

Great public spaces encourage people to gather, recreate, explore, and discover.

For Bow to Bluff, the goal is to promote social cohesion, a sense of community and build collective memories. This will become a great place that encourages active modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and transit and provides ecosystem services such as stormwater management and habitat.



## Welcome back to the Bow to Bluff project.

#### Questions? Staff is on hand to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Feedback can also be provided online at calgary.ca/bowtobluff until June 15.

### This is the first open house for the Bow to Bluff Public Realm Plan.

The City of Calgary is creating a Public Realm Plan for the area along the 9A corridor. Here's how citizens can participate today:

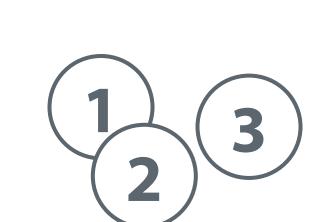
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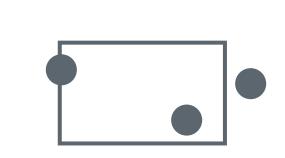
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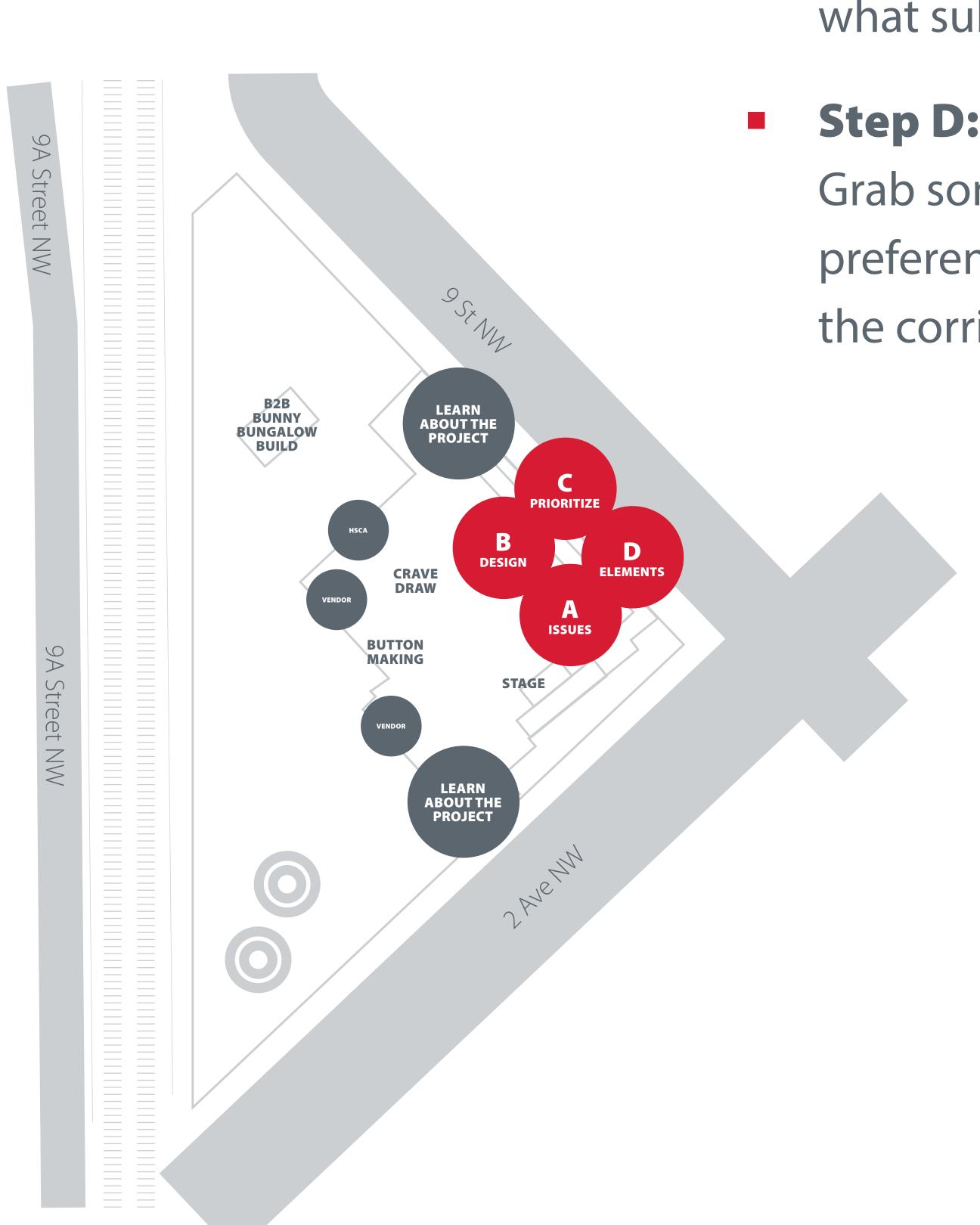


