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## Montgomery Main Streets – Bowness Road N.W.

Visioning Session +  
Online Input  
March - April 2018  
What We Heard Report

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# MAIN STREETS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Main Streets Program was established to foster long-term transformation and sustainable population growth in key established communities throughout the city. From 2014 through 2016, The City undertook extensive public engagements, performed economic and market demand studies, and completed area planning reviews to identify 24 Main Streets throughout Calgary.

### Vision

Calgary’s Main Streets are places where citizens come together. They are places where we want to go, we enjoy, and we coalesce as a community. The transformation of Main Streets will occur jointly through public and private investment and will empower citizens to travel less and live more by providing the things we need right in our own communities.

### Principles

Main Streets are resilient, adaptable, and attractive public spaces that:

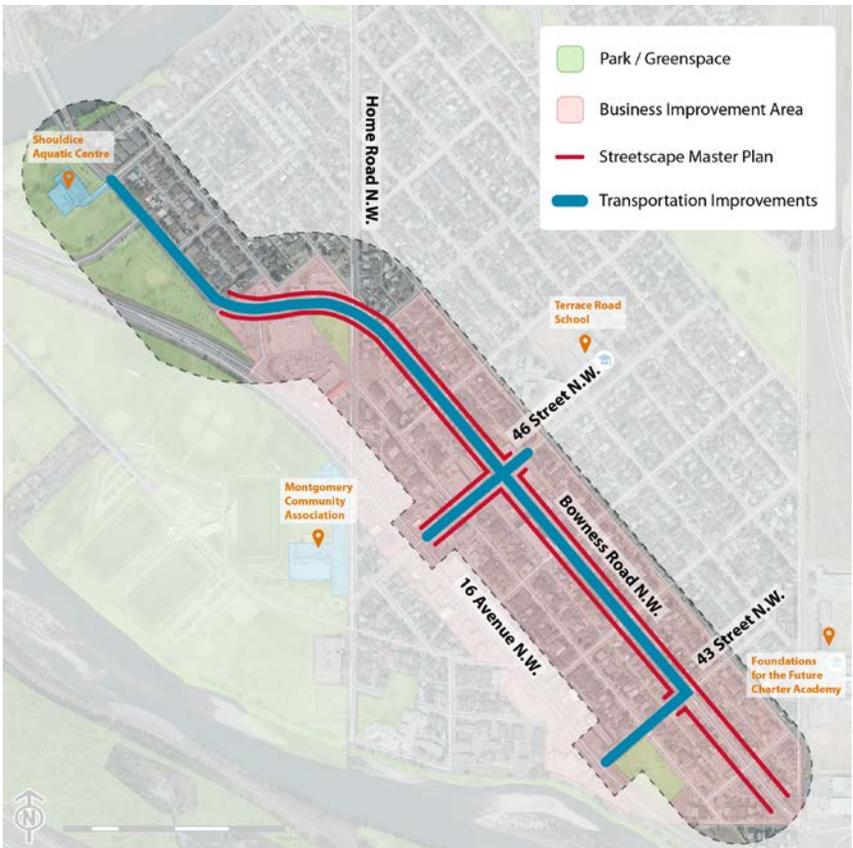
- Celebrate the character of the community;
- Encourage diversity of local businesses, buildings and residents, and;
- Create a vibrant destination.

# BOWNESS ROAD N.W. | MONTGOMERY STREETScape MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

The Streetscape Master Plan will focus on Bowness Road N.W. To ensure Bowness Road N.W. is properly integrated into the community and the city at-large, the project will also consider connections to surrounding areas by including segments of 43 Street N.W. and 46 Street N.W. It will also align with the Complete Streets Policy and Guide and include safety and operational improvements for people walking, cycling, taking transit, and driving.

The Streetscape Master Plan will propose near-term solutions to priority issues that are affecting the community today, as well as illustrate a long-term vision for Bowness Road N.W. as a memorable destination, a living room, and a hub for the community. As part of regular road maintenance, Bowness Road N.W. is scheduled for repaving in the near-term. The road surface will be removed and replaced which presents an opportunity to redesign the road so it functions more effectively for all users.

The design concept proposed in the Master Plan will address all elements within the public right-of-way, as well as the interface between the street and adjacent buildings, parks, and plazas. This includes:



- Vehicular circulation, traffic calming, transit, parking, and property access;
- Cyclist and pedestrian circulation;
- Street trees and vegetation;
- Utilities and infrastructure;
- Sidewalk materials, site furnishings, signage, and lighting, and;
- Street programming, patios and parklets.

## MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Phase 1 – Discovery (underway)	Phase 2 Explore (Fall / Winter 2018)	Phase 3 – Reveal (Winter / Spring 2019)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the current issues and opportunities, ideas and preferences?</li> <li>• How can we define a vision that will capture the character of Montgomery?</li> <li>• What types of interventions does the community need, now and tomorrow?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What options are there for near-term improvements?</li> <li>• What should Bowness Road N.W. look like in the long-term?</li> <li>• How can the Main Street promote redevelopment of underutilized lands?</li> <li>• How can the Main Street help local businesses?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the best option, and how can we implement it?</li> <li>• How will we measure success?</li> </ul>

## VISIONING SESSION AND ONLINE FEEDBACK

The public was invited to a Visioning Session on March 21, 2018 at the Montgomery Community Association from 5 – 8 p.m. to share their thoughts on community values, and how they imagined Montgomery should look and feel in the future. More than 160 people attended the event, and 21 feedback booklets were completed.

People were also invited to provide input online at [calgary.ca/engage](http://calgary.ca/engage) from March 22 to April 4, 2018. In that time, 378 people visited the engage project page and of those, 111 provided feedback.

The engagement opportunity was advertised in a variety of ways:

- Road signs in and around the study area
- City of Calgary social media (Facebook and Twitter)
- Email to stakeholders
- Letters to property owners immediately adjacent to Bowness Road N.W. within the study area
- Postcard delivered to homes and businesses in Montgomery

The input from this engagement will help The City develop design concepts for further input in the next stage of engagement.

### What we heard

#### Community history

- 57% of respondents said history was *very* or *somewhat* important to Montgomery's current and future identity

#### Community values

- Respondents said the community values that best represent Montgomery were accessible, family friendly, natural and active

#### Street character

- The top themes relating to the street character images were pedestrian friendly / walkable, trees / greenery and sense of community

#### Social spaces

- Respondents said social spaces should be family-friendly and include food and beverage businesses such as cafes, grocery stores and farmer's markets

#### Plants

- People suggested that high trees or greenery is better than low to reduce rodents, garbage and debris, and plants should provide separation / buffer from the road

#### Mobility – walking

- A pleasant environment that encourages walking and greenery / aesthetics were the attractive qualities in the images provided

#### Mobility – cycling

- Safe, protected cycling facilities were the most frequent comments received about the cycling images

#### Mobility – transit

- Bus shelters were very important to respondents

#### Mobility – driving

- The most frequent comments about the driving images were about reducing speed, maintaining parking and greenery and aesthetics

#### Features

- The features respondents were most drawn to were signage / banners / gateways / placemaking and art or murals

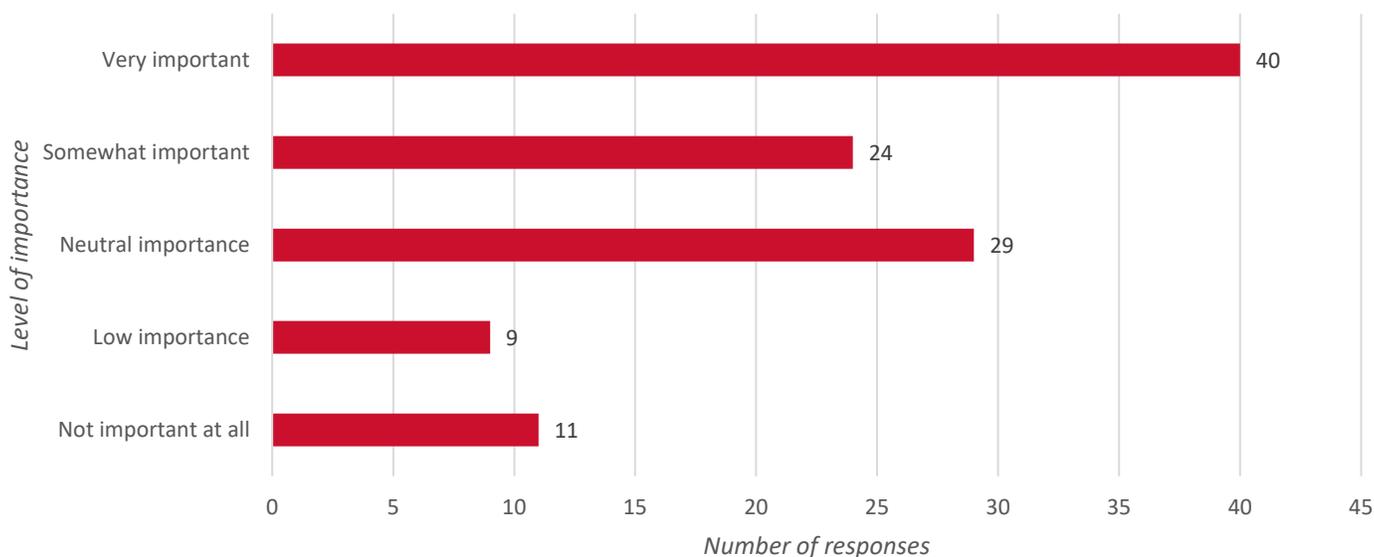
## Encouraging safer public spaces

- Comments about safer spaces could be divided into comments relating to transportation safety personal security as it relates to crime
- For transportation safety, the biggest concerns were pedestrian crossings and high speeds
- For personal security, undesirable behaviours (drinking in public, drugs, etc.) were the most frequent concerns
- Ideas for improving safety were more lighting, slower speeds and more police presence / enforcement

The public input received from the visioning session and online survey is summarized below. Unless otherwise specified, both online and in-person feedback has been combined in the results.

