



# 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

February 9, 2017

## Project overview

The 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space project seeks to enhance an underused community space under the 4 Avenue Flyover. Using feedback from residents and stakeholders, Landscape Architecture students from the University of Calgary will work with Grade 6 students from Langevin School in a youth-led design process to create concepts for how this space could be reimagined.

## Engagement overview

Engagement in phase 1 of the 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space project will:

- Gather feedback from residents and stakeholders in Bridgeland Riverside on their priorities regarding use of the space under the 4 Avenue Flyover
- Provide feedback from engagement to University of Calgary and Langevin students for consideration when formulating their concept designs

Phase 2 of engagement for the 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space project will:

- Provide an opportunity for residents of Bridgeland Riverside and stakeholders to provide feedback on their preferred concept design

## What we asked

Feedback was collected online from January 19 – 26, 2017 and at an open house on January 25, 2017. Information of these engagement opportunities were shared with the public through the media and temporary mobile signs in the neighbourhood. Details of the in-person and online engagement activities were also emailed to various stakeholders to share with their networks.

Online and in-person engagement asked:

Thinking of the future of this outdoor space, which five things below are most important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public art  | <input type="checkbox"/> Easier access for walking      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Easier access for biking       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming community entrance point  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-generation use  | <input type="checkbox"/> Community culture and heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A space that encourages slow pace movement (stroll, sit, socialize, read)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-season use               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A space that encourages fast paced movement (outdoor gymnasium/park, biking, skateboarding, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)         |

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The concept designs for the space under the 4 Avenue Flyover are being developed using multiple considerations. The buckets below represent these considerations and are in no particular order.



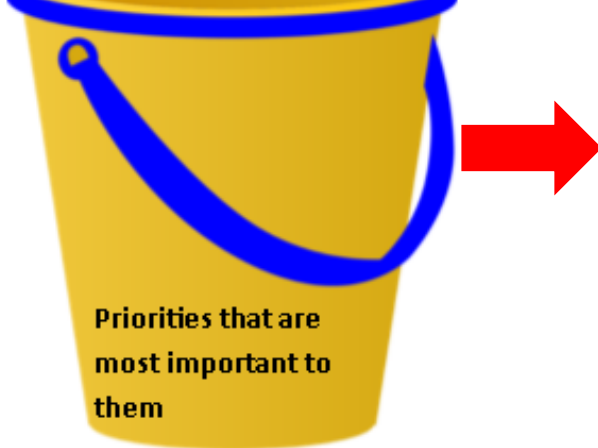
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This report will explain on the input that was received from residents of Bridgeland Riverside and other stakeholders for University of Calgary and Langevin School students to consider as they reimagine the space under the 4 Avenue Flyover.

**Input from Residents of Bridgeland Riverside and Stakeholders**



**Priorities that are most important to them**

When we combined feedback from the online survey and the open house, the top four themes, in no particular order, were:

- Welcoming community entrance
- Vegetation
- Public art
- Lighting

When we reviewed all the feedback regarding easier access for walking and biking, the people that responded to the survey and attended the open house prioritized making the space easier for walking.

We also asked people responding to the survey to tell us if we missed anything and to give us their own ideas of what priorities should be considered when designing the space. The top theme we heard from people who answered this question was that safety should be an important feature of the space and they provided suggestions like safety call boxes, and walking patrols.

## Next steps

The information in this report is being shared with students from Langevin School and the University of Calgary Landscape Architect program to consider what priorities are of most importance to residents of Bridgeland Riverside and other stakeholders when reimaging the space under the 4 avenue flyover. Using this feedback, students will create concept designs of this space which will be presented to a review panel in March and then at an open house in April 2017. We will be seeking input from stakeholders on the concept designs at the open house.



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## Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all of the suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person.

Offensive words and personally identifying information have been removed and replaced with either, [removed] or [personal information removed]; otherwise, comments here are completely un-edited.

- bouldering wall
- Bouldering climbing wall
- Have this also happen in Sunnyside/Hillhurst
- Just leave it alone. This entire project is a waste of money. The city shouldn't be spending money on this garbage. I get that your job is based on public funds, but have some respect for the taxpayer.
- Nothing mentioned here is required.
- I would like to see small cafe (like Boxwood cafe) and patio.
- Ensuring that the space is not hostile to the city's homeless population. No ground and wall spikes, no bench partitions, etc.
- Access to health services
- spend the money on Bow to Bluff instead :)
- Advertising
- Both roads (McDougall and back lane of Meredith Rd) are host to many drug-dealing activities and homeless people hanging around. Not to be negative but being a resident in the immediate area, I feel that any
- Greater security to discourage unsavory elements
- Some sort of art that people will come to see. (Lights, Statue. etc.) with multi season use and easy access
- Community garden, urban agriculture
- outdoor classroom for langevin
- An outdoor boulder wall
- Bouldering
- Easier access for
- Dog park. Fenced.
- A safe place. As a resident , that is the scariest spot along the river pathway. There are used needles on the ground around the pathways, a large group of homeless people ar
- Easier access for
- Vegetable garden for community use
- Would like to see increased walking connectivity and wider paths, to Bridgeland C-train station, Blush Lane Organic Market, Edmonton Trail and 1st Ave in view of future
- Health Care for all ages
- Safety and absence of drug dealing, vagrancy and scammers



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- With no driveways or access points from the road, do we need the cul de sac...or even the road?  
Could it all be park?
- Leave it AS-IS, I live [personal information removed], and it is the ONLY open space around
- Easier access for wal
- Easier acce
- recreation - i.e. skate park available in all w
- Multi-
- A safe place for birds beside the space.
- shops/ reason to be there
- Playground or fitness setup x2
- Short term retail x2
- Safety call box x2
- Bike patrols x2
- Need community gardens
- Limited parking spaces
- No high rise apt buildings
- need recreational centre & pool/hockey RINK
- permissible short term coverage x2
- For a long time, I've pictured the shortest support column & the underside of the deck as a public bouldering wall. Fun for all (most?) ages.
- A community garden space x3 → planted and maintained by local schools →funded by donations → edible produce, that can be eaten for free by anyone in community
- PROPERTIES TO THE EAST OF THE FLYOVER ARE BADLY IN NEED OF "EYES ON THE STREET" (RESIDENT IF POSSIBLE) BECAUSE OF BREAK-INS, DUMPING, THEFT, AND ARSON. TWO PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN BURNED THREE TIMES EACH. X2
- Easier to walk to future LOBLAWS across Langevin Bridge
- More time to x intersection. Yes! Yes!
- We must look for ways to include the homeless in this project. Chasing them away is not a solution. Yes!!
- A mix of fast-slow paced movement would be ideal. Parents/grandparents watching kids or neighbours bouncing around being active
- Safety
- How do we minimize the noise, dust, impact of the nearby traffic?
- Take out cul de sac
- No! Would encourage cut through traffic (in reference to comment 'take out cul de sac')
- I hate how the walk cycle changed.
- Too pro-car. Boo x2 (in reference to comment 'I hate how the walk cycle changed')
- Something to keep the drug addicts and bums away
- SAFETY There are some pretty Sketchy events/people @ location

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- Slide x2
- Recreational Centre & pool
- \*make it a destination - markets (seasonal) - movies - playground
- We live [personal information removed] •creative lighting would be great •the homeless people really aren't that much of a bother, don't want to push them out •don't want a skateboard park →worried about too much noise in the evening, playground would be fine
- Blue police call box
- \*well-lit area would be great \*really don't want a skate park \*chin-up bar would be great →this area is on my regular running route
- Police bike patrols & walking patrol beats