



# Valley Line LRT

## Project Update & Citizen Working Groups Overview Public At Large Recruitment Meeting Citizen Working Group “A” – Downtown

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# Agenda

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- Welcome & meeting purpose
- Project overview & status update
- Citizen Working Group overview
- Description/explanation of the peer selection process for 2 public-at-large members
- Questions
- Selection of public-at-large members
- Next steps & close



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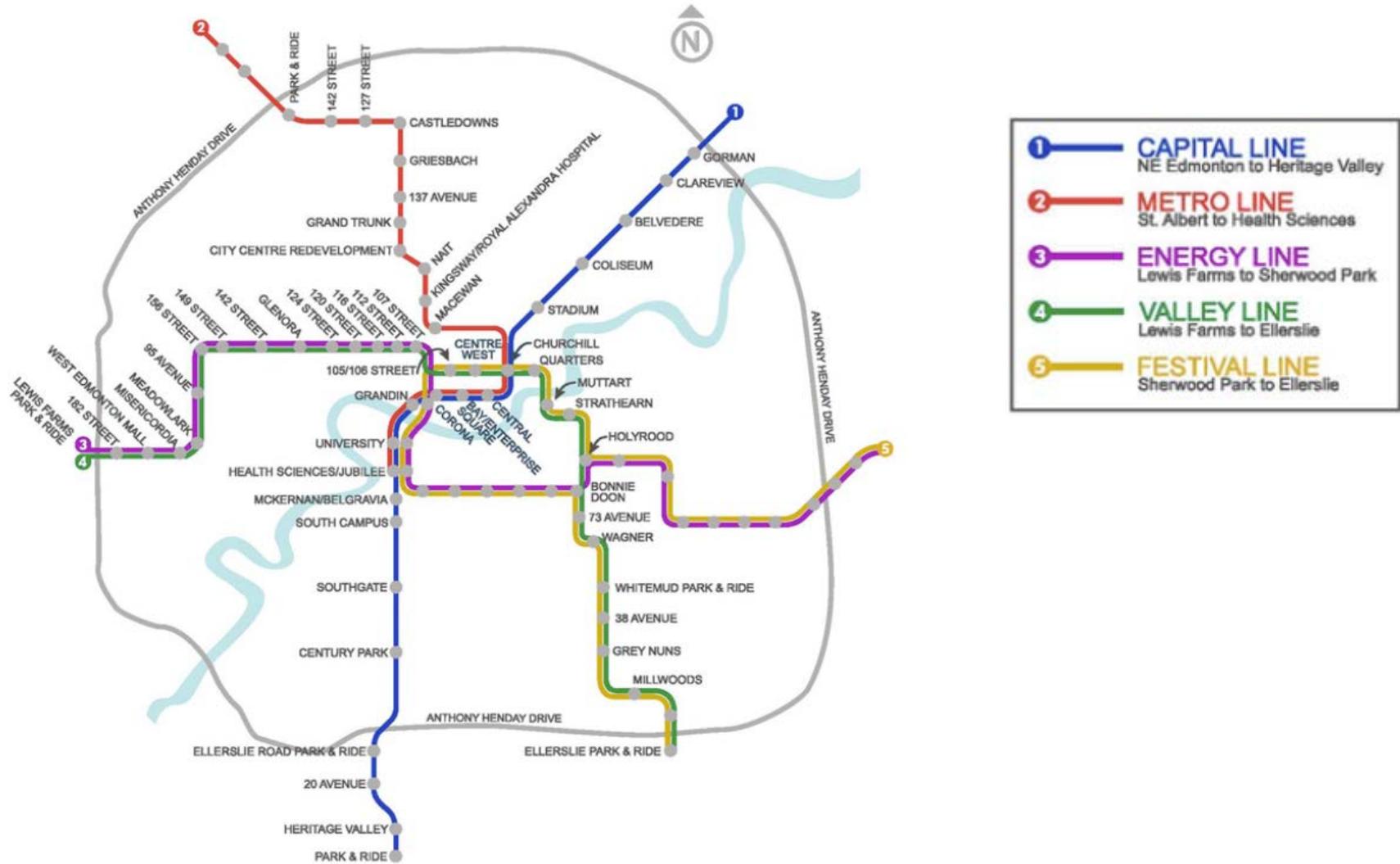
## Project Overview & Status Update