## Community history

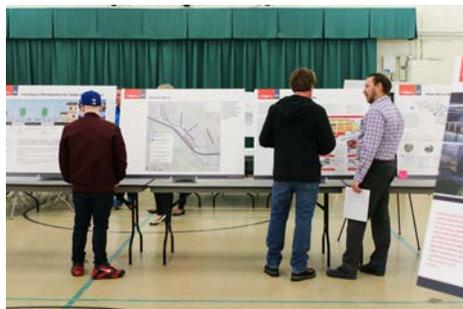
### How important is the history of your neighbourhood to Montgomery's current and future identity?



### *Do you have any historic stories you would like to share?*

People who indicated history was important mentioned:

- Streetcars and trolleys
- An interest in understanding the history of Montalban Park (namesake)
- Walking tours, signs and banners are ideas for sharing or commemorating local history
- Local history should be preserved and respected



## Community values

*Please check the three community values that you feel best represent Montgomery and tell us why.*

**Accessible:** Making sure people of all ages and abilities can access public infrastructure and private businesses.

**Active:** Providing spaces to be physically or socially active.

**Beautiful:** Providing spaces that are well designed, high quality and visually pleasing.

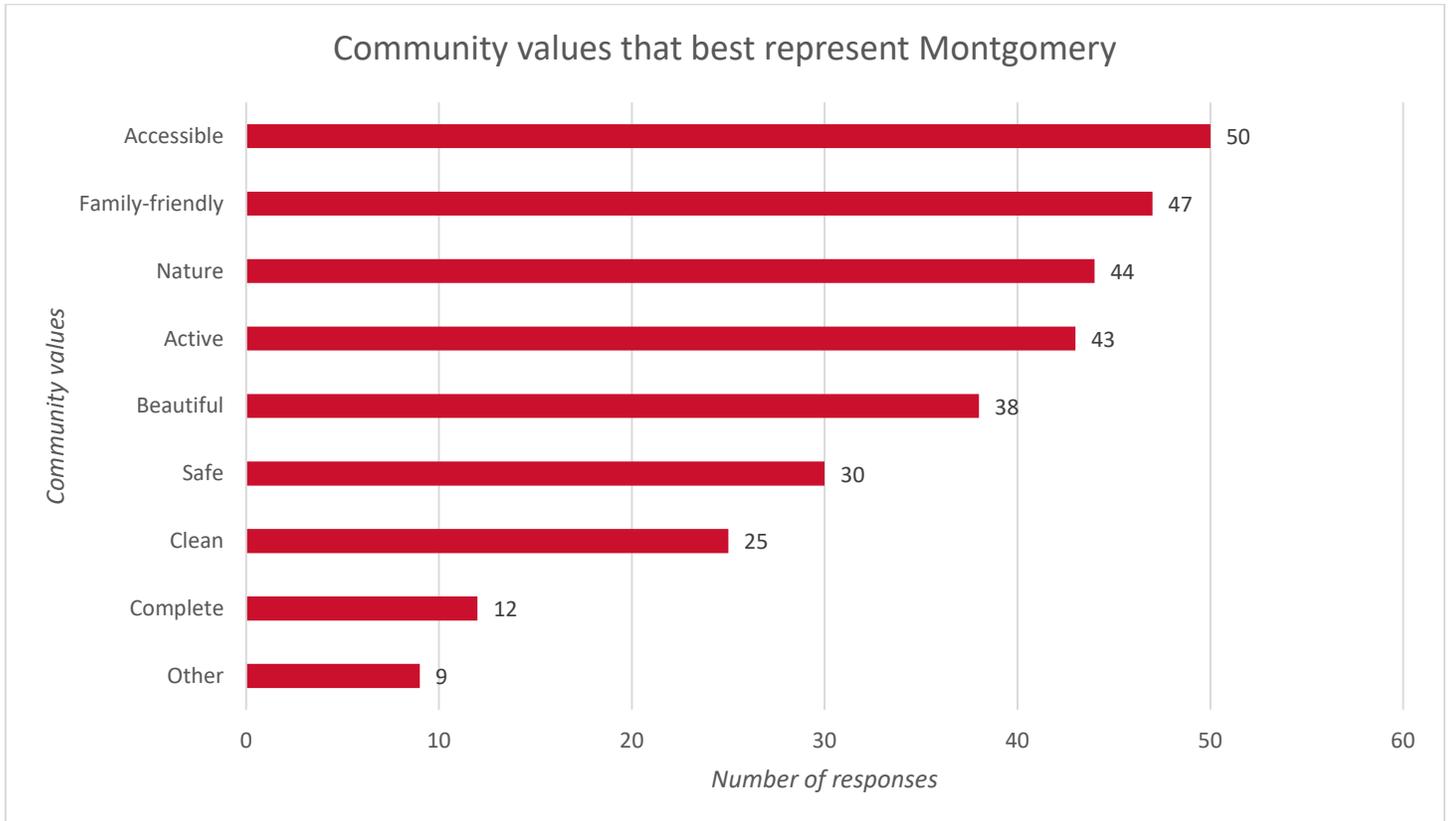
**Clean:** Well-maintained, litter-free spaces encourage respectful behaviour and are more welcoming.

**Complete:** Meets the basic needs of all residents in a community regardless of income, culture or political ideologies.

**Family friendly:** Amenities and accommodation for residents of all ages.

**Nature:** Open spaces, urban wildlife, vegetation and access to natural amenities.

**Safe:** Feeling secure and protected from harm.



### Accessible

Comments about why accessibility was important focused primarily on access to major roadways and amenities and destinations like schools, the hospital, the river and river pathways, parks and green spaces, shopping and recreation facilities. A few comments regarding accessibility mentioned maintaining sidewalks and walkable, wheelchair-accessible streets.

### Family-friendly

Comments about the community being family-friendly stated that it is or needs to be but didn't offer context about what makes a community family-friendly or why it's important.

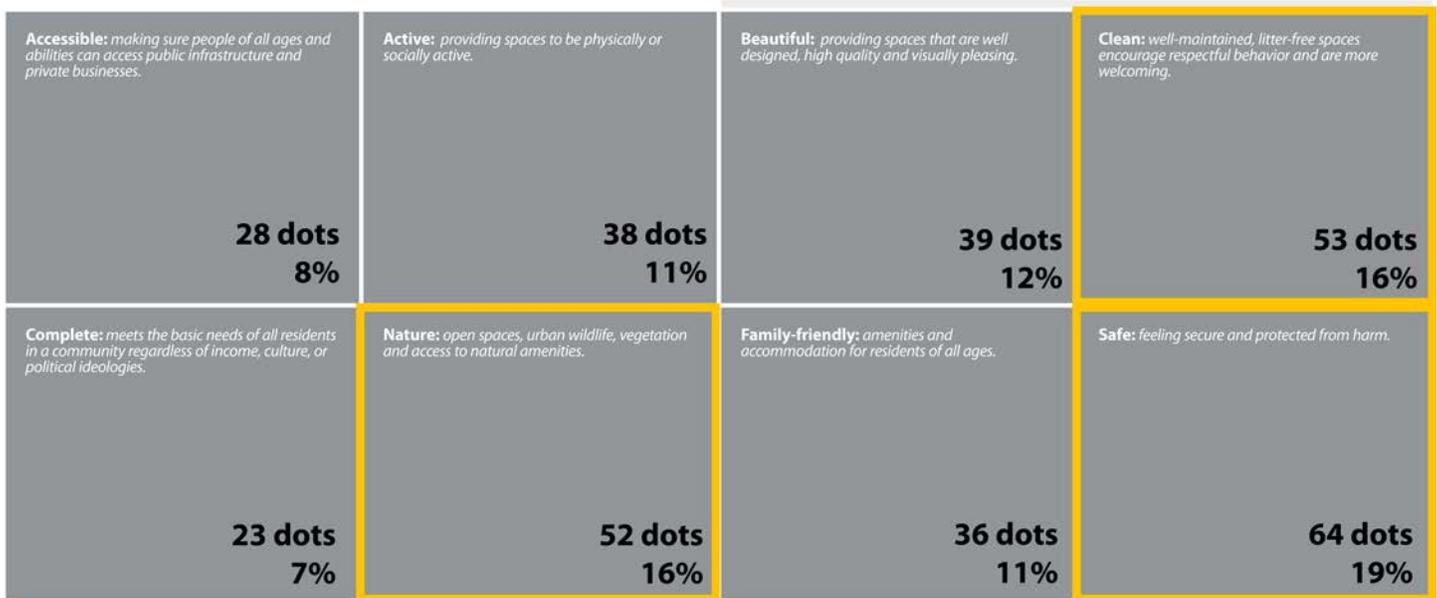
### Nature

When commenting about nature, people talked about Montgomery's proximity to natural areas like Bowmont Park, Edworthy Park and the Bow River. People also said nature makes them happy and should be preserved.

