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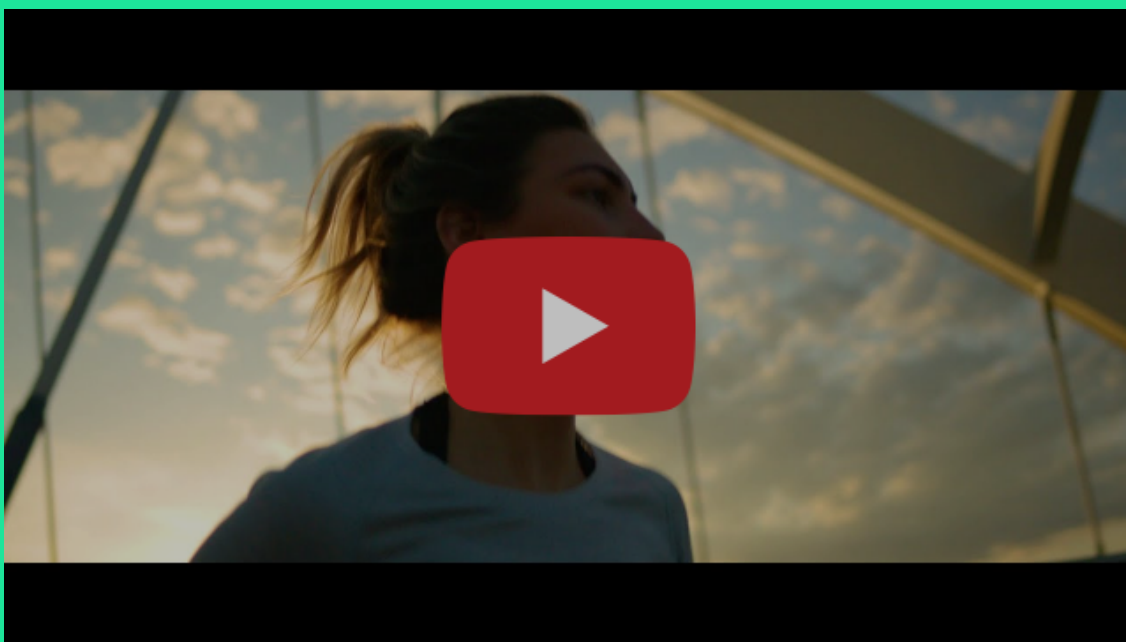
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Spring 2021 Project Update - Part 1



In this [Touch the Water Promenade project](#) update, you'll find information on:

- The Stage Two Engagement What We Heard Report
- Next Steps & Additional Engagement Opportunities
- Executive Committee Progress Update Report

Stage Two Engagement What We Heard Report

It has been a few months since you last heard from the Touch the Water Promenade project team, so we wanted to share an update with you.

The [What We Heard report](#) summarizing the feedback received during Stage Two of the project's public engagement has been completed, and is available at edmonton.ca/TouchTheWater.

We thank everyone who provided feedback during the last stage of engagement in November 2020. Your input, along with wisdom and advice shared by regional Indigenous Nations and Communities, results from initial technical studies, and City policy direction have helped us to refine, adjust and improve the draft concept design options into a single concept design.

The concept design is being refined and further developed from the [draft concept options](#) based on the following principles that were informed by what we heard through engagement:

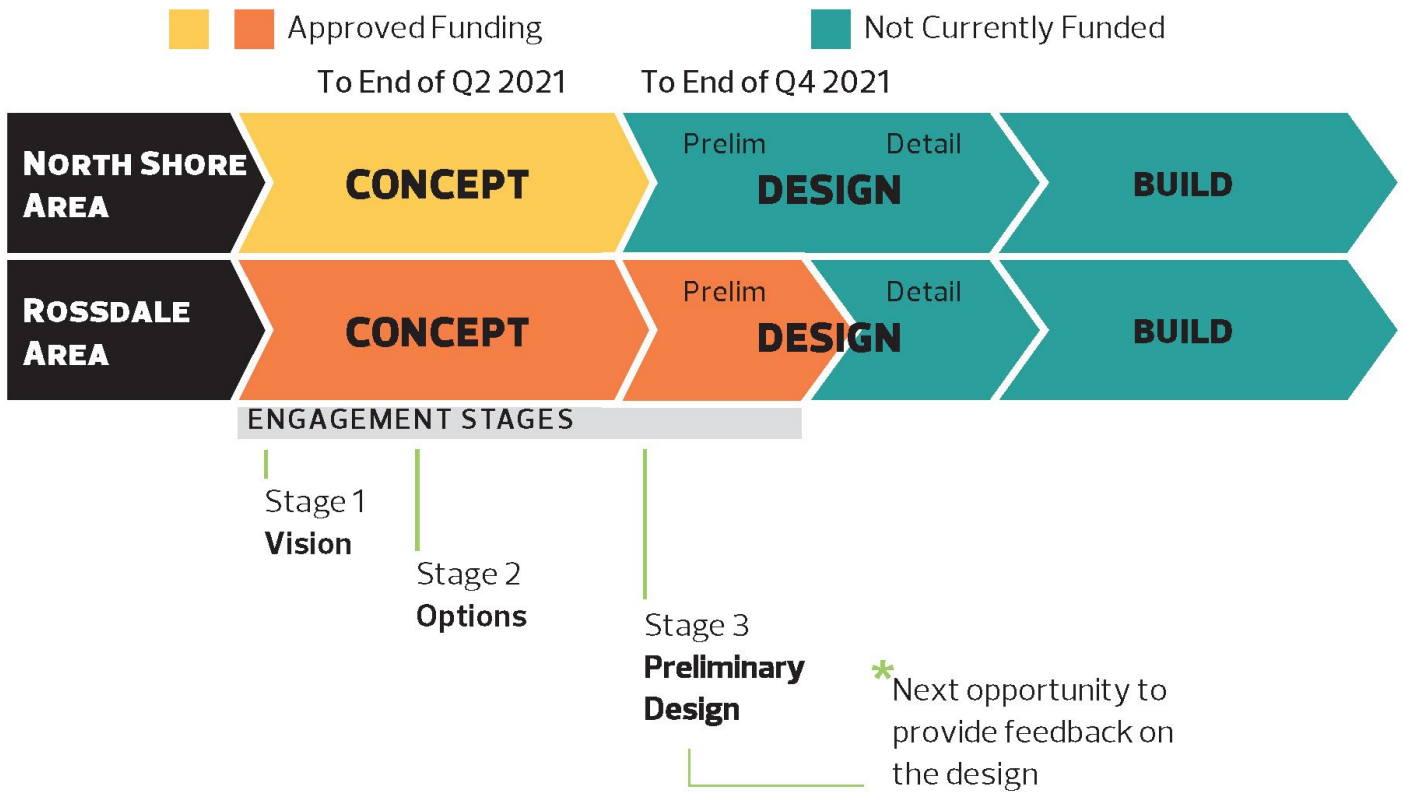
- + Balance retaining the 'natural' and 'wild' character of the river with improved access to provide opportunities to better experience the river.
- + Reduce hardscaping along the river, and minimize impacts to existing vegetation and habitat corridors.
- + Improve access to and within the river valley, for different types of people with different abilities, with a focus on universal accessibility.
- + Provide more opportunities to celebrate the Indigenous, industrial and natural heritage and culture of the project area.
- + Improve safety in the project area, which was shared as a major concern for people travelling at different speeds and modes through the river valley, as well as along the water's edge.

The refined concept design will be shared with you in the next project update (Part 2) later this month. The concept design will also be made publicly available on the project webpage later in June in advance of the project's update to City Council's Executive Committee (more on that below).

Next Steps & Additional Engagement Opportunities

The [Rossdale Area](#) has been approved for additional design and this work will get underway this summer, and will include the next phase of Indigenous and public engagement. This engagement will help the project team shape the preliminary design for the Rossdale Area, including the site surrounding the Rossdale Power Plant and pump houses.

We will share further details regarding the next phase of engagement in July, including specific dates, opportunities to provide feedback, and the key questions we'll be asking of you. Please stay tuned!



At this time, design for the North Shore Area will conclude with the completion of the concept phase. However, additional engagement opportunities will be provided should funding be approved at some point in the future for the next phases of design for the North Shore Area.