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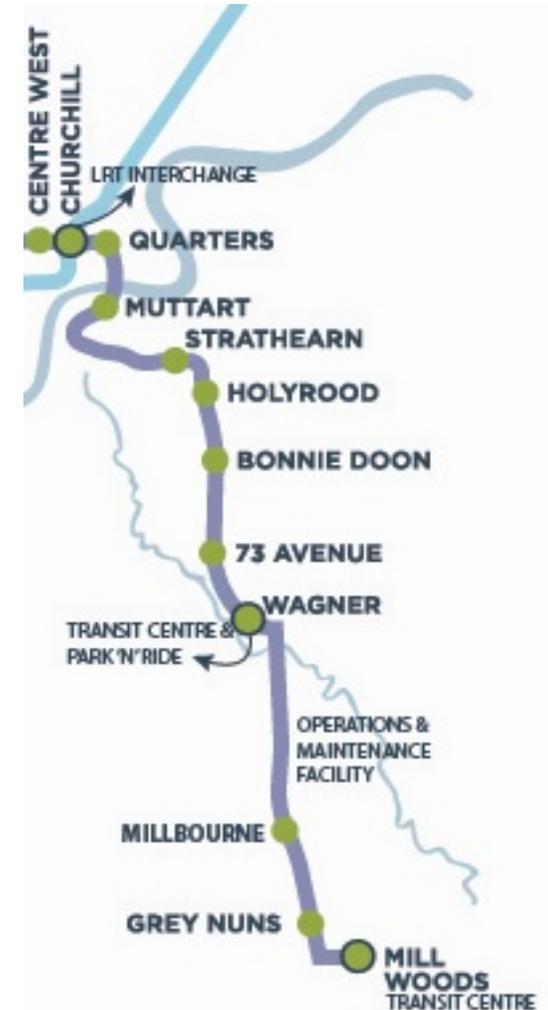
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# LRT Network



# Valley Line Overview

- New style of LRT for Edmonton – urban, low floor trains
- Stage 1 (Between downtown & Mill Woods) to be delivered as a P3



# Urban Style LRT



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# Project Status

- Currently in procurement stage
- Three teams on short list preparing bids
- To complete design, build, operate, maintain, and partially finance the Valley Line
  - Trans Ed Partners
  - Moving YEG
  - River City Transit
- Bids to be submitted later this year
- Contract to be awarded by early 2016
- Construction to begin in 2016 with completion in 2020

# Downtown Update

## Preparing for LRT Construction:

- Relocation of underground utilities
- Sequence:

Bus route changes



Utility work



LRT construction



# Downtown Update

## Preparing for LRT Construction:

- Subject to change
  - Weather
  - Coordination with other projects
- Churchill Square impacts managed largely through schedule
  - Avoiding close-proximity activities during festival peak
- Daily details on all downtown construction at:

[edmonton.ca/godowntown](http://edmonton.ca/godowntown)



*Go Downtown Public Open House: June 23, 11 am – 7 pm*

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# June 2015

## EVENTS

- Early Learning Mobile Unit
- 2015 Canadian Sponsorship Forum
- Mayor's Reception for Federation
- RCA Band Concert in the Square
- Red Bull Concert Series – Purity Ring
- What the Truck?
- The Works Festival - Set Up
- The Works Festival
- Heart & Stroke Big Bike
- Edmonton Arts Council



## THE WORK

- **EPCOR Water** Waterline installation
- **Telus** Ductbank installation
  - Asphalt removal and excavation
  - Installation of ductbanks and water lines and backfill (concrete and fillcrete)
  - Paving

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- Noise – Trucks, paving equipment, excavation, asphalt removal
- Vibration – paving, asphalt removal

