



Integrated Infrastructure Services
LRT Expansion and Renewal

Bylaw 20345
Road Closure Bylaw

City Council - Public Hearing
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Background

- On Dec 6, 2021 City Council directed Administration to explore the opportunity to pedestrianize 102 Avenue adjacent to the LRT and return to Urban Planning Committee with options for consideration.
- Administration assessed constraints and opportunities and conducted interviews with local stakeholders and organizations. Possible pedestrianization scenarios were presented at the May 31, 2022 Urban Planning Committee.
- On June 13, 2022 City Council directed Administration to work with local stakeholders to implement a 1-year pilot to fully close the 102 Avenue traffic lane between 99 Street to 103 Street for the purpose of establishing a pedestrian-friendly corridor, including preparation of a road closure bylaw for the full traffic lane closure.

Stakeholder Interest to Activate 102 Avenue

- Interest from community stakeholders to activate the space has been limited
- A handful of inquiries were received over the past 6 months, however none advanced further than simple information seeking
- Feedback has indicated the lack of front-facing businesses has made it difficult to activate the space
- There is interest to activate other spaces downtown, including near 102 Avenue, where the closure makes activation more challenging

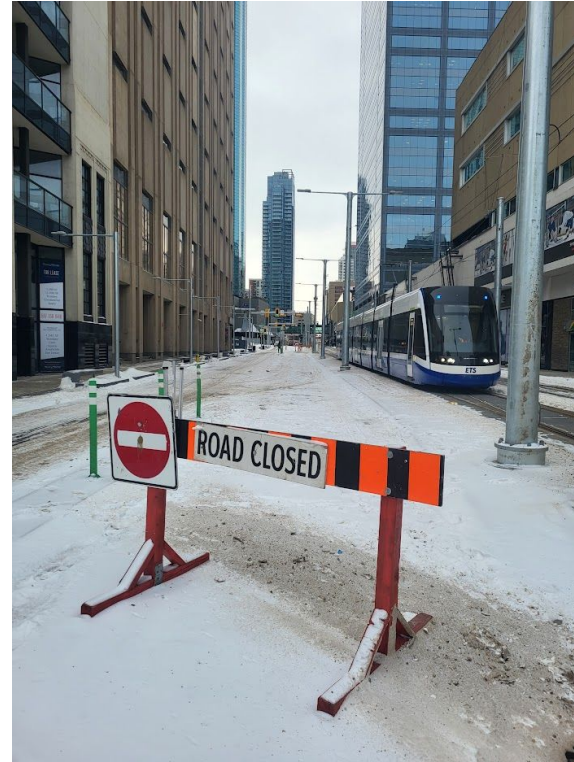
Community Insights

- Closure of 102 Avenue is creating confusion for vehicles and customers transiting or accessing businesses in the area
- There is interest in temporary parking along 102 Avenue to improve access to businesses until construction commences
- Adjacent laneways have become unsafe due to vehicles rerouting or encountering the closed portion of the road
- Keeping the lane open to traffic would create more natural surveillance and improve safety in the area.
- Timing of the pilot is not ideal given further delays opening the LRT.

Photos



102 Ave Looking East from 100 Street



102 Ave Looking West from 100 Street

Conclusions

- 102 Avenue has limited appeal for programming with its current configuration and with the limited amount of active building frontage
- Reconfiguration of the physical space to combine the proposed closure area with the sidewalk space would provide more space for active programming
- Area stakeholders believe that vehicle activity on 102 Avenue would provide more effective activation until such time as a longer term plan is developed.
- A broader strategy for pedestrianizing Downtown Streets should be in place prior to considering a one year or long term closure of 102 Avenue (Pending UPE Report)

Thank you.

Questions?

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