## Dotmocracy feedback

At the Visioning Session, attendees could place dots on the information boards themselves. These results are being shown separately from the feedback booklet and online survey results summarized above.

*Place a dot on the three boxes below that best describe what you value in your community.*



Total dots: 333

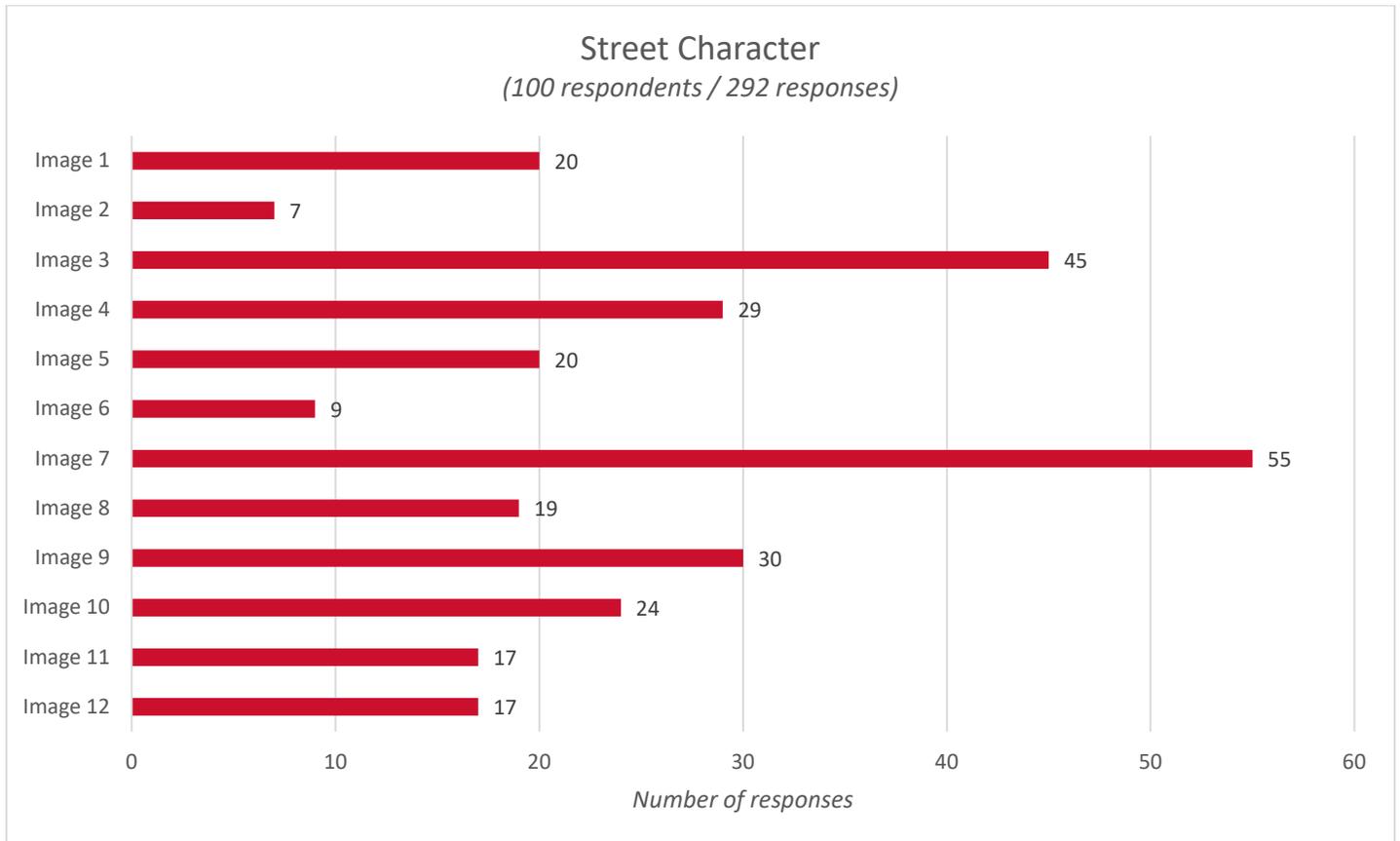
## Street character

There are many different elements that come together to create street character. By understanding the association of those elements and their effect on people's interaction with the street, we can make design decisions that will create a healthy, integrated streetscape.

*Please select the three images you like most or feel are a good fit for Montgomery.*



*Please note: The percentages in the above graphic were calculated using the number of respondents (100) and not the number of responses (292); participants could select up to three images and therefore the total percentages will total more than 100%. The highest scoring images are outlined in yellow.*



***Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.***

The most frequent comment from respondents about the street character was that it should be pedestrian-friendly and walkable (24). In terms of mobility, respondents also said active modes should be accommodated (11) and that all modes should be accommodated (7). Some respondents felt limiting vehicle access (6) and slowing traffic (3) were desirable, and others felt bicycle facilities weren't needed because of the proximity of the river pathway system. Several people suggested the sidewalks should be wide (8) but did not specify that this was related to walkability. Maintaining parking was cited by some (8) as the reason they selected the images they did, and a couple of respondents thought angle parking might work on this area.

Many respondents want the street to have trees and greenery (19) and said it should create a destination and/or a sense of community (17). When people described their ideas about how the street could create a sense of community, they used words like "village", "welcoming", "inviting" and "safe".

Several other themes related to the streetscape element of the street character emerged. Respondents provided these reasons for selecting the images they did, or said this Main Street should have or achieve:

- Increased vibrancy (11)
- Shops (11)
- Mixed-use development (9)
- Medium density (7)
- Lighting (6)
- Maintains some historic frontages / feeling (4)
- Seating (3)
- Feeling safe (2)
- Incorporate natural elements / areas (2)
- Art (2)

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Total dots: 251

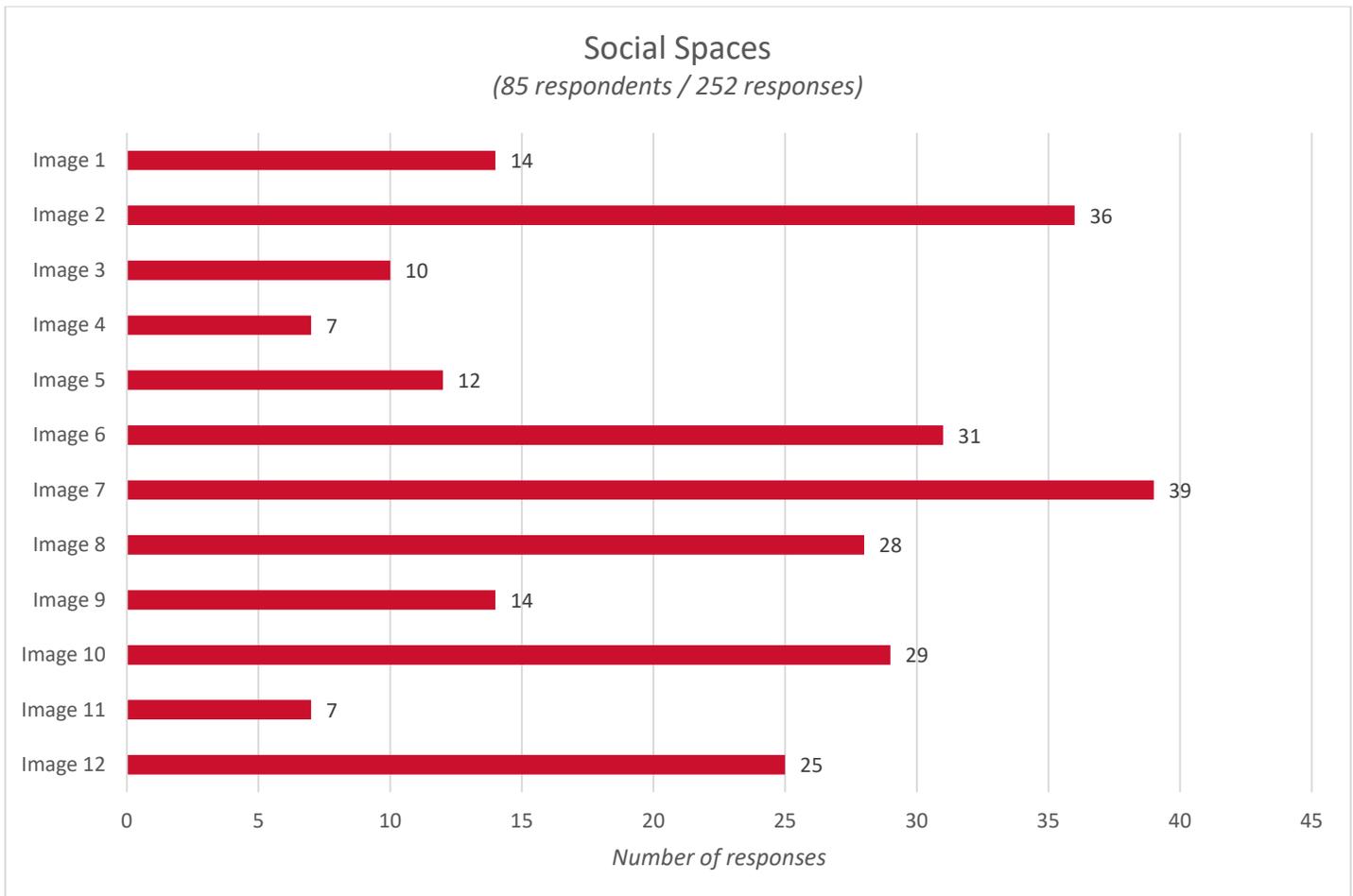
## Social spaces

Pedestrian areas should promote safe, accessible, efficient mobility, but can also support social interaction. These areas can function as exterior gathering places; social spaces that add vibrancy, define community character and contribute positively to the overall health of the community. Social spaces within a streetscape design should consider different user groups, seasonal variation and flexibility of use and programming.

