increasing level of public influence and commitment from the City and the public.

In the **Building the Project Vision Together and Exploring Opportunities phases**, we asked the public to **CREATE** a vision and guiding principles for the project with us, and to **REFINE** a list of opportunities to be examined in the 132 Avenue Renewal project. We also want to understand how community members and road users experience 132 Avenue, and ask for input on what we could do to make it better.



## Decision-making process

The decision-making process takes into consideration technical requirements, City policies and programs as well as public input. Technical requirements may include elements like roadway widths and constraints such as mature trees. City policy may include road design standards such as the Complete Streets Design and Construction Standards which support the City as a whole. Public input includes local knowledge, concerns and desires.



*Input from the public is one aspect considered to make decisions.*

## What we asked and how we asked

The 132 Avenue Renewal project team built on the work done in the **Starting the Conversation** phase to invite stakeholders of the 132 Avenue area, including residents, community members, schools, local business owners and organizations, as well as anyone that uses the area, to share information about how they use the area and what they see as potential improvements the 132 Avenue Renewal project team should consider exploring.



52 participants

### Online survey

- + An online survey was available from October 6 to October 28, 2020.
- + The survey asked participants to share their thoughts about the corridor and the opportunities they saw for improvement.



7 participants

### In-depth interviews with area stakeholders

- + An email invitation was sent to the Stakeholder Engagement list our team developed over the course of the Starting the Conversation Phase.
- + Interviews occurred between October 6 and 28, 2020.



2 participants

### Email Feedback to the Project Manager or project email

- + Email addresses for both the Project Manager and the Renewal project team were provided on edmonton.ca, which some respondents used to provide feedback about the project.



13 participants

### Online Events

- + Community members were invited to participate in facilitated online events to share their experience of the corridor and ideas for improvements and changes. This opportunity was circulated using mailed postcards and signage in high visibility locations in the community.
- + Two online sessions were held, one on October 20 and another on October 22.



*17 participants*

### Engaged Edmonton Activities

- + Community members were invited to participate in contributing stories, asking questions and placing map pins or sharing ideas relating to 132 Avenue corridor. This opportunity was promoted via mailed postcards and the previously distributed newsletter that was sent to each household and business in the target area.
- + The Engaged Edmonton activities were open between October 6 and October 28, 2020.



*No participants*

### Self-Guided Walking Tours

- + To give respondents the opportunity to experience 132 Avenue while recording their feedback, we provided self-guided walking tour documents on Engaged Edmonton, that respondents could then return by mail to us with their feedback. This activity was designed to replace guided walking tours that were not possible due to COVID-19. No respondents participated in this activity.
- + The Engaged Edmonton activities, including the self-guided walking tour, were open between October 6 and October 28, 2020.



## What we heard

The following sections include a summary of what we heard through the public engagement activities we employed for this phase. The themes below have been developed to reflect the relevancy, frequency and diversity of the responses we received based on the questions that were asked of stakeholders.

### What words, phrases or images come to mind when you think about 132 Avenue today?

- + Too many speed limit changes
- + Speeding and traffic
- + Car-centric
- + Wide
- + Could be more vibrant
- + Could be more pedestrian friendly
- + Older infrastructure that is in need of maintenance
- + Access to businesses
- + Potential for multi-modal transportation
- + Isolates the communities on either side of it from one another
- + Obstacles in the sidewalks
- + Barren; could use more trees
- + Confusing due to unclear pavement markings

### If you could change one thing about the 132 Avenue corridor, what would it be?

- + Protected bike lane along the avenue
- + More animated street
- + More greenery
- + Less car-centric; more safety features for pedestrians throughout
- + Tree canopies
- + Clearer pavement markings for driving, parking and biking
- + More community gathering spaces
- + Refreshed and renewed sidewalks
- + More lighting
- + Wider sidewalks

