

Summary of Engagement

The River Crossing Business Plan was largely informed by three phases of engagement with the public, Indigenous nations and organizations, and stakeholder advisory groups.

Engagement activities sought to build a common understanding of the project purpose and gave participants the tools to provide informed input at each stage in the project. This input was gathered through the three phases as follows:

Phase 1: confirm vision and objectives, consider priorities

Phase 2: establish a framework for development, how to achieve objectives, review concept options and preliminary technical analysis

Phase 3: review preferred concept and alignment with objectives, technical studies

Public Engagement

The following summarizes public engagement activities throughout each phase of this project. Full *What We Heard Reports* for each event are available via the project website (edmonton.ca/rivercrossingplan).

Phase 1

Workshop #1 - November 2017

- approximately 70 participants in attendance
- project background information provided to attendees
- presented seven draft objectives intended to guide the preparation of a future redevelopment concept
- attendees provided feedback on the draft objectives and rated the importance of each one

Online survey - November-December 2017

- over 650 participants
- survey combined multiple choice and open-ended questions to collect feedback on the seven draft objectives and associated outcomes

The public feedback received from Workshop #1 and the online survey was used to refine and confirm objectives with community values, as well as determine how the objectives can be achieved through the concept design.

Workshop #2 - April 2018

- over 90 participants in attendance
- sought public perspective on future development opportunities and impacts
- focused on four topics: how to draw people to River Crossing, how to move people to and through the area, how to maintain a complete community, and how to steward the area sustainably

Feedback from this workshop was used to inform the preparation of redevelopment concept options for the area.

Phase 2

Workshop #3 - October 2018

- approximately 70 participants in attendance
- presented three redevelopment concept options and on possible changes to the road network
- participants invited to comment on design options and road network changes

Online survey - November 2018

- Insight community mixed-topic questions
- over 2100 participants
- survey combined multiple choice and open-ended questions to gather feedback on three redevelopment concept options and possible changes to the road network

Input from Workshop #3 and the online survey informed the preparation of a preferred redevelopment concept and informed the Business Plan. Participant feedback helped identify the preferences of residents and provided insight into anticipated interactions between land uses in the redevelopment.

Phase 3

Public engagement event #4 - May 2019

- over 110 participants in attendance
- sought public feedback on the preferred land use concept, open space, and transportation network changes

Online survey - June 2019

- Insight community mixed-topic questions
- over 2300 participants

- survey combined multiple choice and open-ended questions to gauge participant support for the preferred land use concept and road network changes

Feedback provided by participants at the public engagement event and via the Insight survey was used to refine the final document.

Indigenous Engagement

The following summarizes Indigenous engagement activities throughout each phase of this project. Summary reports of workshops with specific Indigenous communities were shared back with those participating communities. High level summaries from each phase engagement were shared with all 29 Indigenous communities and related organizations through project bulletins, whether communities participated in engagement or not.

Phase 1

Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Workshop - December 2017

- One workshop hosted in Edmonton by Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations
- 4 Indigenous communities and related organizations participated
- Attended by consultation staff
- Sought feedback on alignment between project objectives and Indigenous concerns shared through Heritage Interpretive Plan

Individual Community Workshops - April to May 2018

- Multiple workshops in communities or in Edmonton with individual Nations
- 6 Indigenous communities and related organizations participated
- Workshops attended by consultation staff, knowledge holders, Elders, councilors
- Sought feedback on alignment between project objectives and Indigenous concerns shared through Heritage Interpretive Plan
- Sought feedback on ideas and issues related to four focus topics: how to draw people to River Crossing, how to move people to and through the area, how to maintain a complete community, and how to steward the area sustainably

Feedback received during Phase 1 was used to evaluate how the draft project objectives align with Indigenous community values, as well as identify tradeoffs

between focus topics. Input was used to refine specific outcomes for each objective and informed concepts. Feedback also informed the preparation of redevelopment concept options for the area.

Phase 2

Regional Workshops - October 2018

- Three workshops in Calgary, Wetaskiwin and Enoch bringing together multiple Nations
- 12 Indigenous communities and related organizations participated
- Workshops attended by consultation staff, knowledge holders, Elders, youth
- Sought feedback on 3 redevelopment concept options through a map-based activity

Individual Workshops - November 2019

- Workshops held in communities and Edmonton with individual Nations
- 3 Indigenous communities and related organizations participated.
- Workshops attended by consultation staff, knowledge holders, Elders, members, and councilors
- Sought feedback on 3 redevelopment concept options through a map-based activity

Input from regional and individual workshops informed the preparation of a preferred redevelopment concept and the Business Plan. Participant feedback helped identify the preferences of Indigenous Nations and provided insight into anticipated interactions between land uses in the redevelopment, especially related to how open space is organized and how development interacts with open space and the cemetery.

Phase 3

Group Workshop - June 2019

- One workshop held in Edmonton bringing together multiple Indigenous communities and related organizations
- 10 Indigenous communities and related organizations participated.
- Workshops attended by consultation staff, knowledge holders, Elders, members and councilors

- Sought feedback on the preferred land use concept, open space, transportation network changes, and implementation

Feedback provided by participants at the group workshop was used to validate potential roles for Indigenous communities in the future redevelopment and to refine the final document.

Business Advisory Group

The Business Advisory Group (BAG) had already formed a year prior to the initiation of this project. The role of this group was to provide advice to the consultants and City Administration, with a focus on the substance and content of the redevelopment concepts and the business case.

BAG met with the project team throughout all phases of the project, as summarized below.

Phase 1

In Phase 1 of the project, BAG provided input through three meetings on the development and refinement of the project objectives.

Phase 2

Throughout Phase 2 of the project, BAG was engaged through five meetings to provide input on the development and refined of the concept options.

Phase 3

In Phase 3 of the project, BAG provided their diverse input through seven meetings on the refinement of the preferred concept and business case outcomes.

Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was a community group formed to facilitate engagement from the Rosedale community groups at large who have an interest in this area. The CAC provided a forum for different stakeholder groups to provide advice to the consultants and the City Administration with a focus on the perspectives and issues of the adjacent and broader community.

The CAC met with the project team throughout all phases of the project, as summarized below.

Phase 1

At a workshop in December 2017, the CAC discussed the proposed project objectives with the team and provided their input by prioritizing the objectives and identifying gaps and opportunities to refine them.

Phase 2

At a second workshop in May 2018, CAC used an interactive mapping exercise to provide their input on how the concept options could be refined. This included consideration for multiple street network configurations, and focused on determining their preferred locations for density, open space, and activity nodes.

The CAC met three times to provide feedback on different iterations of development concept options towards selecting and refining three options for further analysis and public engagement.

Phase 3

The CAC held three meetings with City administration to provide feedback on the preferred concept and the draft business plan. Feedback from these meetings was used to refine the concept and policy direction in the plan.