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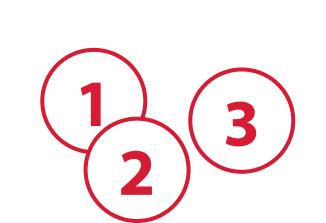
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# What is the process?



Go to "Step C:
Prioritize" to
provide input on
project phasing.

This event is the first engagement for the Public Realm Plan.

The Bow to Bluff Public Realm Plan takes place from Spring 2017 to Winter 2018. The project builds on the Urban Design Framework to develop a more detailed program and design. This work, along with a cost estimate, will guide the project into construction.

### Good news!

Portions of the project are funded. This funding is to be allocated towards lifecycle improvements such as the following:

- Fence improvements
- Pedestrian crossings with intersection and safety improvements
- Planting improvements and maintenance
- Parkettes
- Lighting improvements

The City of Calgary has made a decision to complete construction on selected components within these categories by the end of 2017.

ENGAGE DESIGN MAY/JUN JUN-NOV ENGAGE DESIGN NOV/DEC JAN-APR FUNDING

CONSTRUCTION
COMPONENT A
COMPONENT C



# Calgary Why this project?



## This corridor has unrealized potential... it's time to realize it.



People use this corridor to access the Sunnyside LRT station or cycle to and from the river. It is also home to Calgary's first art park and containr (right here!), a pop-up microcity of repurposed shipping containers.

However, it has the quality of a back alley withfront lawns, backyards and walk ups facing an LRT fence that divides the community. Challenges such as safety, accessibility, comfort and flexibility have called attention to necessary improvements along the corridor.

#### Bow to Bluff Public Realm Plan supports Council's five strategic decisions to:



- Create a city of inspiring neighbourhoods
- Invest into a city that moves
- Foster investment into a healthy and green city
- Increase collaboration across the organization to be a well-run city



#### The strategic design enhances the community. This project will:

- Address infrastructure challenges
- Renew community energy
- Enhance ecological resiliency
- Provide actual cost for construction
- Address the community's desires for a gathering space
- Create a great public place



# Calgary Bow to Bluff Vision



Bow to Bluff transforms the corridor into a conduit for social interaction + sustainable mobility.

### What is the starting point for this Plan?

A partnership of volunteer citizens led the Bow to Bluff Urban Design Framework in 2011. The Public Realm Plan begins where the previous Framework left off. Revitalization projects were identified as part of the previous framework.

These sub-projects will be included as part of the Public Realm Plan:

- An active living park at Memorial Drive
- Exciting pocket ptarks
- A central civic space
- A shared street
- LRT fence improvements
- Laneway mews
- Lighting improvements

Some sub-projects are not being included in the Public Realm Plan:

- Off-leash dog park (the area is not deficient in off-leash amenities)
- Wifi (not part of any currently funded City program)

### WHAT WAS YOUR VISION IN 2012?

In 2012, a citizen-led organization from Hillhurst-Sunnyside engaged over 2000 residents to develop a vision for Bow to Bluff:

Bow to Bluff promotes high quality, well-defined public spaces and routes that are attractive, functional and convenient for all.

A vibrant, four-season space, Bow to Bluff is filled with community gathering spaces and recreational opportunities available throughout the summer and winter months. A cohesive streetscape design and enhancement of the LRT fence provides for a primarily pedestrian environment. Local business, respect for local heritage and new public art establishes Bow to Bluff as a lively yearround space.