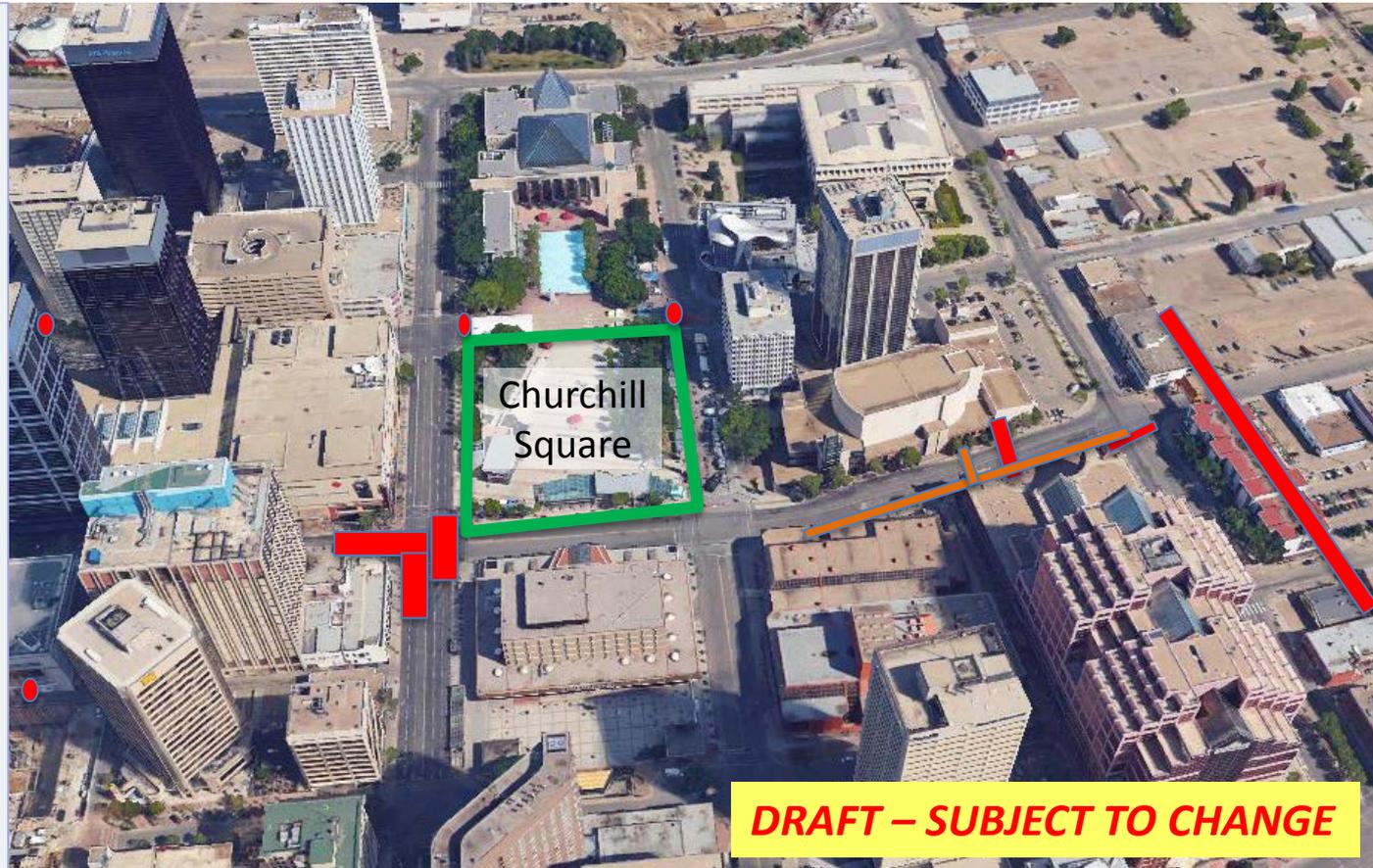
## IMPACT MANAGEMENT

- Proximity / scheduling

# July 2015

## EVENTS

- The Works Festival/  
Canada Day
- Street Performers
- Taste of Edmonton
- K-Days Parade
- Heart & Stroke Big Bike
- Edmonton Arts Council



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## THE WORK

- **EPCOR Power** Ductbank installation
- **Telus** Ductbank installation
  - Asphalt removal and excavation
  - Installation of ductbanks and backfill (concrete and fillcrete)
  - Paving
  - Pulling cable

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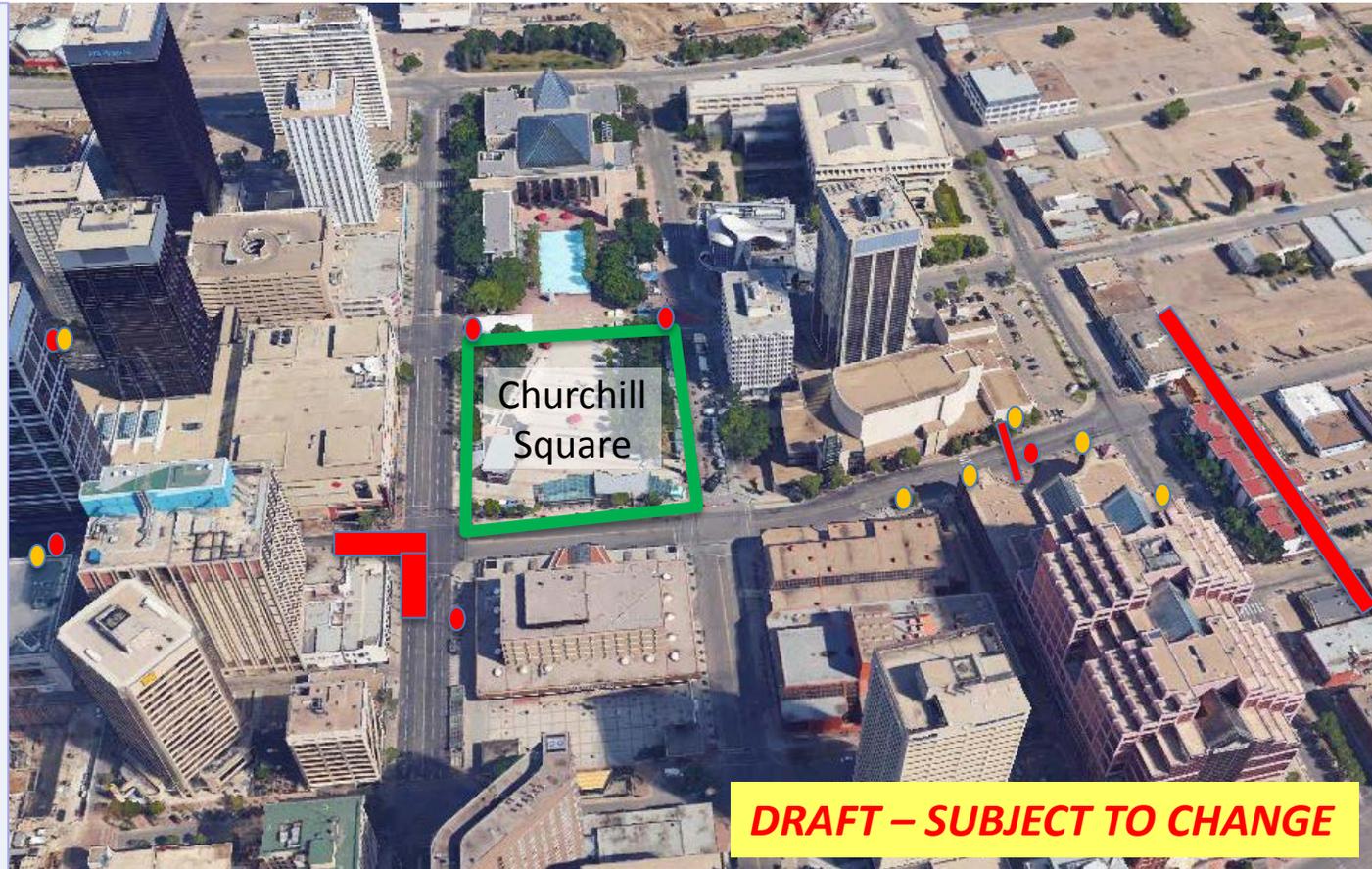
## IMPACT MANAGEMENT