### What words, phrases or images come to mind when you think about the future of 132 Avenue?

- + More people-focused street
- + More benches and seating areas along the corridor
- + Trees along the roadway maintained and enhanced
- + Bike infrastructure, either along 132 Avenue or through residential areas and green spaces
- + More gathering spaces for the community
- + Painted or delineated parking lanes
- + A feeling of safety
- + Light standards or other features that make the communities stand out
- + Design promotes a feeling of connection between communities
- + More vibrant commercial spaces
- + Design features reflect the cultural diversity of the communities in the area

## Exploring opportunities

Respondents shared feedback on areas of City-owned land. Various issues and opportunities were identified for the 132 Avenue Renewal project. We plan to use this feedback to help inform the draft options for 132 Avenue. The following key themes were identified by participants under the following categories:



### Driving

- + There are too many speed limit changes
- + Address speeding
- + Improve visibility out of alleys that turn on to 132 Avenue
- + Clearer lane markings
- + Address potholes and maintenance issues



### Biking

- + Consider a protected bike lane along 132 Avenue or lanes that provide direct routes off the main road
- + Connect the area to other bike networks, either through a bike lane or multi-use trails
- + Give people a safe way to walk or bike through the community and connect to other routes
- + Should prioritize building cycling infrastructure near schools
- + Enhance cycling routes through green spaces like Grand Trunk Park



### Walking and public transit

- + Sidewalks should be wider
- + Sidewalks should be clear of obstacles like light poles
- + Pedestrian crossing lights should respond more quickly
- + Improve sidewalk quality
- + Should prioritize improving and expanding pedestrian infrastructure near schools
- + Add more lighting throughout to make pedestrian routes and sidewalks safer at night and in the winter



### **Parking and loading zones**

- + Clearer lane markings for parking
- + Maintain the parking on 132 Avenue

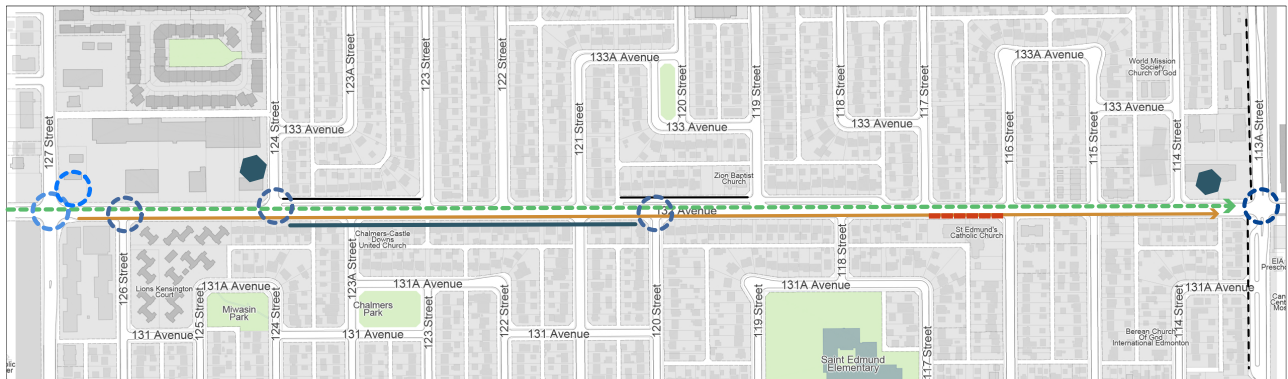


### **Parks and gathering spaces**

- + More benches and places to rest when walking along the corridor
- + Add semi-enclosed gathering spaces to parks to provide gathering spaces for winter months
- + More public washrooms in public spaces
- + Better lighting in parks to improve safety



## 127 Street to 113A Street



### What We Heard:

#### Missing sidewalks or inconsistencies

- Missing sidewalk
- - - - Light posts in sidewalk

#### Intersection improvements

- Pedestrian crossing improvements
- Lane marking improvements
- Light sensory improvements
- Sightlines improvements