Please select the three images you like most or feel are a good fit for Montgomery.



Please note: The percentages in the above graphic were calculated using the number of respondents (85) and not the number of responses (252); participants could select up to three images and therefore the total percentages will total more than 100%. The highest scoring images are outlined in yellow.



**Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

The two most frequent comments respondents made about social spaces was that family-friendly spaces were needed (14) and things like farmer’s markets and food establishments (cafes, grocery stores) are desirable (13). Other common responses included open / informal meeting areas (5), trees or greenery (5) and playgrounds (5).

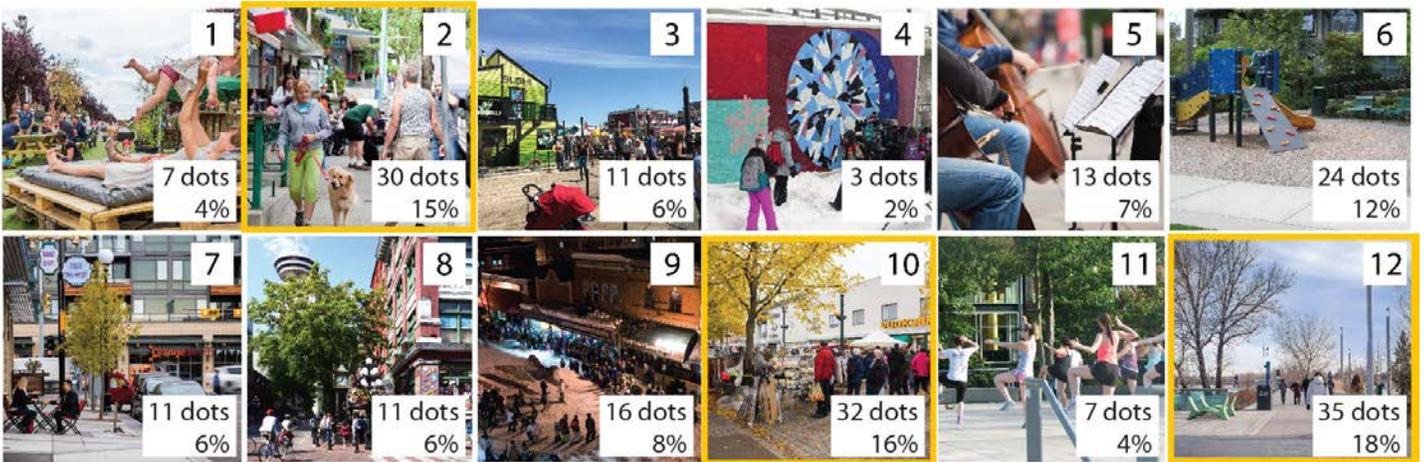
Other themes that emerged about social spaces were:

- Vibrant (4)
- Entertainment / nightlife (4)
- Cultural (3)
- Patios (3)
- Art (3)
- All season (2)
- Versatile (2)
- Incorporate nature (2)
- Pet-friendly (2)

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Total dots: 200

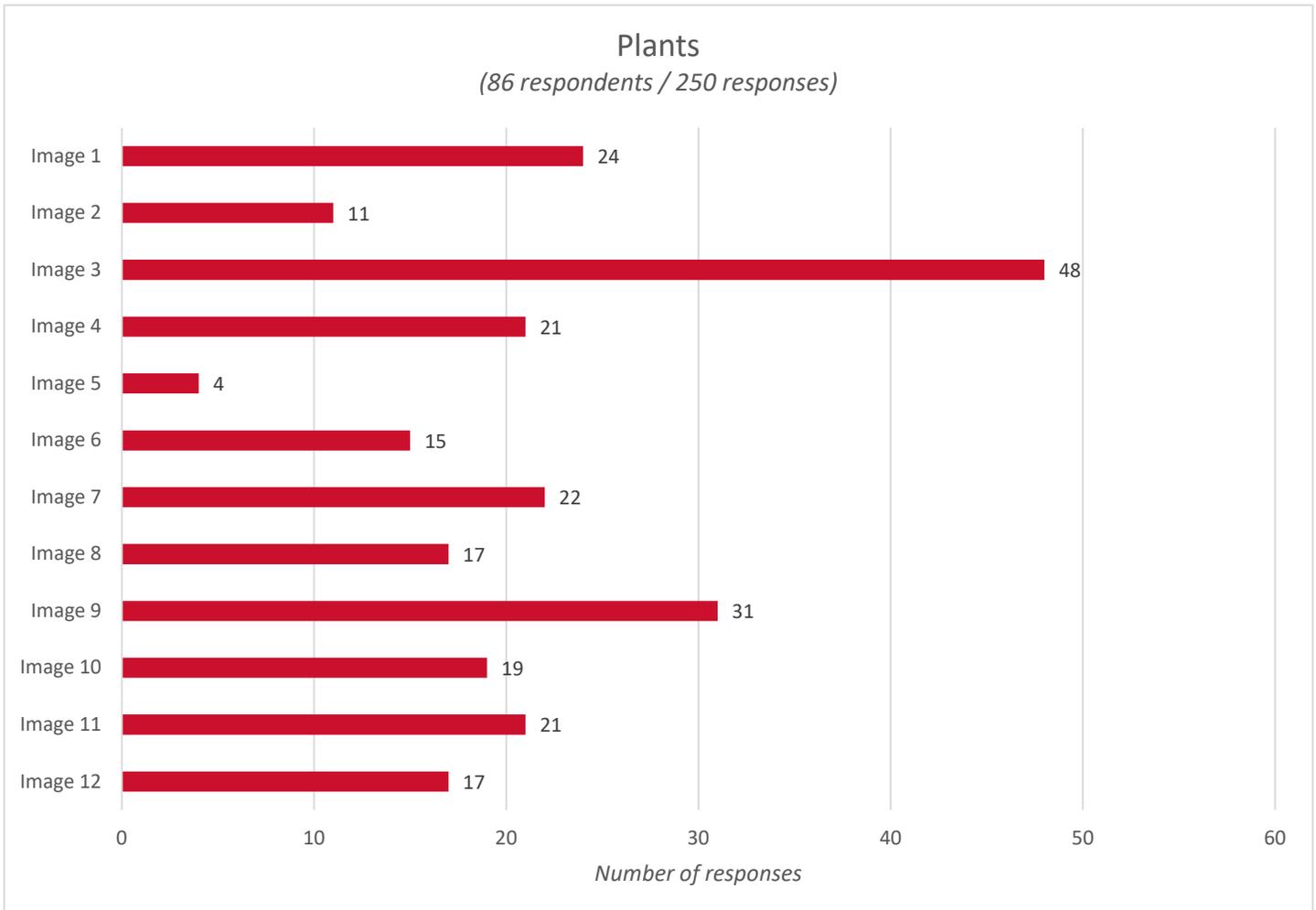
## Plants

Plants enhance the physical, ecological and psychological health of the urban environment. Trees and other vegetation help reduce air pollution and excess heat, absorb surface runoff, and contribute to urban wildlife and habitat. Plants also have an aesthetic benefit and contribute to psychological and social well-being by offering relief from a busy urban environment and providing a buffer between pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

*Please select the three images you like most or feel are a good fit for Montgomery.*



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*Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.*

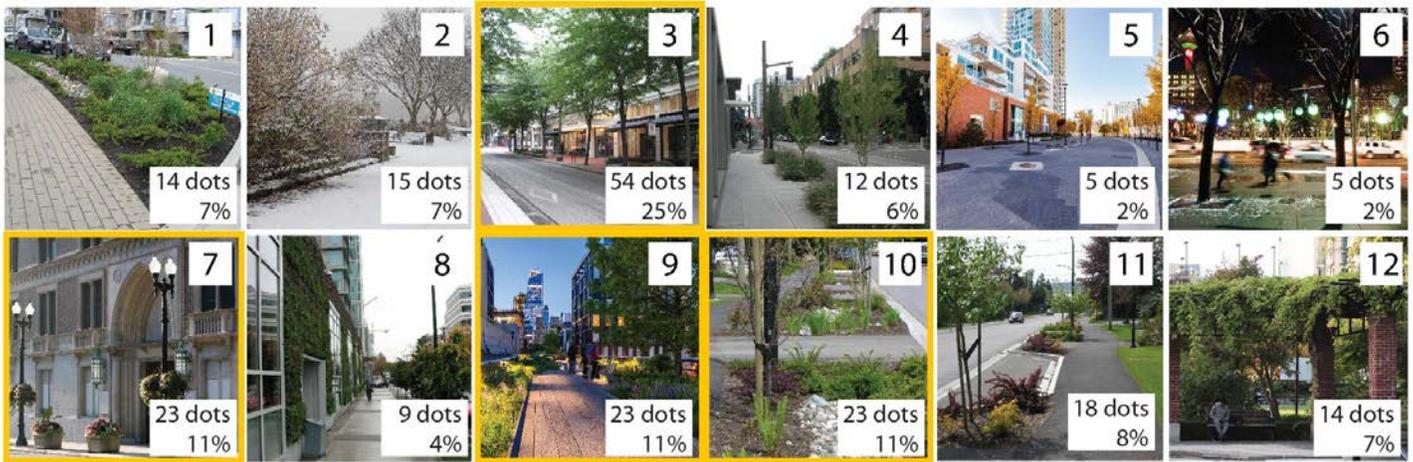
The common themes that emerged about plants and landscaping were:

- High is better than low because low collects garbage and provides a place for rodents
- It should suit the community; local plant species.
- Less concrete/hardscape is preferred
- It should provide separation/buffer between the sidewalk and the road
- Clean (aesthetically) and simple
- Trees should be hearty and/or green year-round and easy to maintain

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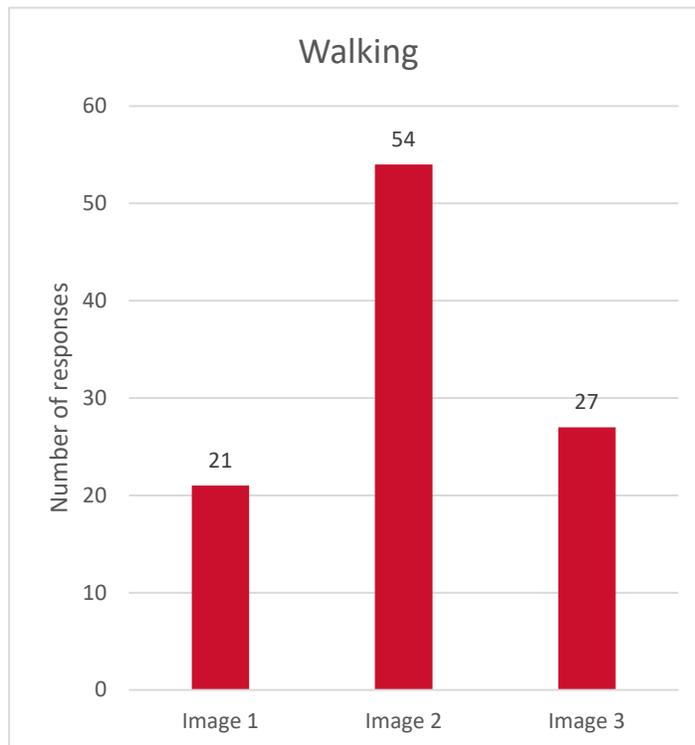
## Mobility

There is strong evidence that streetscape design improvements that accommodate all modes of transportation increase physical activity, reduce traffic speed and increase safety for people walking and cycling.

*Please note: The total number of people who responded to this question was 100, but the number of responses varied for each form of mobility (walking, cycling, taking transit and driving). For example, some respondents chose an image for walking, but not for driving, while others chose more than one image for each form of mobility. The percentages were calculated based on the total number of respondents (100) rather than the number of responses for each question (varied).*

*The highest scoring images are outlined in yellow.*

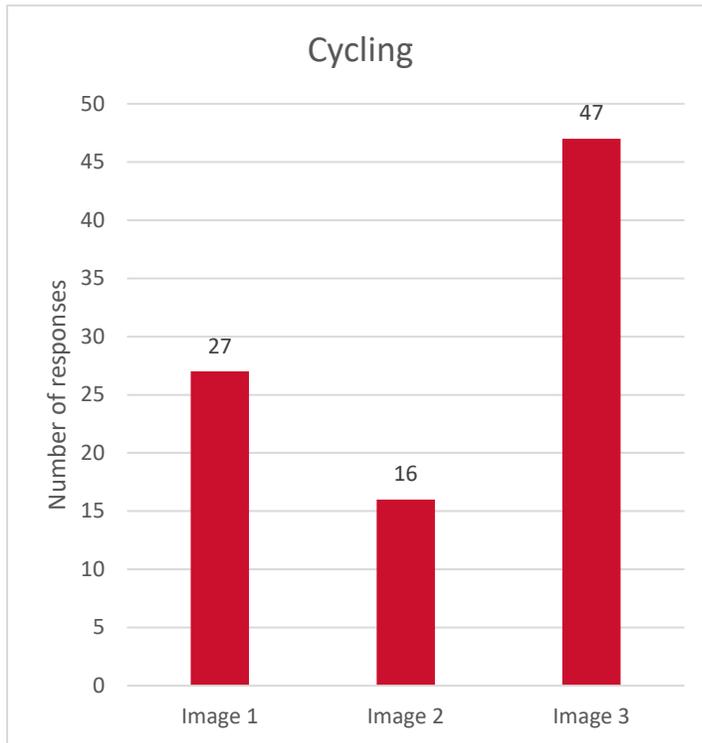
**Please select the image in each column (walking, cycling, transit and driving) that you like most for Montgomery.**



**Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

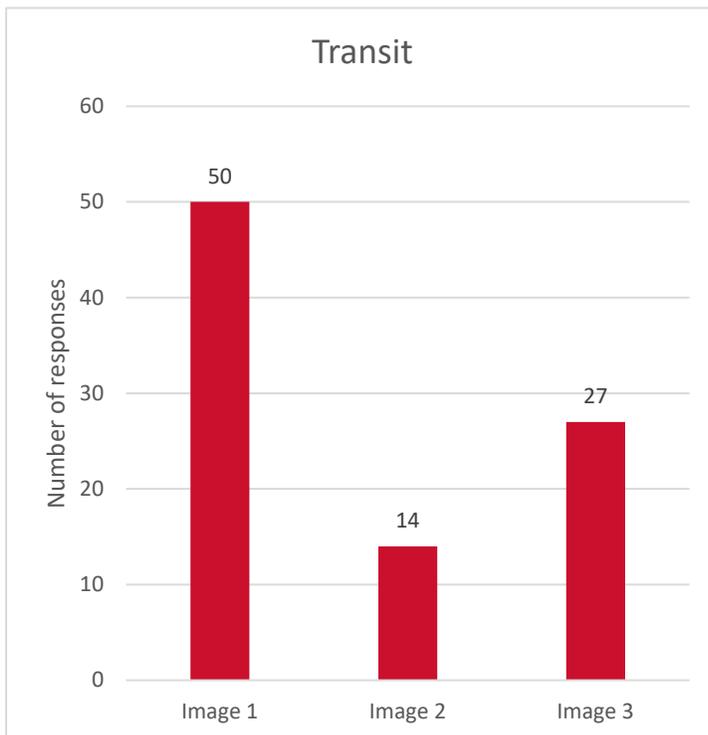
Respondents said the images they selected were most desirable because they depicted a pleasant environment that encourages walking (10) and greenery and aesthetic elements (10).

A number of respondents called for protected or separate walk space away from vehicular traffic (6), wider sidewalks (3) and increased pedestrian safety (2).



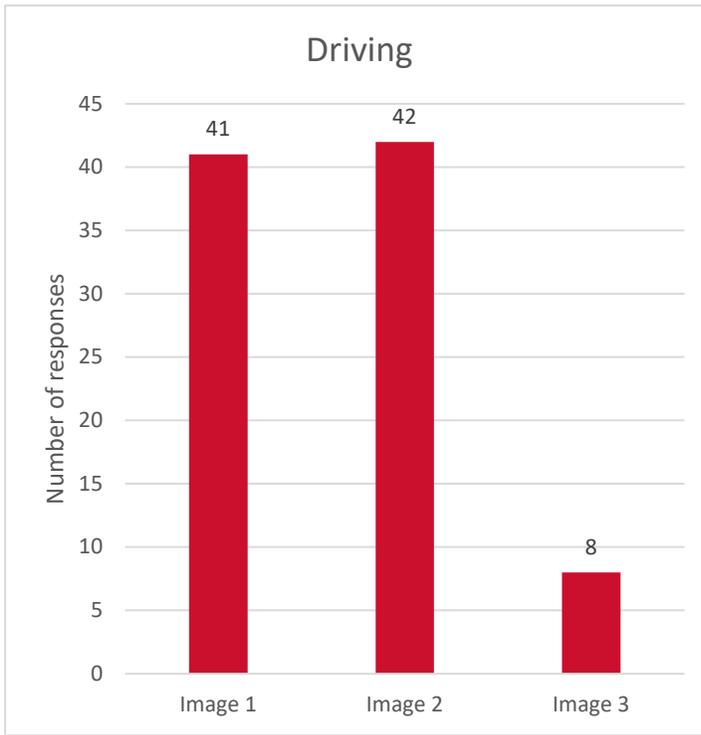
***Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.***

Respondents cited concerns about cyclist safety (5) as the reason they selected the images they did, with three (3) people specifically requesting protected bike lanes. Some respondents said the approach needs to be realistic and/or doable (3), while others disapproved of cycling facilities in general (3).



***Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.***

There were few comments about transit; of those that did comment, the most frequent reason for selecting the image they did was because bus shelters are desired (5). Respondents also appreciated accommodating all modes (2) and having accessible bus stop locations (2).