Completing this planning and design work now will prepare us to to move forward when the time is right as determined by City Council. If the project moves forward to delivery, it would include opportunities to celebrate heritage, encourage recreation and community gathering, and connect people with nature.

Executive Committee Progress Update Report

The project team will be sharing a design progress update and information report to City Council’s Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, June 28th, 2021. The report will provide an overall update on the project, the current concept design and how it was developed as well as next steps.

We will share the agenda for the June 28th Executive Committee meeting and the project update report once they are published later this month.

For more information on the Executive Committee and to learn more about opportunities to request to speak at Council and Committee meetings, please visit edmonton.ca/meetings. Please note that City Council and Committee meetings continue to be conducted remotely online.

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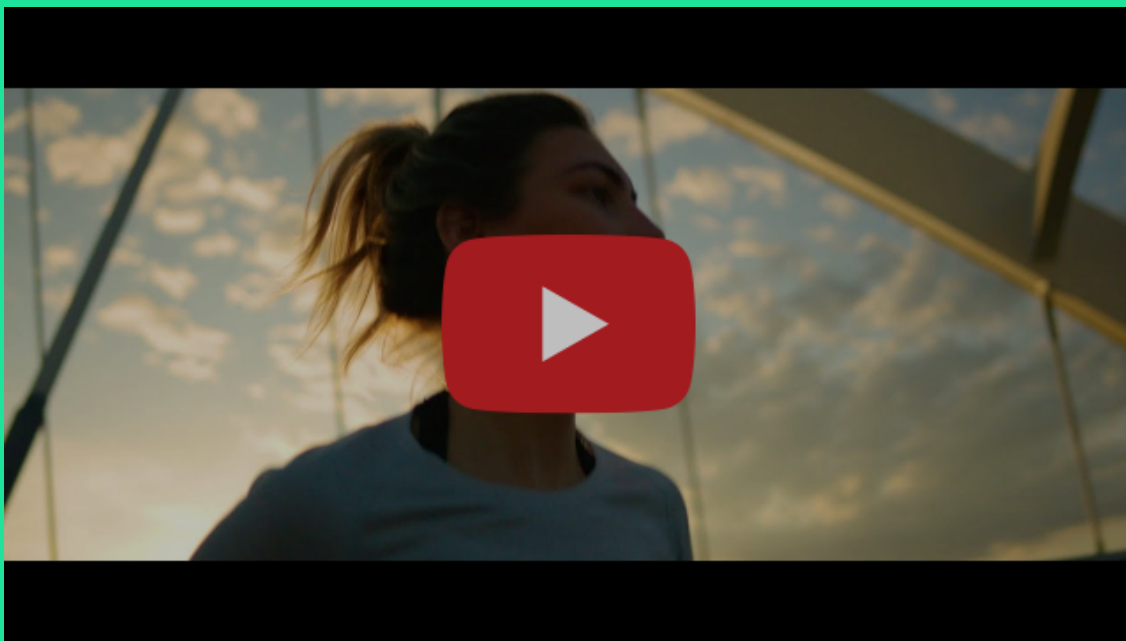
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June 2021 Project Update - Part 2



In this [Touch the Water Promenade project update](#), you'll find information on:

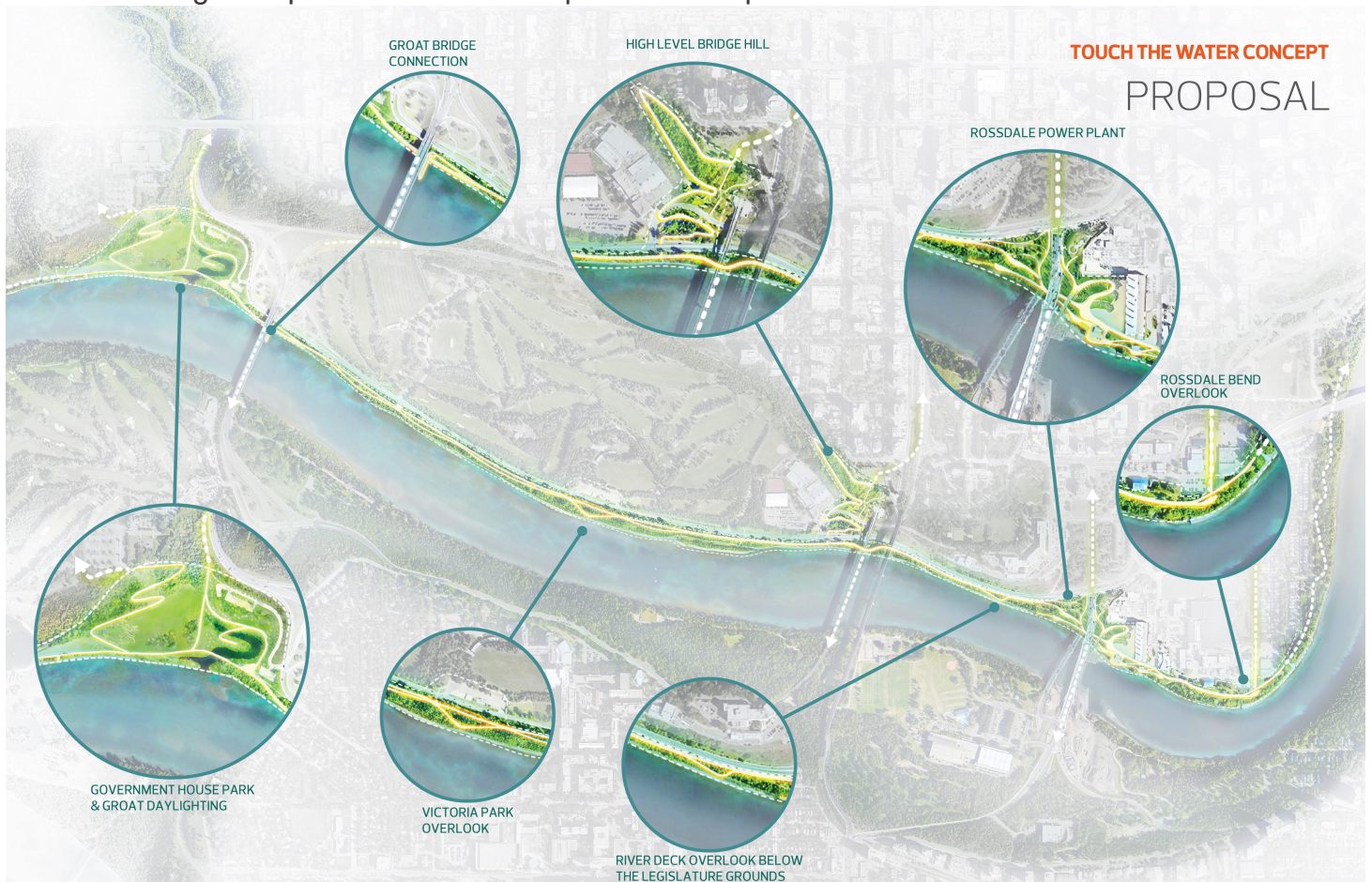
- The Updated & Refined Concept Design
 - Executive Committee Progress Update Report
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Refined Concept Design

As promised earlier this month in the Part 1 Project Update, the **refined concept design** has been developed and is now available at edmonton.ca/TouchTheWater.

Your input, along with wisdom and advice shared by regional Indigenous Nations and Communities, results from technical studies, and City policy direction has helped us to refine, adjust and improve the **draft concept design options** in order to develop a single concept design that we are pleased to share with you today.

The concept design reflects a shared vision for the central river valley, and will serve as a long-term plan that could be implemented in phases over time.



The single concept design was developed based on the following principles that were informed by what we heard through engagement, as shared in the Part 1 Update:

- + Balance retaining the 'natural' and 'wild' character of the river with improved access to provide opportunities to better experience the river.
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The Touch the Water Promenade project is currently in the planning and design stages and is not funded for construction at this time.

Executive Committee Progress Update Report

The agenda for the June 28th Executive Committee meeting has been published and is available to review at edmonton.ca/meetings. The project's design progress update report and associated attachments are included in the agenda as item 6.5. The report will provide an overall update on the project, the current concept design and how it was developed as well as next steps.

