105 Avenue (Columbia Avenue) Streetscape

WHAT WE HEARD October 30, 2018 Public Event Comments

Background: A drop in public information meeting, at the INFORM level of the City of Edmonton Public Engagement Spectrum, was held at the Queen Mary Park Community Hall on October 30, 2018 from 5 to 8 pm.

The event provided the recommended preliminary design for the 105 Avenue Streetscape, from 97 Street to 116 Street, to the public as information on display boards and a roll plan/map. Ninety-eight (98) people attended the drop-in event, with many discussing the project with City of Edmonton project representatives and consultants.

A comment form was available at the event for the public to provide comments. Forty-eight (48) comment forms were returned at the event. The comment form questions are summarized below in the order in which they were asked in the survey. Not all questions were responded to in the comment forms received.

1. In what Edmonton neighbourhood do you live?

Neighbourhood	# of Responses	Percentage
Grandin	1	2%
Terra Losa	1	2%
MIll Creek	1	2%
Beverly	1	2%
Downtown	2	4%
Westmount	2	4%
Oliver	4	8%
Central MacDougall	12	25%
Queen Mary Park	23	48%
No Response	1	10%

2. Do you work, live and/or study adjacent to 105 Avenue? (*check all that apply*)
Note: More than one response was accepted from each comment form. *(42 respondents)*

Category	# of Responses	Percentage
Work	20	42%
Live	32	67%
Study	5	10%
Not Applicable	3	<1%
No Response	6	<1%

3. Please indicate with a check mark (✔) your rating of the following statements on a scale of Strongly Agree (5) to Strongly Disagree (1): *(# of responses shown)*

	Strongly Agree **5**	Somewhat Agree **4**	Neither Agree Nor Disagree **3**	Somewhat Disagree **2**	Strongly Disagree **1**	Not Applicable / No response	Average
The information was easy to understand	17	18	3	1	0	9	4.3
The project reps were professional and respectful	31	5	2	1	0	9	4.7
I was able to find answers to my questions	26	7	3	2	0	10	4.5
I now have a better understanding of the project	24	9	3	1	2	9	4.3
Attending this session was a good use of my time	24	10	4	0	1	9	4.4
The venue location was appropriate	31	8	0	0	0	9	4.8

This event provided me with the information I needed about this project	23	11	2	0	2	9	4.4
I felt welcomed and respected at the meeting	28	9	2	0	0	9	4.7
This was a child friendly event. I would feel welcome bringing my child(ren) to future City sessions	13	2	2	0	0	31	4.4

4. I heard about this meeting from (*check all that apply*):
   Note: More than one response was accepted from each comment form. *(44 respondents)*

Method	**# of Responses**	**%**	**Method**	**# of Responses**	**%**
Postcard from City of Edmonton	24	55%	Media coverage	1	<1%
City of Edmonton website	5	11%	Word of mouth	9	20%
Community league newsletter/ website	13	30%	Road signs	7	16%
Newspaper advertisement	0	0%	Social media	8	18%
Email from City of Edmonton or representative	4	9%	Other : NEBA, BIA, Condo Board, Landlord	5	11%
Poster	1	<1%	No Response	4	9%

Comments made regarding the public engagement experience (Question 5) were usually included as part of Question 6. They have been separated out and summarized in this document according to the question.

5. We hope to serve you better. Please tell us how we can improve your engagement experience. *(13 respondents)*

Comments summarized below:

- Well done
- Need stickies for feedback
- Project representatives need to be more proactive and step into conversations between attendees to clarify
- A flyover of the project would help
- Good refreshments
- Information was presented well
- Project representatives were friendly and patient
- Need a traffic tabletop walkthrough

6. Other Comments *(30 respondents)*

Comments are themed and indicate support and non-support for most themes. Some respondents commented on more than one theme. They are summarized below:

- Safety - existing conditions are not safe
- Construction - concerns about construction timing with Jasper Avenue and the LRT
- Plazas (112 to 113 Street and 108 Street)
    - 112 to 113 Street plaza important
    - keep 108 Street plaza
    - remove 112 to 113 Street plaza - blocks traffic flow
- Streetscape/Traffic
    - prioritize pedestrians over vehicles
    - prioritize vehicles
    - make 105 Avenue park-like - not enough green space
    - addition of sidewalks works well
    - 105 Avenue will not support traffic from Rogers Place
    - lighting works well
- Parking
    - use south bike lane for parking in winter
    - need on-street parking rather than bike lanes
    - follow previous plans and vision for street - no parking

- not enough parking
- too much parking

- Bike Lanes
  - City requires more prioritised bike lanes
  - bike lanes are well used
  - 105 Avenue should be primarily for cyclists and pedestrians
  - focus on bikes over traffic and pedestrians
  - bike lanes are not used or needed
  - need on-street parking rather than bike lanes