- Scheduling: 102 Avenue crossing to be arranged between events to minimize impact on the square
- Signage
- Sidewalk / access management
- Public communications

# August 2015

## EVENTS

- Ride Against Violence
- Movies on the Square
- Cariwest Festival and Parade
- YEG Youth Basketball Tournament
- Latin Festival
- Lebanese Festival
- Recognition of Treaty Six Day - City Hall Plaza
- National Basketball Day
- Geary Cup – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ball Hockey Tournament
- International Overdose Awareness Day
- Edmonton Arts Council



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- **EPCOR Power**
  - Construction of ductbank and pulling cable
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  - Paving
- **Telus –Pulling cable**

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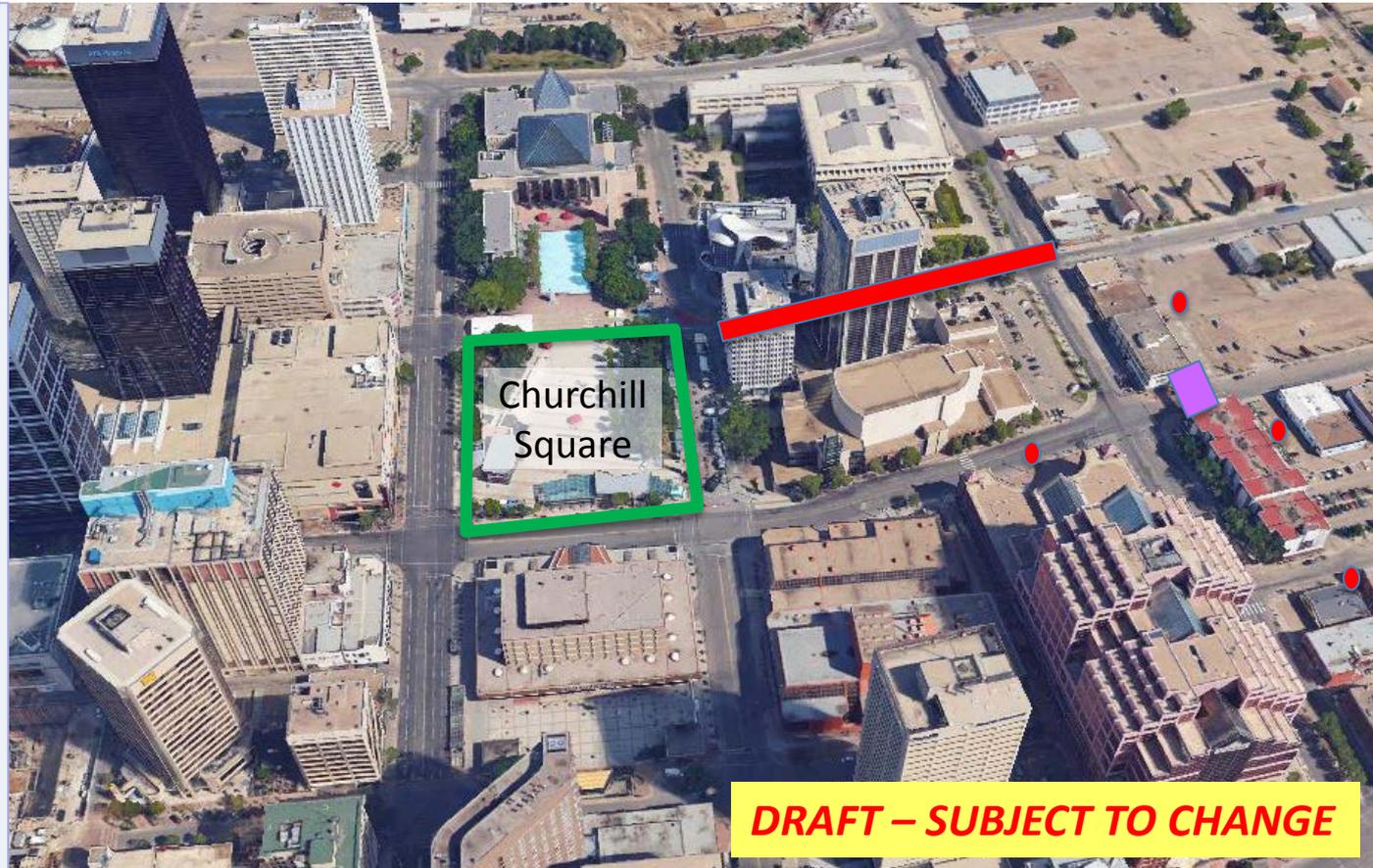
## IMPACT MANAGEMENT