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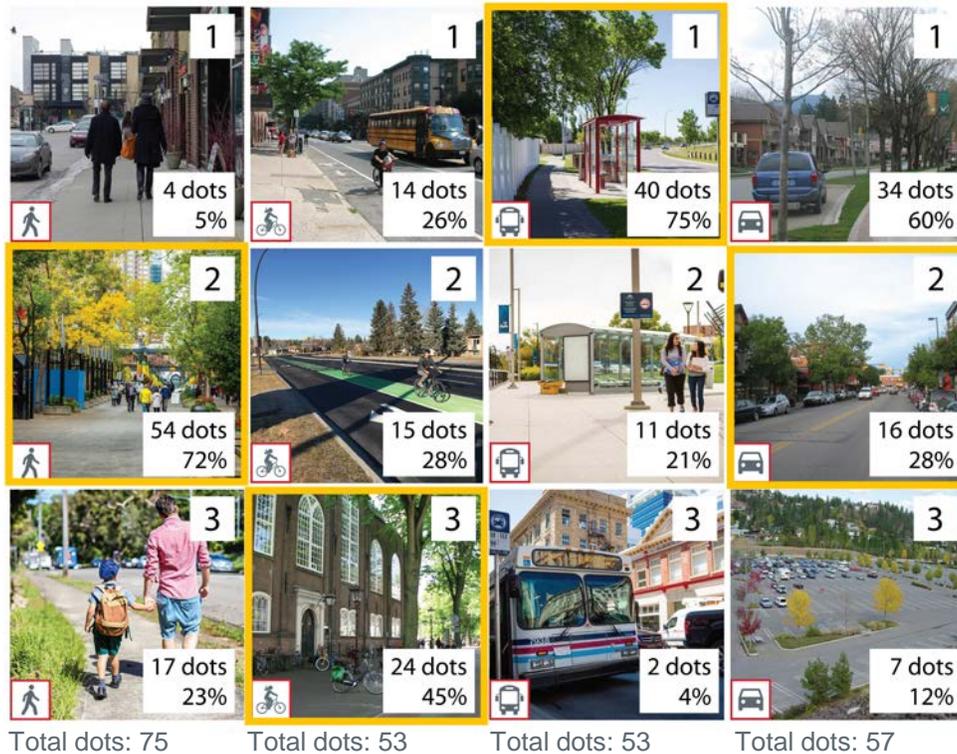
One of the most frequent comments received regarding driving is the need to reduce speed and/or calm traffic (5). A number of respondents asked for cars to be separated from pedestrians and cyclists (4), and a few appreciate when all modes were well integrated (3).

Parking was a topic of interest (5), with two comments calling for street parking, one for angle parking and another asking for ample parking. Respondents like seeing greenery (3) and the accommodation of all modes (2) in a quiet, controlled environment (2).

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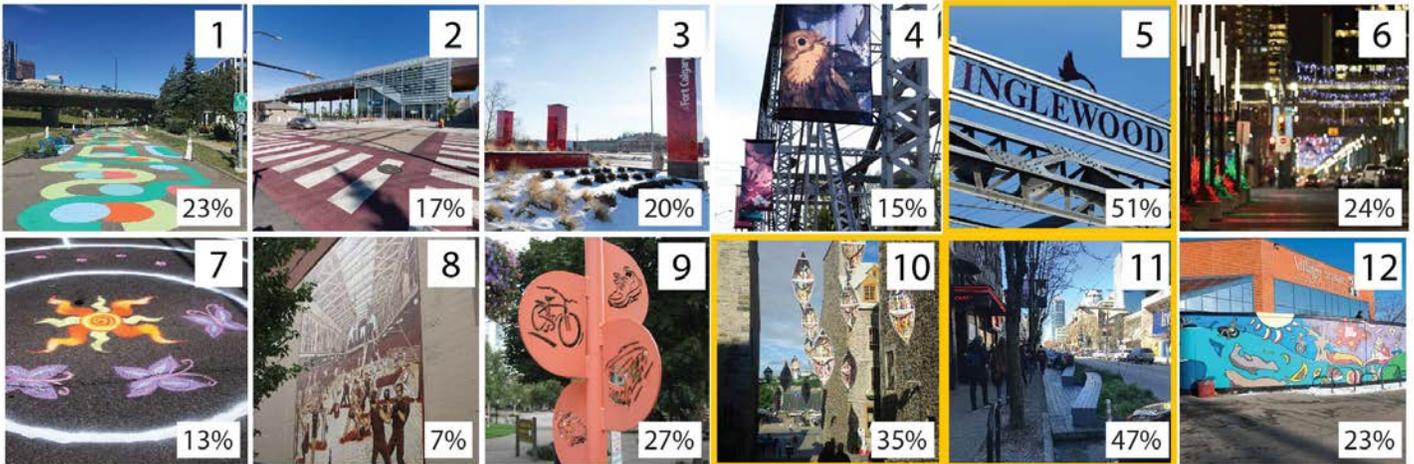
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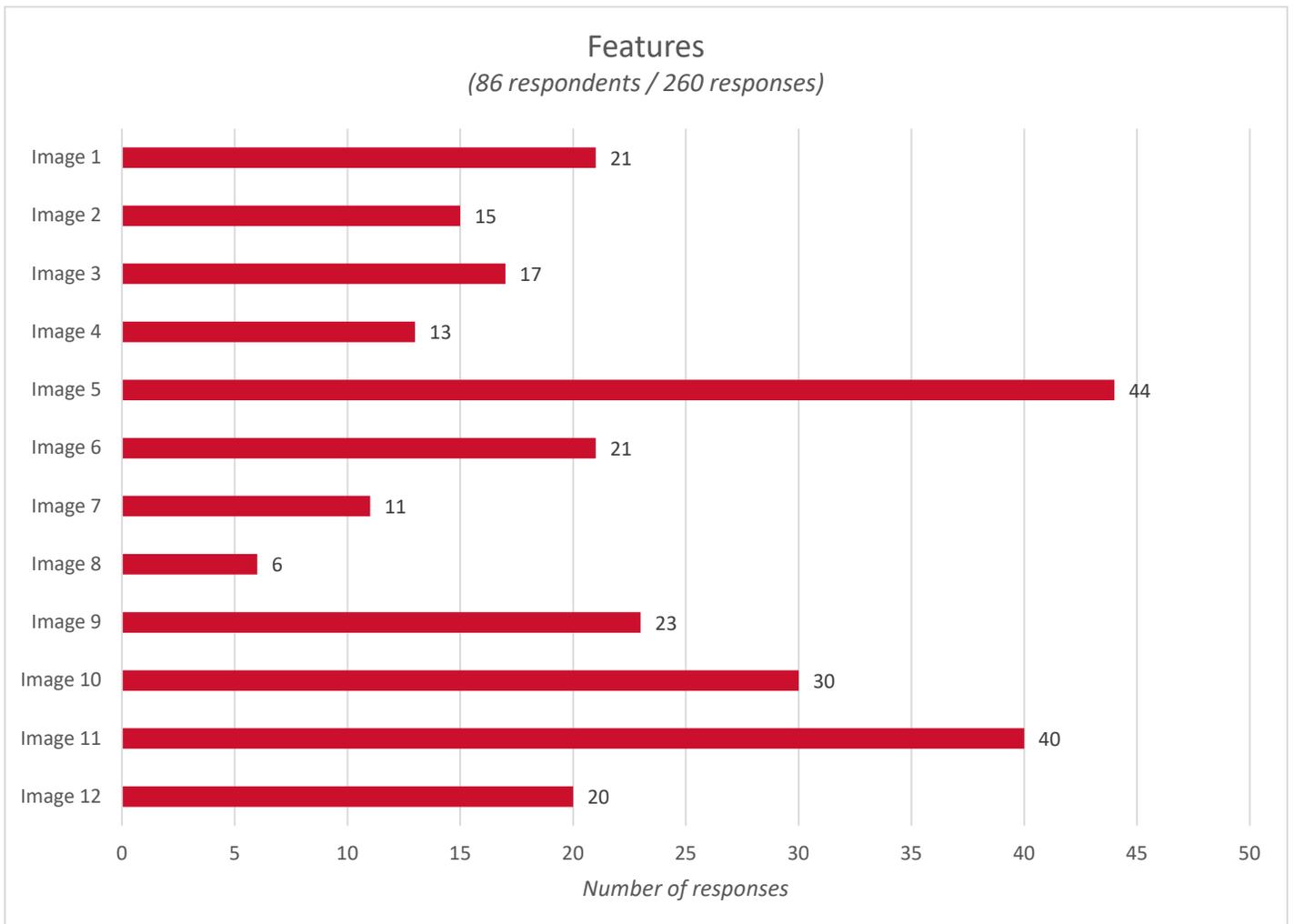
## Features

Additional design features can help define street character. Features can be incorporated into the roadway or pedestrian realm, and could include things like street art, gateways, banners, flags, enhanced lighting, signage and wayfinding, sculptures and more.