#### Parking improvements

- More designated parking improvements
- Site specific parking improvements

#### Community/Aesthetic improvements

- Business/Property improvements
- Community improvements

#### Bike infrastructure implementation

- Bike infrastructure

### Streets where sidewalks are inconsistent or missing

- + All along 132 Avenue
- + 113A Street and 132 Avenue (light posts in sidewalk)

### Intersections where improvements are needed

- + 120 Street and 132 Avenue (pedestrian crossing)
- + Exit of Kensington Corner onto 132 Avenue (sightline issue)
- + 126 Street and 132 Avenue (pedestrian crossing)
- + 124 Street and 132 Avenue (signal controlled crosswalk)
- + 127 Street and 132 Avenue (add turning lanes) (lane markings are confusing)
- + 113A Street and 132 Avenue (speeding) (light sensors not adequately buried)

### Areas where parking improvements are needed

- + 116 Street and 132 Avenue (parking for St. Edmunds Church)
- + 132 Avenue (more designated parking spaces)

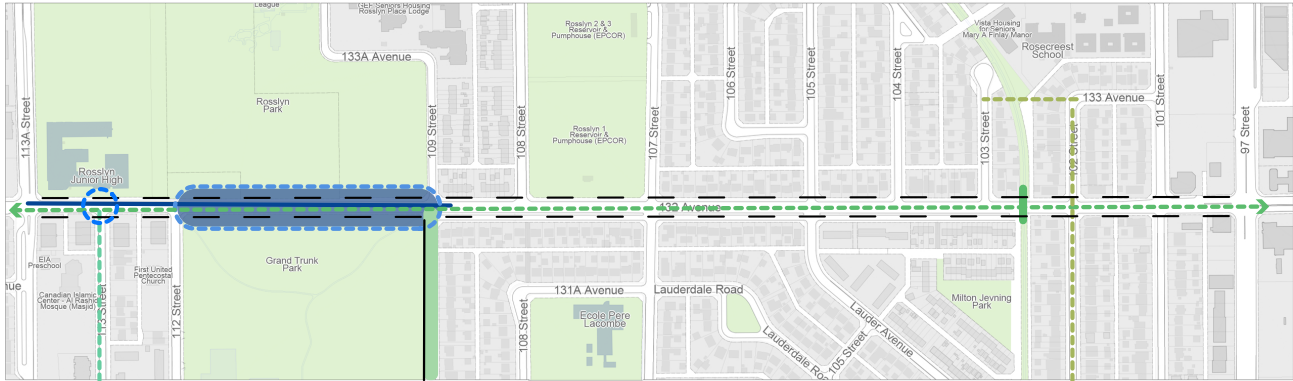
### Areas where community or aesthetic improvements have been suggested

- + 120 Street – 124 Street and 132 Avenue (add community sandboxes)
- + 124 Street and 132 Avenue (clean up derelict business)
- + 113A Street and 131 Avenue (derelict property)

### Area where cycling infrastructure is needed

- + Bike lane all along 132 Avenue

## 113A Street to 97 Street



### What We Heard:

#### Missing sidewalks or inconsistencies

- Improve quality of sidewalk
- - Obstructions in sidewalk

#### Intersection improvements

- Pedestrian crossing improvements
- Lane marking improvements
- Sightlines improvements
- Traffic calming improvements

#### Bike infrastructure implementation

- Bike infrastructure
- Protected bike lane
- Shared use path
- Missing connection
- Crossing Signage - Elephant's Feet

### Area where cycling infrastructure is needed

- + 113A Street and 131 Avenue (shared use path on the east side of Al Rashid Mosque)
- + 109 Street and 132 Avenue (protected bike lane leading out of Grand Trunk park onto roadway)
- + 103 Street and 133 Avenue (add connectivity to bike path that ends here)
- + 102 Street and 132 Avenue (add bike path connection)
- + Bike lane all along 132 Avenue
- + 102A Street and 132 Avenue (add elephants feet to existing shared use path)