- Scheduling: time of day awareness
- Signage
- Sidewalk / access management
- Public communications

# September 2015

## EVENTS

- Symphony In the City
- Tour of Alberta
- EFAN - FASD Day
- What the Truck?
- Edmonton Community Legal Centre Advice-A-thon
- Urban Forestry - Tree Project - Removal
- EFCL Community League Day Launch
- Walk for Wellness
- Ride for Diabetes Research
- Heart & Stroke Big Bike
- United Way Parade
- Mid Autumn Lantern Festival
- YWCA Edmonton Walk A Mile in Her Shoes
- Nuit Blanche
- Edmonton Arts Council



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## THE WORK

- **EPCOR Power**
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- Harbin Gate Removal

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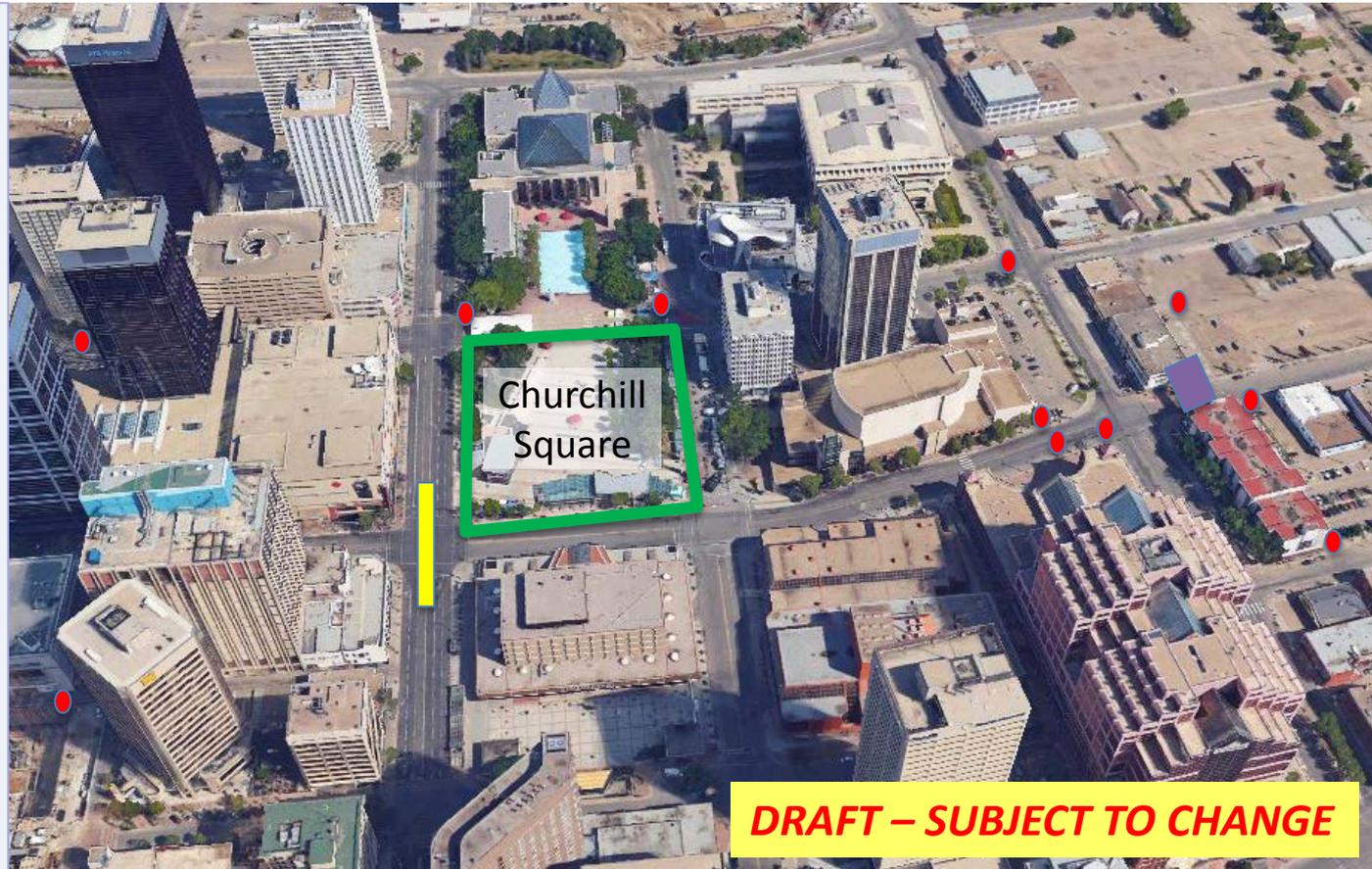
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- Signage
- Sidewalk / access management
- Public communications

