

Existing Initiatives and Ongoing Work

There are existing initiatives and ongoing work aimed at supporting redevelopment and increasing vibrancy downtown. The continuation of this work will help develop the conditions necessary for additional car-free and/or shared streets downtown. These efforts include:

- Implementation of the Capital City Downtown Plan, including zoning and development regulations that encourage active street frontages to support pedestrian activity and consolidation of vehicular access to alleys where possible.
- Application of the Downtown Streetscape Manual and Downtown Public Places Plan to promote walkable, safe, and universally accessible streets.
- The implementation of a new Festivals and Event Micro-grant program to support smaller outdoor community (niche) festivals and events.
- Review of the On-Street Construction and Maintenance permit process.
- Implementation of the Jasper Avenue New Vision and Green and Walkable Catalyst Program to support better pedestrian and landscaping environments and infrastructure.
- Development of the Warehouse Park, reducing surface parking and providing additional amenity space and closing a portion of 107 Street to be incorporated into the park and redesigning the adjoining section of 106 Street to be more pedestrian friendly.
- Implementation of the Downtown Vibrancy Strategy including initiatives to support residents, events, businesses, safety and disbursement of the Downtown Vibrancy Fund.
- Implementation of Edmonton's Downtown Core and Transit System Safety Plan.
- Recent changes to the Patio Program on Public Space to better support the expansion of usable bar, cafe and restaurant space on road right-of-way.
- Continued development of Valley Line LRT and ongoing mass transit planning to provide improved transit access to and from downtown.
- Improvements and expansion to the city-wide active transportation network to improve connections to and from the existing downtown active transportation network.