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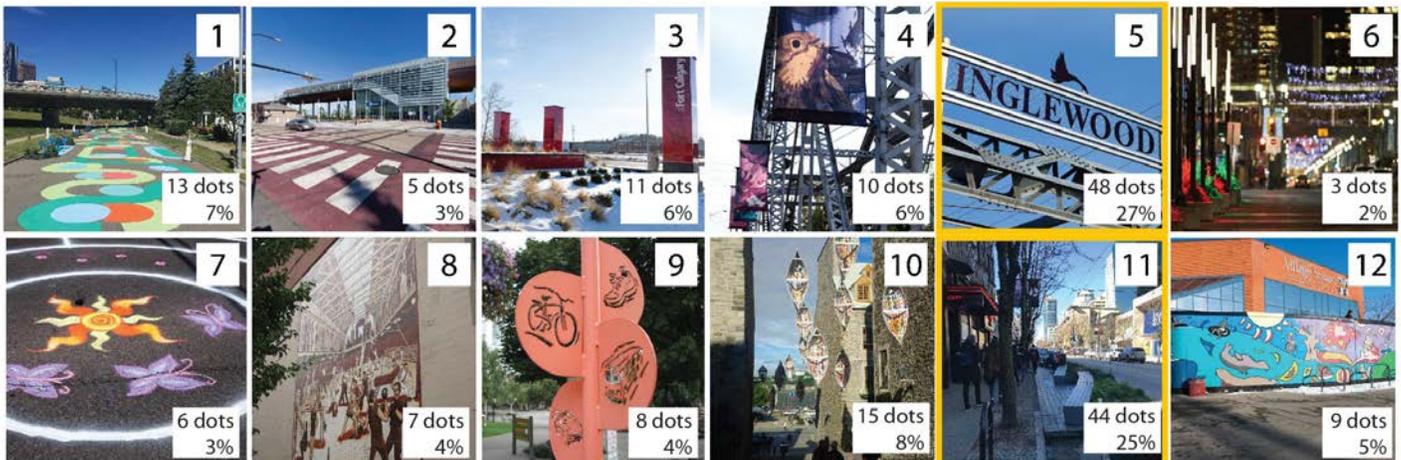
Two themes were prominent in the feedback about the features images; respondents were most drawn to banners / placemaking / gateway / signage (15) and murals / art (13) as street features. Other characteristics respondents thought were important or desirable in street features were:

- Reflecting history (5)
- Seating (5)
- Versatile / temporary (4)
- Pedestrian safety (4)
- Colourful / vibrant (4)
- Wayfinding (3)
- Distinct crosswalks (2)
- Simple / clean (2)

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**Place a dot on the three images you like most or think are a good fit for Montgomery.**



Total dots: 179

## Between two ferns (asked at in-person event only)

Respondents were asked to share some of what they discussed or thought about while at the “Between Two Ferns” station.

### ***What do you enjoy most about Montgomery? (verbatim comments)***

- It's small town feel & diverse economic character
- Nice & small, the parks & the pathway along the river to walk & cycle is so beautiful
- Centralized, easy access to out of town destination
- Nice pathways along river & to parks
- Access to things I need & use
- Shopping, banking, dining - dog walk
- Safe, quiet neighbourhood in the most accessible area of Calgary. You can get everything close and get to anywhere easily.
- The proximity to downtown/short commute. Potential to be the next Marda Loop.
- n/a - don't live in area - just commute through
- It's starting to become something special, it's rejuvenating itself
- Close proximity to shopping, river pathways and access to city core as well as out of town.
- Access to dog parks
- Friendly, walkable, full services available
- The parks and river path access
- location, size
- close to so much. (university, shopping, hospitals, etc.)
- location, proximity to river pathway, downtown, mountains

### ***What is your favourite city or street in the world? Why? (verbatim comments)***

- Brussels, for the variety of its architecture, its cosmopolitan nature and its public art!
- Whiterock near the ocean & you can walk down the bridge
- San Francisco, open, friendly
- Byron Bay - Australia
- People were warm and inviting in the entire town
- Old town area of Sacramento, CA. You can wander leisurely for hours. Also 9 Ave in Inglewood.
- Alberni St Vancouver. Quieter than Robson but has v. high end shops and restaurants and is always "quietly" busy; no parking
- Main shopping street in Reykjavik because it offers a mix of driving/pedestrian/business access
- Any street that has a pub
- Barcelona. Vibrant architecture and encouraging of street performers.
- Any walking street. Cars are the worst.
- Mexico City - friendly and decent behaviour among residents
- London, it is eclectic and interesting
- Queen's Way, London - shops people access to amenities, transport, parks
- Banff & Granville Island
- New York. Walkability & transit

### ***What is your favourite spot in Calgary? Why? (verbatim comments)***

- The river pathways. Pretty, peaceful, filled with walkers & riders
- The parks to have picnics at
- Inglewood Bird Sanctuary before the flood
- Montalban Park - has benches for sitting and a great place for dog's exercise and grandchildren tobogganing
- Inglewood, Kensington, interesting stroll
- 17th Ave., Princes Island Park
- Bowness Park & area, big trees - lots of paths

- Bowmont Natural Environment Park. An oasis.
- Kensington. Ease of walking and abundance of bars and restaurants
- Shouldice pool - aquasize
- Inglewood, interesting mix
- Home! Easy to get to here in Montgomery. Feels safe.
- Heritage Park
- River pathway. Because I like to walk.
- East Village River pathway - beautification, access to restaurants services, separate walk & bike pathways, good lighting

***Are there places you avoid visiting in Calgary? Why? (verbatim comments)***

- SE, NE. Unattractive, low design interest. Too utilitarian
- not really
- 9th Ave SE feel unsafe
- Far south - too far
- The suburbs. Feels very cookie-cutter.
- Bowness Mainstreet - bike lanes/pedestrian "islands" have made it a slalom race
  
- The City core. Dull and boring.
- The plaza in Montgomery (Vacuum pizza, etc.). Anywhere on 16th Ave.
- Anything east of Centre Street
- Forest Lawn, doesn't feel like home
- Marda Loop, SE, NE
- No.

***What are your favourite community events? Why? (verbatim comments)***

- Markets (for the atmosphere) and block parties (a chance to meet your neighbours)
- Taste of Calgary, Senior Social - get to meet other people
- Seniors social, BBQ by the Bow but would like more people tasting of participants
- Market Collective
- Don't go to community events.
- Anything that gets families out with each other
- Anything social.
- Outdoor concerts. They are fun!
- Dances, outdoor fairs - brings friends & neighbours together to celebrate who we are. Breaks down barriers, creates community
- pancake breakfast
- Olympics 1988 and beyond
- farmers market

***In five words or less, what should Montgomery look or feel like?***

The words that appeared most frequently were:

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| • Safe (6)            | • Green (2)      |
| • Homey (4)           | • Accessible (2) |
| • Small-town feel (3) | • Fun (2)        |
| • Friendly (2)        |                  |

Verbatim comments:

- Prettier, homier, comfortable, friendly, green
- Some fewer baskets & to be safe
- Would like it to feel safe
- Home

- Safe, accessible, bright, interesting
- like Mardaloop
- just commute through no vested interest.
- Small town atmosphere for everyone.
- Safe, green, accessible, fun, engaging
- A small friendly town within a city. We have this now - we do not want to lose this due to cut-through traffic and arteries
- home
- Small town in big city
- My home Town, Safe
- safe, attractive, active, intelligent, fun

## Encouraging safer public spaces

One of the most effective ways to promote safety and security is to improve design using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. Understanding that undesirable behaviour can be reduced or discouraged through design, please share any concerns and ideas for improvement.

***Where and when do you feel unsafe in Montgomery? Where and when do you feel very safe in Montgomery? Please mark locations on the map and tell us why.***

The comments about encouraging safer public spaces related to both transportation and personal security (crime).

The most frequent concerns about safety related to transportation were:

- Pedestrian crossings (15)
- Heavy traffic and/or high speeds (11)
- Poor and/or narrow sidewalks (8)
- Parking concerns, primarily pulling out and parallel parking near the strip mall between 45 Street N.W. and 46 Street N.W. (8)

Concerns related to personal security included:

- Undesirable behaviours such as public drinking / loitering / crime / drugs (14), and several respondents specified these undesirable behaviours were happening in the Town Square (10) (park in the southwest corner of the Home Road / Bowness Road N.W. intersection)
- Unlit areas or at night (7)
- The area is rundown and needs revitalization (4), which would encourage better behavior and more activity
- Feeling unsafe in laneways (3) due to people rummaging for bottles and an increase in car thefts
- Feeling unsafe everywhere (3)
- Near the strip mall (3) (same location as mentioned above)
- Large trees reduce visibility (2)

Several comments were received about 16 Avenue North (7) related to crossing 16 Avenue or just as a location where people felt unsafe.

Some people also said they generally felt safe (5).

***Do you have any ideas about making the Montgomery area safer?***

Respondents had many ideas about encouraging safer public spaces:

- More lighting (14)
- Reduce volumes / slow traffic / lower speed limit (14)
- Greater police presence / enforcement (roads and crime) (13)
- Clean streets / revitalize area (11)
- Community gathering spaces / eyes on the street (10)
- Disallow undesirable shops / businesses (7)
- Wider sidewalks (6)
- Flashing pedestrian lights / signage (5)
- Trim trees for greater visibility (personal security and pedestrian safety) (4)
- Buffer or separation between road and sidewalk (3)
- Programs to care for our neighbours in need (eg. community pantry) / larger societal support for homelessness, mental illness, addictions (3)
- I do not feel unsafe (3)
- Improved road / intersections (3)
- Shorter crossing distances for pedestrians (2)
- Cameras / CCTV (2)

## Road use and demographics

Respondents were asked demographic and road use questions to help the project team better understand and analyze the input received.

### What community do you live in?

- Montgomery (56)
- Bowness (5)
- Tuscany (1)
- McKenzie Lake (1)
- Capitol Hill (1)

Please tell us if you live on Bowness Road N.W. or one of these streets.