# October – December 2015

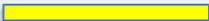
## EVENTS

- CIBC Run for the Cure
- Chili Cook Off
- Walk for Your Life
- Christmas Tree - 102 A Avenue
- City Hall Remembrance Day
- Remembrance Day Prayer Walk for Peace
- Holiday Light Up the Square
- New Year's Eve 2015
- Edmonton Arts Council



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## THE WORK

- **EPCOR Power** Cable work
- **Harbin Gate** Removal
- **ATCO Gas** 
  - Lowering of gas line

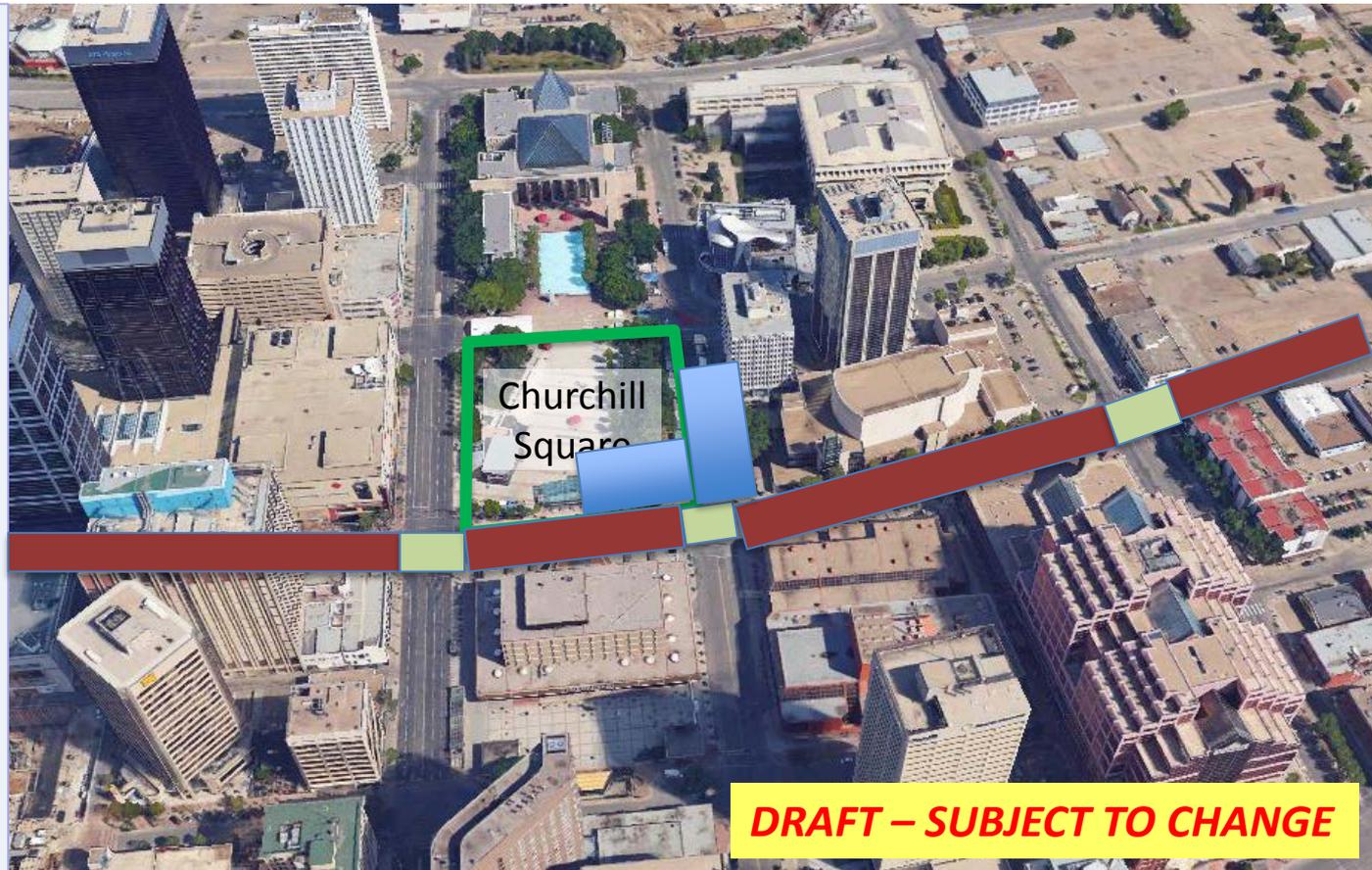
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## IMPACT MANAGEMENT

- Churchill Square activity awareness
- Signage
- Sidewalk / access management
- Public communications

# Looking Ahead 2016-2020



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LRT Construction is expected to begin in 2016 and continue through 2020, with 102 Avenue closed for most of that time.

