

Potential Opportunities to Leverage Concurrent Capital Projects

Yellowhead Trail Upgrading

As part of the Yellowhead Trail Freeway Conversion Project, Fort Road is being upgraded to six lanes from Yellowhead Trail to 66 Street. The Fort Road widening project is being leveraged to build a new pedestrian crosswalk on the west side of 66 Street at Fort Road, which is one of the Balwin area's top revitalization priorities. Funding for enhancements to this crosswalk is being considered through the revitalization program. Additional opportunities for revitalization will be explored within the Fort Road widening project limits south of 126A Avenue at 68 Street, where access to Fort Road is being removed and a new shared use path and landscape plantings are currently planned.

132 Avenue Renewal

Collector renewal on 132 Avenue, from 113A Street to Fort Road, will rehabilitate the road, add missing sidewalk links, repair or replace existing sidewalks, and replace street lights. Stakeholder engagement is currently underway and improving how people walk, bike, drive and gather in and around 132 Avenue is also being explored. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023 and will be phased in along the corridor through 2026.

Public engagement conducted in 2018-2019 in Balwin and Belvedere identified a number of revitalization opportunities, including safer walking and cycling routes. Where these revitalization ideas overlap with the scope for the 132 Avenue renewal project, opportunities for collaboration are being explored. Priorities for capital investment include enhanced safety at busy intersections for people walking and wheeling, development of more bike routes and shared pathways, and additional lighting in green spaces.

Alley Renewal

If construction schedules can be aligned, capital funding allocated to the Balwin/Belvedere revitalization could be leveraged with Business Improvement Area Alley Renewal. Enhancements to lighting and other infrastructure would improve safety and opportunities for community animation. Construction of the Fort Road Business Improvement Area Alley Renewal is scheduled for the 2023-2026 budget cycle.

Alley renewal in Balwin, Belvedere and Yellowhead Corridor East is currently scheduled for the 2027-2030 budget cycle. The capital renewal program is primarily based on condition indexes for these locations. Revitalization would require capital funding during the 2027-2030 budget cycle to align with Alley Renewal and better serve the community to maximize investment and leverage other funding to complete major projects.