

Valley Line West

124 Street Stop - what we heard and did

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124 Street Stop location issues

The LRT corridor is quite constrained in a number of areas, and the 124 Street area is one example. Many buildings are built up to property lines and both the roadway and sidewalks are narrow. The original concept plan placed the westbound LRT platform on the west side of 124 Street, with the eastbound platform on the east side of 124 Street. However, closer examination during preliminary design revealed that it would not be possible to create a level/flat platform without significant impact to the existing road and/or access into adjacent buildings. With a desire to minimize such impacts, the plan was revised to shift the LRT platforms one block to the east and centre them around 123 Street instead.

What we heard

Input received at a public engagement session held in January 2018 to share proposed amendments to the LRT concept plan either supported or had no comment on the planned relocation of the 124 Street stop. The project team presented the recommendation for the new LRT platform location along with other Valley Line West LRT concept plan amendments to City Council in March 2018. Following direction from Council, a targeted follow-up stakeholder session was held in July 2018 to outline the 124 Street LRT platform design alternatives and their implications, and to receive additional feedback.

The feedback received at this follow-up session indicated a better understanding of the trade-offs, issues and measures taken to minimize local property impacts. As part of the ongoing engagement process, the board of the 124 Street Business Association was also consulted on the adjusted 124 Street LRT platform location and it was felt that the local business area would remain well-served with the revised stop location.

What we did

Following its review of stop location alternatives and with consideration for the input received during engagement, the project team presented its recommendation to locate the 124 Street stop one block east of the originally-planned location.

Final outcome

Supported by Urban Planning Committee in October 2018, the relocation of the stop was approved by City Council in November 2018.

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