Details of construction staging, including planned schedule, should be available by early spring 2016.

## THE WORK

- P3 Contractor takes over the site
- **Total Closure**
- **Alternating Closures**
- **Churchill Vertical Connection and Traction Power Substation**
- What it entails:
  - Relocation of utilities
  - Building LRT infrastructure

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- Demolition, excavation, construction and restoration.
- Closure of a portion of Churchill Square and 99 Street for 19 months from October 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018 or October 1, 2017 to April 30, 2019

## IMPACT MANAGEMENT

- Impacts inevitable
- Closures of 102 Ave crossings to be alternating



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# Valley Line Citizen Working Groups

## Overview & Implementation

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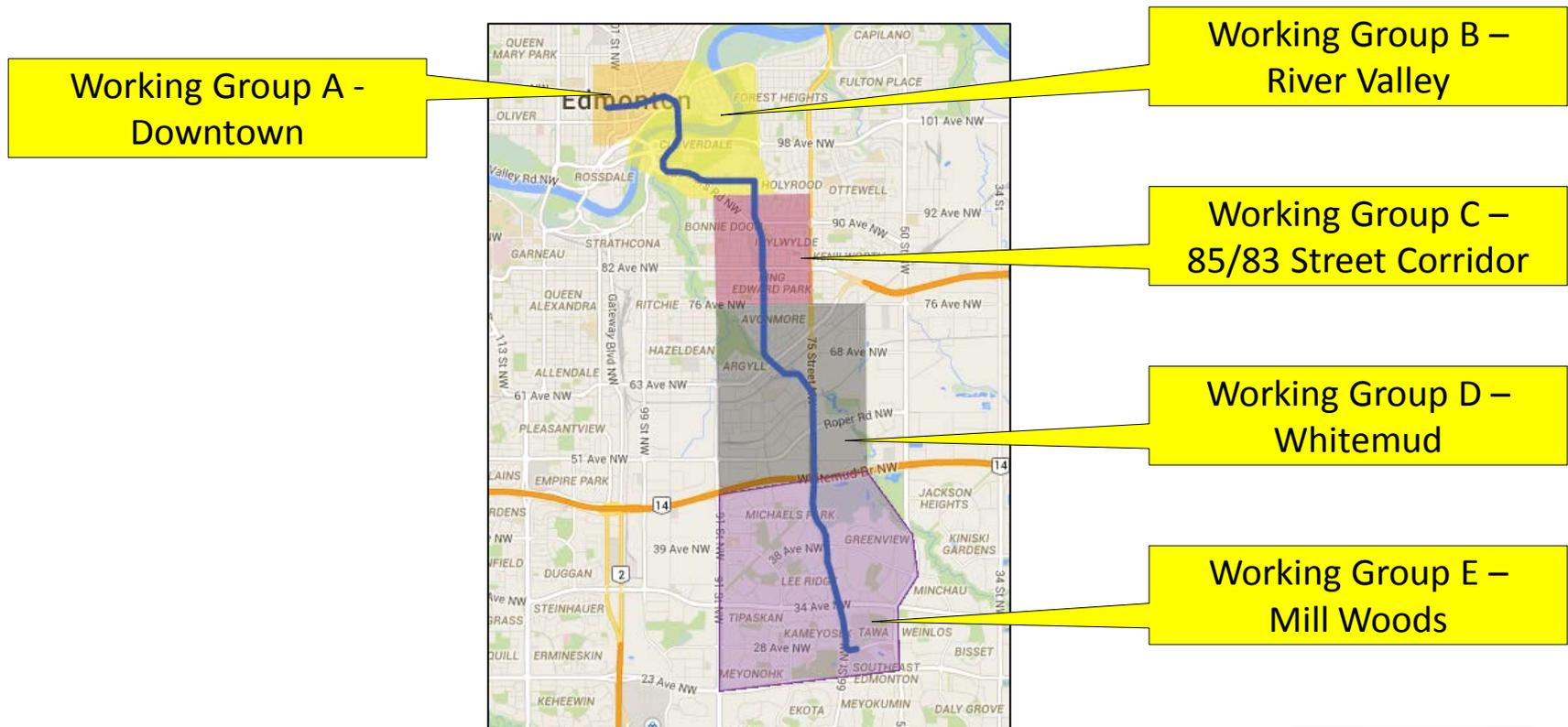
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# Citizen Working Groups - Purpose

- Build and maintain relationships and trust
- Promote and support community engagement opportunities
- Facilitate information-sharing and dialogue
- Support the identification of issues, opportunities and concerns
- Seek opportunities to minimize and mitigate impacts related to detailed design and construction
- Supplement to other methods of engagement

# Citizen Working Groups – 5 Zones



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# Citizen Working Groups - Guidelines