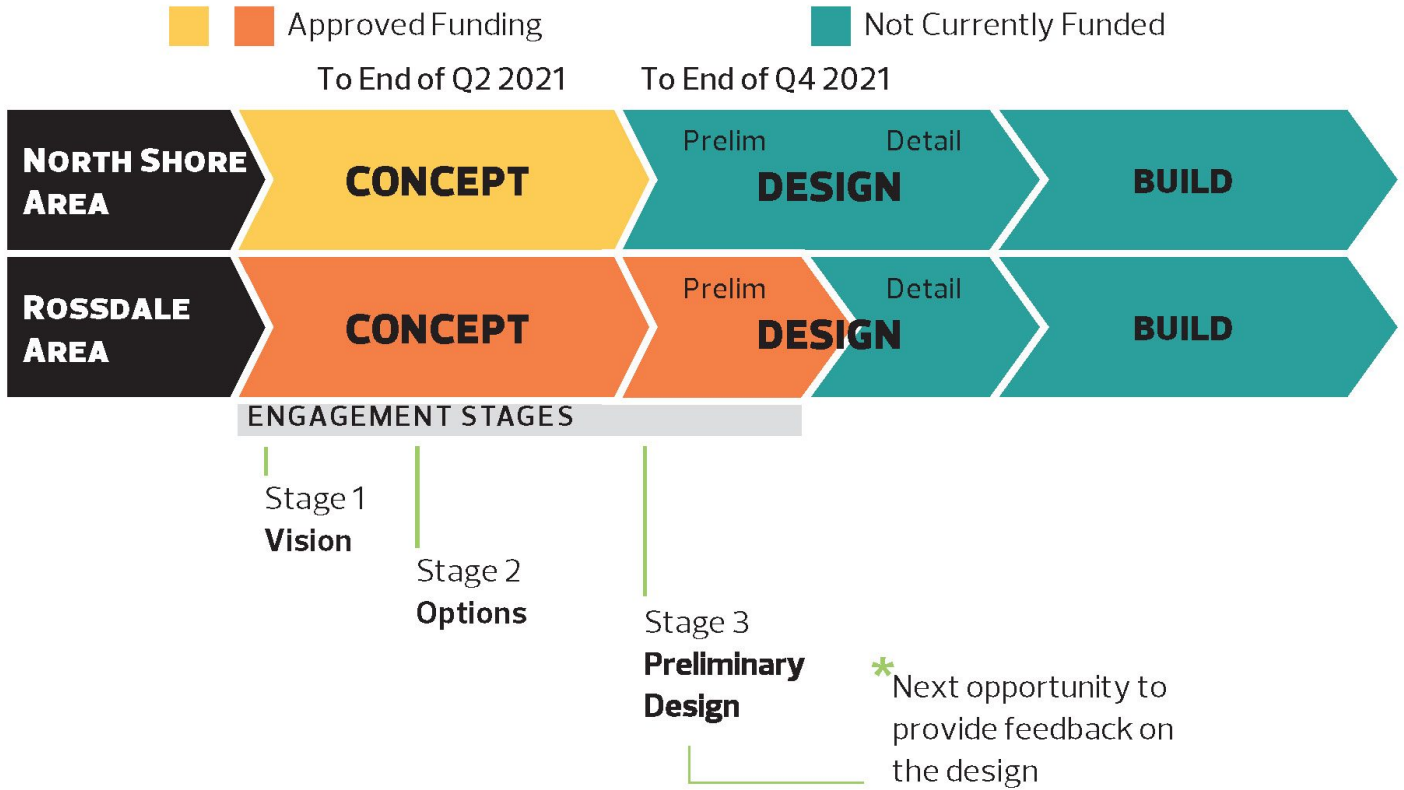
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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities Reminder

As shared in the last project update newsletter, the project's third stage of Indigenous and public engagement will be occurring this summer. Online public engagement opportunities will launch in July.

This engagement will help the project team shape the preliminary design for the Rossdale Area, including the site surrounding the Rossdale Power Plant and pump houses.

We will be sharing an invitation to provide feedback, including online engagement opportunities, dates, and the key questions we'll be asking of you in the next few weeks.



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