### Streets where sidewalks are inconsistent or missing

- + 112 Street and 132 Avenue (improve sidewalk quality in front of Grand Trunk)
- + 97 Street to 116 Street and 132 Avenue (obstructions in the sidewalk)

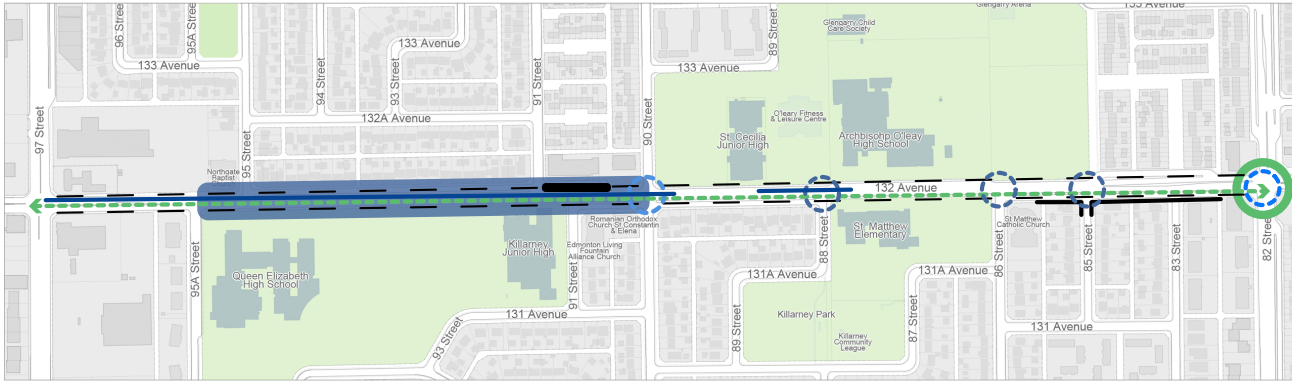
### Intersections where improvements are needed

- + 112 Street to 109 Street and 132 Avenue (add crosswalks between park spaces)
- + 112 Street to 109 Street and 132 Avenue (better lane markings)
- + 113 Street and 132 Avenue (bad sightlines for turning)

### Streets where traffic calming may be beneficial

- + 113A Street to 109 Street and 132 Avenue

## 97 Street to 82 Street



### What We Heard:

#### Missing sidewalks or inconsistencies

- Missing sidewalk/connection
- Inconsistencies
- Widen sidewalk

#### Intersection improvements

- Intersection improvements
- Pedestrian crossing improvements
- Lane marking improvements
- Turning signals
- Traffic calming improvements

#### Bike infrastructure implementation

- Bike infrastructure
- Improve existing lanes

### Area where cycling infrastructure is needed

- + 82 Street and 132 Avenue (improve existing lane markings)
- + Bike lane all along 132 Avenue

### Streets where sidewalks are inconsistent or missing

- + All along 132 Avenue
- + 85 Street and 132 Avenue (connect walking path to other infrastructure)
- + 95A Street to 90 Street and 132 Avenue (more crossing points for pedestrians, consider a bridge or tunnel for kids)
- + 91 Street to 90A Street and 132 Avenue (widen sidewalk on the north side)