# Calgary More comments?

the project or the activities here:					



Bow to Bluff 2012 Design Framework

- 1 Ramp to McHugh Bluff
- 2 Park Development New Park
- 3 WiFi Internet
- 4 Public Art Installation
- 5 Active Living / Fitness Equipment

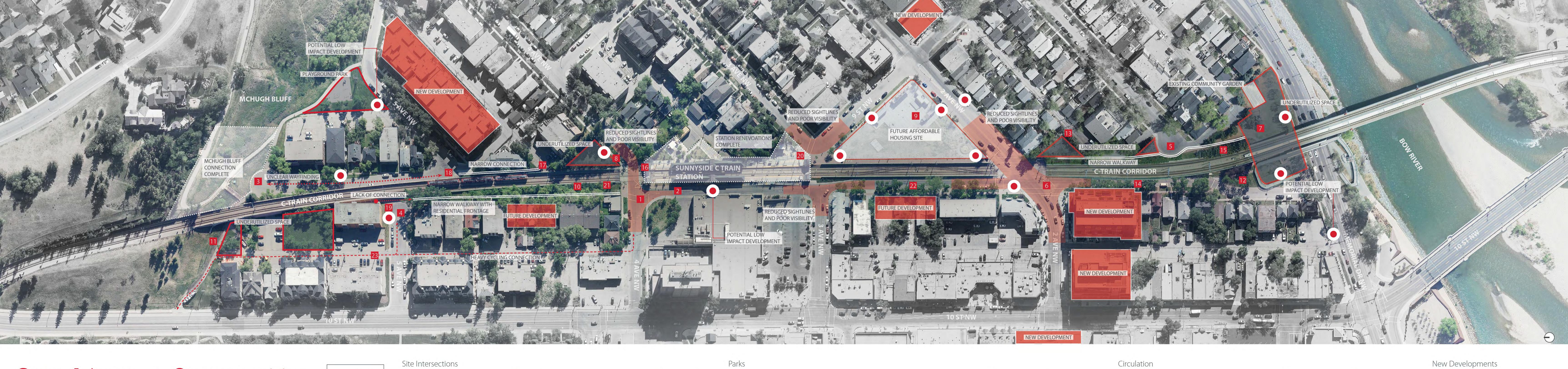
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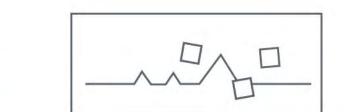
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## Step A Issues + Opportunities



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Parks

Potential low impact development location

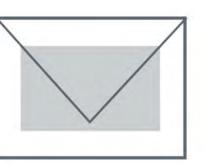




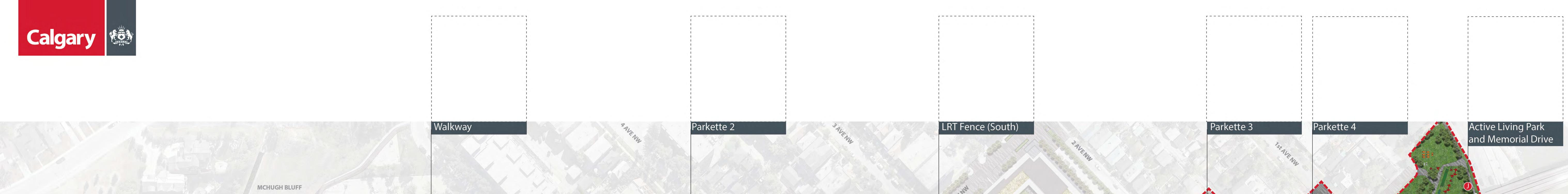




## Step B Design the Corridor



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Intersection

9A Street

SOMMISIDE CHRAIN STATION





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# **Step D** Corridor Elements and Programming •••

