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## **Closed and Shared Streets Downtown**

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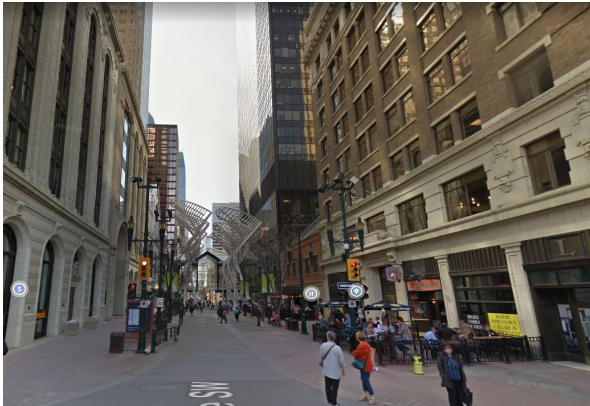
## Car-Free and Shared Streets

**Alternative uses of street space to support vibrancy, business activity, safety, and active modes.**



## Car-Free Streets

- Motor vehicles excluded from roadway to facilitate other uses
- Temporary (events)
- Permanent (pedestrianized street)



Permanent: Stephen Avenue, Calgary



Temporary : Downtown Edmonton Event

## Shared Streets

- Provides flexible space for all modes: with priority to walking/wheeling/biking over driving.
- Enhancements: beautification, traffic-calming



Bear Street, Banff - 2021

## Characteristics for Success

- Street fronting retail
- Limited vehicular access points
- Aesthetics and amenities
- Proximity to programmable space
- Consideration of the broader mobility system

## Existing Processes

### Temporary

- Festivals and on-street events
- Recurring on-street markets
- Block parties
- Summer Streets

### Permanent

- Road Closure Bylaw
- Traffic Bylaw Changes

## Opportunities for Improved Support

1. Exploration of event permit management software
2. Review of traffic control materials
3. Consideration of additional City-led closures
4. Review of Bylaw opportunities to support shared streets
5. Expand programming to support seasonal/adaptable shared streets





## Next Steps

- Continue implementation of plans/initiatives
- Incorporation of findings into future planning work
- Investigate opportunities for temporary City-supported closures
- Ongoing work with stakeholders



# Questions and Thank You

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