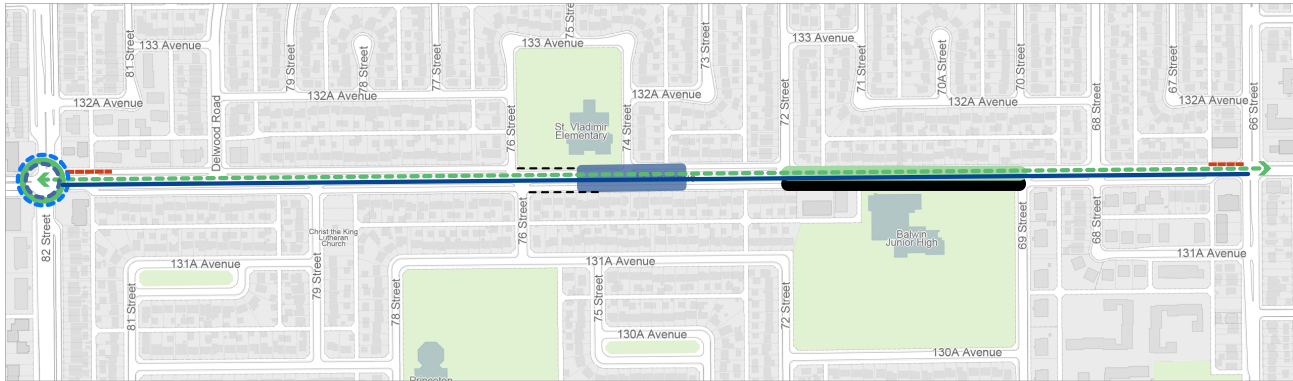
### Intersections where improvements are needed

- + 82 Street and 132 Avenue (needs left turning light heading north)
- + 90 Street and 132 Avenue (better lane markings and bus drop-off spots)
- + 95A Street to 90 Street (clearer lane markings)

### Streets where traffic calming may be beneficial

- + 90 Street to 85 Street and 132 Avenue (traffic calming in front of O'Leary school)

## 82 to 66 Street



### What We Heard:

#### Missing sidewalks or inconsistencies

- Obstructions in sidewalk
- █ Widen sidewalk

#### Intersection improvements

- Pedestrian crossing improvements
- █ Pedestrian crossing improvements
- Traffic calming improvements
- Turning signals

#### Parking improvements

- Site specific parking improvements

#### Bike infrastructure implementation

- Bike infrastructure
- █ Protected bike lane
- Improve existing lanes

### Area where cycling infrastructure is needed

- + Bike lane all along 132 Avenue
- + 72 Street – 69 Street and 132 Avenue (add protected bike lane)
- + 82 Street and 132 Avenue (better markings at 82 Street bike lane, and infrastructure to facilitate turning off 82 Street onto 132 Avenue)

### Streets where sidewalks are inconsistent or missing

- + 76 Street – 75 Street and 132 Avenue (sidewalk obstructions and narrow sidewalk on north side)
- + 74 Street and 132 Avenue (add more crossing points)
- + 72 Street – 69 Street and 132 Avenue (widen the sidewalk on the south side of 132 Avenue)
- + 82 Street and 132A Avenue (add pedestrian crossing)

### Intersections where improvements are needed

- + 82 Street and 132 Avenue (needs turning light)

### Areas where parking changes are needed

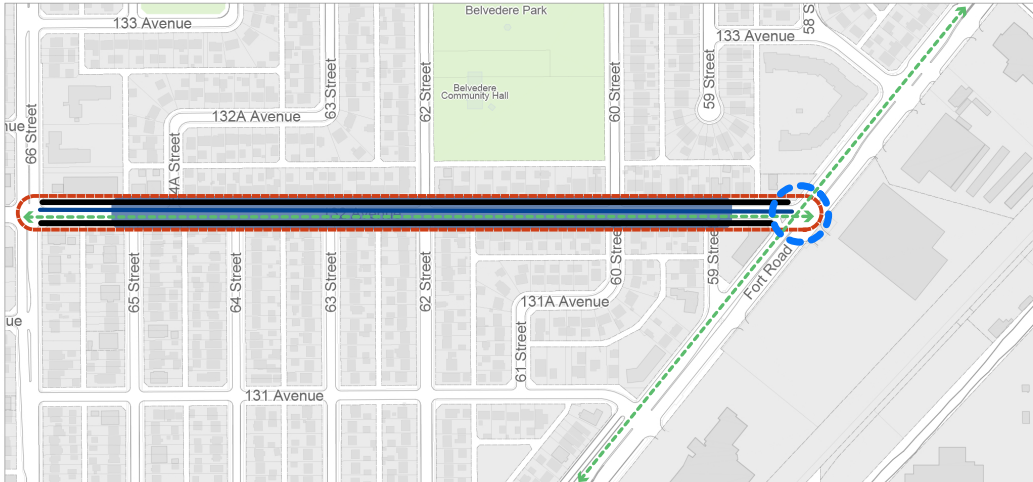
- + 82 Street and 132 Avenue (more parking at the 7/11)
- + 67 Street and 129 Avenue (more parking at the Africa Centre)

