

ENVISION 109

Creating a Great 109 Street Streetscape

The 109 Street Streetscape Concept Design is directed by the 109 Street Corridor Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) (2013), which calls for an evolution toward a vibrant main street gathering place that supports the transportation needs of commuters and enhances the connections between adjacent communities.

You told us that's what you want too—a more pedestrian-friendly, community street, with a better cycle experience, people places and spaces, and more trees and landscaping.

You also told us that the arterial roadway is an important one connecting the south side to downtown. You asked us to balance the needs of commuters with those of the community and to also consider transit riders and cyclists.

We can do better, Edmonton. So that's what we're doing.

City Council's vision is that Edmonton's transportation system supports healthy, active lifestyles, and addresses user safety and security, contributing to the liveability of our city.

The goal is that public transit, walking and cycling become preferred by more people. That way it will be possible to move more people, more efficiently in fewer vehicles. For this to be a reality, we need to think differently about transportation planning.

"When we define our cities around cars, we just get more cars."

Gil Penelosa
international leader in creating great cities

We've Been Busy!

Since we met at Public Event 1 in January 2016, the project team has reviewed the input you provided, begun technical studies, met with both internal and external stakeholders, and developed three design approaches for the future 109 Street Streetscape.

Three Design Approaches

Each of our three design approaches meets the requirements of the ARP by enhancing the pedestrian environment, but does so by providing different amounts of space for and meeting the needs of each transportation method differently: pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and vehicles.

We want you to review the approaches, learn about their similarities and differences, and let us know which you prefer.

Approaches can be combined – for example one approach for the North Zone (north of Whyte Avenue) and one approach for the South Zone (south of Whyte Avenue). These north and south zones of 109 Street are identified for different land uses in the ARP.



Capitol Square, Columbus, OH

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Main Street 109

109 Street north of Whyte Avenue was designated a Main Street in 2016 which means it will be redesigned and maintained to an enhanced standard as specified in the City's Complete Streets Guidelines.

Main Streets are both transportation links and designed as strong community places. They also support a mix of street-oriented land uses.

What's the Outcome?

At our project's end (Fall 2016), two streetscape concept design options will be developed for future construction (*funding and timing subject to Council approval*):

- **Short-term off-street improvements** - improvements to the public space that do not involve reconstruction of the roadway.
- **Long-term road/streetscape improvements** - reconstruction of roadway that envisions a more pedestrian oriented street.



Gastown, Vancouver, BC

Streetscape: the area between the property lines that defines how the street looks, feels and functions. It provides places for activity and social gathering, and accommodates a diverse range of transportation methods (bicycles, transit, vehicles, pedestrians).

Community Integrated Committee

The community steps up again! Representatives from the six area community leagues, along with the Old Strathcona Business Association, have been working with the project team to provide community-level input on the streetscape. Thank you to this dedicated group!

Let's Hear From You

Your input will influence the future design of 109 Street. Complete our Comment Form tonight, or online until May 26, 2016 at edmonton.ca/Envision109.

Timeline

2015-2016	Streetscape Concept Plan Development
2019+	Short-term Improvements *
2035+	Roadway Renewal Cycle = Streetscape Construction (*subject to funding)

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