## Membership

- Volunteers to reflect community cross-section
- Group to function until Valley Line begins service
- Membership/composition reviewed annually
- Ideally, members should live or work in the zone

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# Citizen Working Groups - Guidelines

## Conduct of Meetings

- Facilitated by Community Relations Advisor
  - Role includes being community advocate on project team
- Regular & timely sharing of information
- Identify issues, opportunities & concerns
- No decision-making
- Alignment, concept, preliminary design & P3 procurement not up for debate
  - City will not re-visit past decisions

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# Citizen Working Groups - Guidelines

## Conduct of Meetings (cont'd)

- Through dialogue with group, City will:
  - promote engagement opportunities;
  - seek opportunities to minimize and mitigate impacts related to detailed design and construction; and
  - build and maintain relationships and trust.
- Members to understand/share local knowledge & interests
- Mutual respect & trust
- Support overall best interests of community
- Treat participation as a commitment
- Except for City staff & Councillors who may be present, non-members attend only by mutual agreement of group

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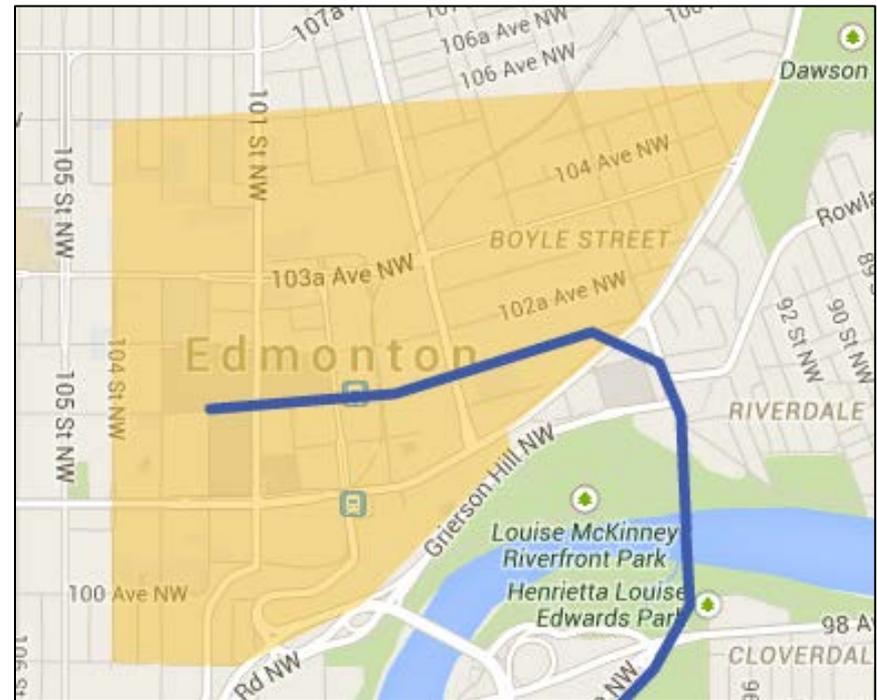
## Scheduling, agendas, facilities etc.

- Meeting frequency, times, duration flexible; determined by group
- Topics identified in advance
- Minutes within 2 weeks after meetings
- Agendas & minutes posted on website
- City to arrange / provide / pay for facilities

# Citizen Working Groups – Zone Details

## Group A - Downtown

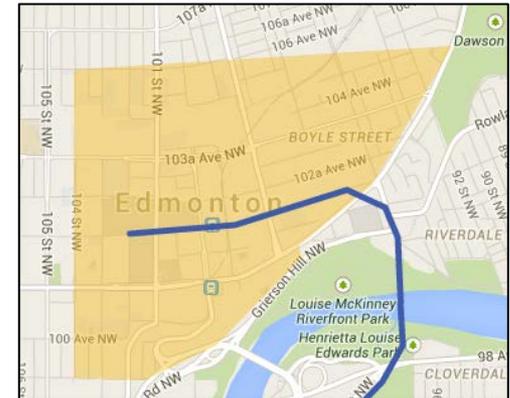
- East of 104 Street, South of 106 Avenue, north/west of north valley edge (McDougall Hill/Grierson Hill/Jasper Avenue)



# Citizen Working Groups – Zone Details

## Group A – Downtown

- 2 representatives assigned by the Downtown Community League
- 2 representatives assigned by the Boyle Street Community League
- 2 solicited from the community at large
- 1 assigned by the Downtown Edmonton Business Association
- 1 assigned by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
- 1 from Edmonton City Centre
- 1 representing Festivals (Churchill Square)
- 1 representing Arts District
- 1 representing Chinese Benevolent Association
- 1 representing local schools, in consultation with school boards



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# Selecting At-Large Members

## Suggested peer selection process

- Positions available: 2, plus up to 3 “reserve list” slots
- Start by identifying volunteers
- If volunteers exceed available positions, each candidate makes case to full group
- Full group votes for 1 person each by ballot; positions / reserve slots awarded in order of votes received

# Staying Engaged

Website:

[www.edmonton.ca/valleyline](http://www.edmonton.ca/valleyline)

Email:

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