### Streets where traffic calming may be beneficial

- + All along this portion of 132 Avenue



## 66 Street to Fort Road



### What We Heard:

#### Missing sidewalks or inconsistencies

- Widen sidewalk

#### Community/Aesthetic improvements

- Access to transit

#### Intersection improvements

- Overall improvements
- Pedestrian crossing improvements
- Traffic calming improvements

#### Bike infrastructure implementation

- Bike infrastructure

### Area where cycling infrastructure is needed

- + Bike lane all along 132 Avenue
- + Fort Road (add bike lane)

### Streets where traffic calming may be beneficial

- + All along this portion

### Streets where sidewalks are inconsistent or missing

- + All along this portion of 132 Avenue (add pedestrian crossings and sidewalks too narrow)

### Areas where community or aesthetic improvements have been suggested

- + Improve transit access along this portion

### Intersections where improvements are needed

- + Fort Road and 132 Avenue (awkward intersection)

## Building a project vision

We collected input from all of the participants about their vision for 132 Avenue to inform a draft Vision and Guiding Principles for the 132 Avenue Collector Renewal project.

*A vision is a short description that sets the direction for the future of the 132 Avenue Corridor. Guiding principles are ideas which inform how the vision is applied to the road design.*






## Draft vision statement

*"132 Avenue is a vibrant, people-oriented street that offers a direct route to arterial roadways as well as great local destinations, whether you are travelling on foot, on bike, by car, on transit or any other mode.*

*132 Avenue feels welcoming and safe, and the communities on either side feel united rather than divided by the roadway. The road is designed in a way that promotes safety, clarity for people who drive, bike, walk and use transit."*

### Guiding principles

Guiding principles of the 132 Avenue Renewal project:

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+ Ensure the roadway remains convenient and easy to use while promoting safety and clarity for all users.
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+ Create spaces along 132 Avenue that offer safe transportation pathways for all users, whether they drive, bike, walk, roll, take transit or use some other mode of transportation.
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+ Enhance the community by creating beautiful spaces along 132 Avenue that feel unique to this area and allow community members to come together to build a sense of community.
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+ Invest in infrastructure improvements that will create a more positive experience for all users of 132 Avenue and foster the maintenance and development of great local destinations, both businesses and recreational opportunities.
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+ Prioritize the safety of children at the many schools along 132 Avenue and those living in the communities along 132 Avenue.

## Next steps

The project team is reviewing all the feedback provided during the **Building the Project Vision Together & Exploring Opportunities** phase. This feedback will be considered, along with City policies and programs, to develop design options for the consideration of stakeholders in the next phase of the 132 Avenue Renewal project.

The **Exploring Options and Tradeoffs** phase will take place in spring 2021. In this phase, the public can review and provide feedback on the input we recorded in the previous phases, examine options for improvements and changes to 132 Avenue and explore the benefits and tradeoffs of each potential change.

For more information regarding the 132 Avenue Renewal project, upcoming public engagement opportunities and to subscribe for project updates, please visit [edmonton.ca/132Avenue](https://edmonton.ca/132Avenue).

## Working Together

This is your city and we want to understand how you experience 132 Avenue and ask for your input on what we might do to make it better. 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.

