

Capital Line South - Public Engagement Summary

Public engagement has been an essential part of the development of the Capital Line South. Public engagement programs were undertaken for the Capital Line South Concept Plan (2008) and preliminary design (2010). Further public engagement was completed between 2017-2018. Feedback from this engagement helped shape the recommendations in the Capital Line and Metro Line proposed Concept Plans and Crossing Assessments report and the preliminary design update. Final public information sessions were completed in September 2018.

To support the project, four broad-based public information and engagement sessions were held in three parts, supported by early online engagement through the City's website, direct outreach to key stakeholders, a number of pop-up events at locations along the alignment and a final online public survey. The public provided input to the project team on the presented options shown for the project, discussed issues and impacts, as well as potential solutions. Public feedback also helped shape the look and feel of certain design elements.

Fall 2017

On November 29, 2017 one joint public information session was held at the Ellerslie Rugby Club for the Heritage Valley Park and Ride, the Capital Line South LRT Extension and the 135 Street/Anthony Henday Drive Connection. A total of 395 people attended the event and 109 responses were received through the event feedback forms. The purpose of this engagement was to reintroduce the project and re-engage the public on the Capital Line South LRT Extension, since several years had elapsed since the initial design had been completed.

Summer 2018

One public engagement session was held on June 12, 2018 at the Ellerslie Rugby Club to provide attendees with information and updates for the Heritage Valley Park and Ride/135 Street Pre-Construction Public Event while sharing updated information on the Capital Line South project. A total of 400 people attended the event with many individuals interested in the construction timelines for the Capital Line South.

At this session, potential options for grade separations and other proposed changes were presented to the public. Feedback and perspective gained through the process was used to advise the project team when developing final recommendations.

Fall 2018

Two further information sessions were held in September 2018 at the Ellerslie Rugby Club and Johnny Bright School. At these sessions, final concept plan amendment recommendations were presented to citizens. This included final recommendations on all crossing assessments undertaken.

Key Themes Heard

The key themes heard through the engagement process were:

- The importance of ensuring an appropriate level of access into Twin Brooks via 12 Avenue and 9 Avenue, and a potential permanent third access
- Concerns regarding potential noise impacts the LRT extension will have in the community
- Concerns regarding safety at LRT stations
- Strong support for completing this project in the near future

Indigenous Engagement

Throughout 2017 and 2018 the City undertook an LRT Indigenous engagement program. The purpose of the program was for meaningful engagement between the City and Indigenous communities, with the intent of sharing information, gathering feedback, knowledge and perspectives. In the summer of 2018, the Capital Line South project completed four site tours with the 21 Indigenous communities that expressed interest in attending. The input received from the communities was organized in a general summary report and shared back with the communities.

Heritage Valley Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan #14

A new Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan (neighbourhood plan) is being developed for lands in southwest Edmonton, for an area presently known as Heritage Valley Neighbourhood 14.

Engagement with the community consisted of a drop-in engagement session and an online survey to understand public and stakeholder perspectives on the Healthy Community approach and preliminary contextual information to inform the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The public engagement included:

- A drop-in public engagement session (November 28, 2018)
- 83 drop-in workshop participants
- An online survey (399 respondents)

Attachment 4

City administration also held public engagement for NASP#14 on January 30, 2020 to gather public preferences about the ultimate plan for the Heritage Valley Trail and Ellerslie Road intersection and whether it should be at grade or separated. The results concluded that people were in favour of the grade separation at this location.

Throughout the Capital Line South public engagement, City administration provided bulletins to inform the public about the project background and status. The following recommendations were provided about Ellerslie Road:

- An elevated LRT track over Ellerslie Road is currently being considered.
- There are no plans to grade separate at any other locations in the neighbourhood.