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Fully-covered

Power





#### Open Spaces

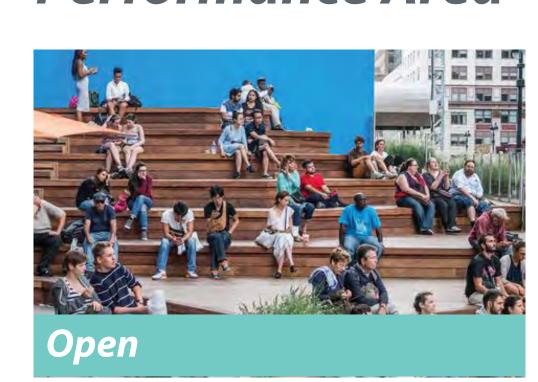








Performance Area

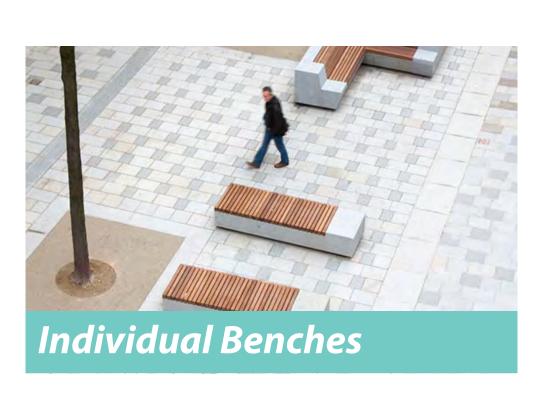


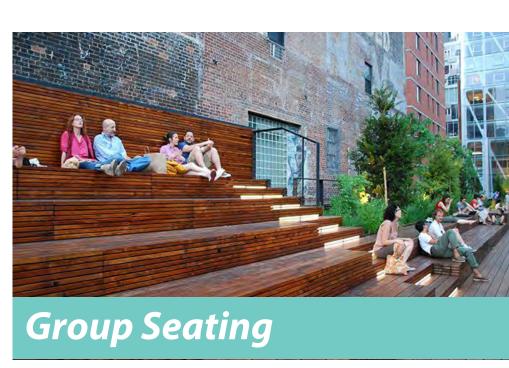


#### Seating













#### Community Gathering + Food



Picnic Table









Dogs in the Park



**Public Art** 



Temporary Installation



Permanent Installation





**Bike Racks** 



Drinking Fountain



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Single Area



Multiple Stations



Prefab / Metal

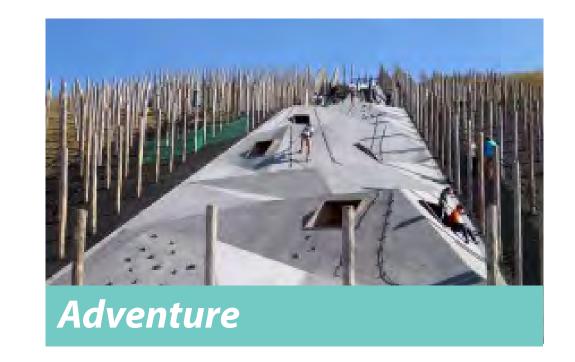


Custom / Natural













## Vegetation



#### **Plantings**







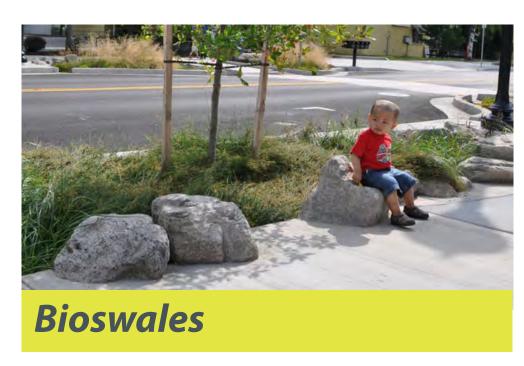


#### Trees





#### Low Impact Design





**Garden Allotments** 



# Connectivity + Accessibility

These are improvements that create a cohesive and accessible network for moving around the area by foot, bike, vehicle or transit.

#### Crossings









#### Pathway Types











Sidewalk



#### Wayfinding + Signage













#### Fence Treatments









# Safety + Maintenance

These are features or design techniques that create a safe, 24/7 environment for all visitors

#### Safety + Maintenance









#### Lighting





# Identity + Experience

These are overall types of spaces you would like to create. The elements and activities in the space will influene its identity and experience

#### Identity + Experience

