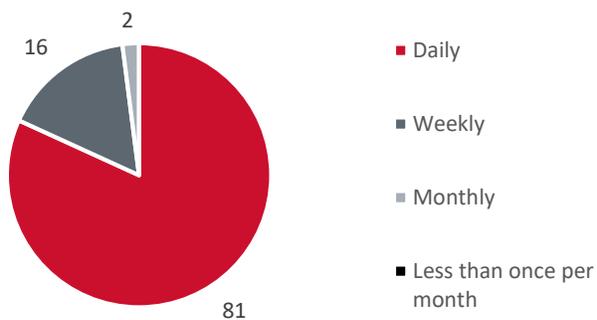
(36 respondents)



The majority of respondents, both online and in-person, lived in Montgomery within the study area.

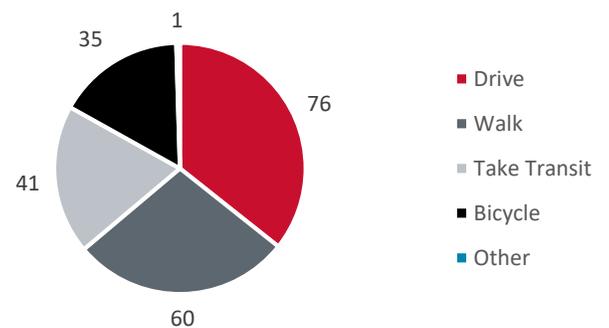
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(99 respondents)



How do you travel on Bowness Road N.W.?

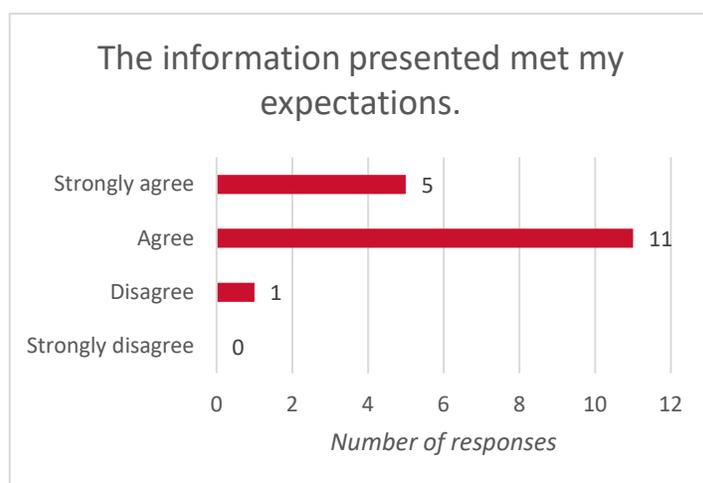
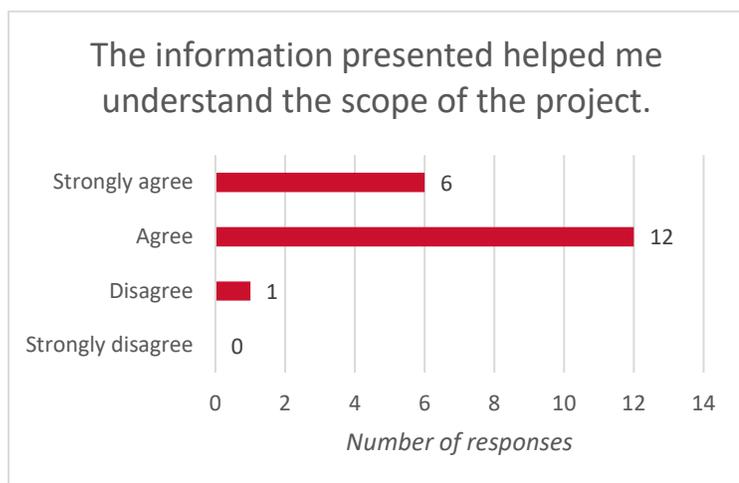
(99 respondents / 213 responses)



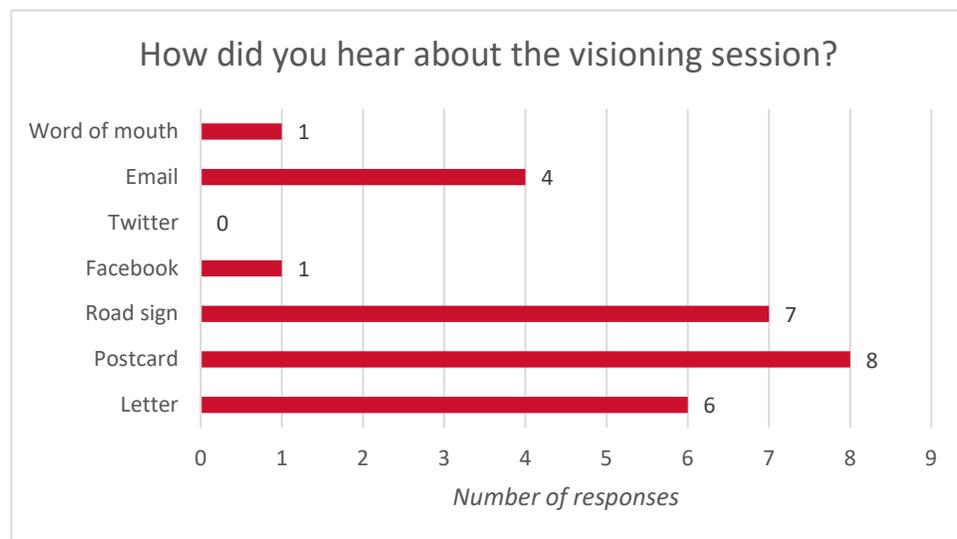
Most respondents travel on Bowness Road N.W. daily (82%) and travel in the area is multi-modal.

## Visioning session evaluation (asked at in-person event only)

Please circle your level of agreement with the following statements.



95% of Visioning Session attendees **agreed** or **strongly agreed** the information presented was satisfactory. The respondent that disagreed said more information about specific ideas or possibilities would have been helpful.



**Is there other information that would have been valuable for you to see today?**

- Can't think of anything. Very comprehensive!
- Types of businesses e.g. (bottle depot, welfare motels?)
- No all was good
- The real version with the cycle lanes shown we all know you are pushing through
- hmmm.
- What is the City of Calgary planners vision?
- More specific planning ideas or possibilities

**Do you have any additional comments about the event?**

- Bravo, City of Calgary! Great to have this session, staffed by knowledgeable, friendly people.
- Some individuals promoting their own interests beneficial to themselves at this time in their lives
- Good location
- Well done by the city. These things tend to be thankless as you can't satisfy everyone.
- Younger generation was not well represented. Seems like a large turnout of retirees, perhaps not representative of the community.
- Very helpful, good interaction with the project people
- Would have provided more in depth comments if filled survey in online

## VERBATIM COMMENTS

How important is the history of your neighbourhood to Montgomery's current and future identity?	
Not important at all	11
Low importance	9
Neutral importance	29
Somewhat important	24
Very important	40

Do you have any historic stories you would like to share?
No, but I enjoy learning about the history of the community through things like plaques or walking tours.
There is little historical vernacular architecture in the area. I think there would be more value to look at the neighbourhood as small town modern
Please review History zbooklet prepared by residents, historians and student for millennium project
We have lived for 25 years in the Bowness/Montgomery community. One of the connections from Calgary to Bowness from the early 1900's to 1970's was by trolley car along Bowness Road. It would be interesting to do a survey to find out what is still standing i.e.: oldest buildings. Preservation is needed as well as highlighting locations with signs or banners.
My grandmother was born in Montgomery and now I'm building a house for my family there. It's important to feel connected & to know the history of inner city neighborhoods. That's what makes people proud of their city and gives it character.
I remember the trolley cars, old stores, town hall and the coffee shop which all have been removed. My wife grew up in Bowness/Montgomery and has moved away because it has lost its old/small town identity replaced with crime and high traffic. Can't tell Montgomery was once a town, its a shame it has been lost to supposed progress. Montgomery has been reduced to a high traffic corridor.
Annexing of Montgomery

**Do you have any historic stories you would like to share?**

Montgomery Junior High School was a great school that taught me a lot about myself and what it means to be a community. The livelihood that the school contributed to the community was profound. It brought together seniors and families which contributed to a more safe and active community.

Why is Montalban Park/Ave/Drive/Cres named Montalban, is it after the actor?

Currently the city has zero respect for older communities. It's all about density and getting more tax dollars for [removed] and his pet project.

The sandstone foundation of the James Shouldice residence. The Demmers' car rolling down the hill in Montalban park. The old mink farm in Shouldice park, south of the pool.

BUILD shops! And not malls!!

No but I would like to hear some stories

Not personally but Montgomery and Bowness have a rich history, (books have been published) that deserves to be preserved. Much easier to know where you're going when you know where you've been.

Don't have any except my parents lived in the community for a while before I was born.

No, I've lived in the area for 7 years but love the area and the character that goes with it. It would be great to be able to keep that feel about it.

I was born in 1953. One of 5 children. The oldest born in 1942. We lived in Eau Claire district and took many weekend car rides through Montgomery to Bowness Park for firepit and picnics. Played catch and chased throughout the park exploring the river and lagoon. Rode on the amusement rides and the train. I now live in Tuscany and still walk the pathways of Bowness Park.

why the city of Calgary doesn't care

Steve the shoemaker could fix anything with leather

Planadians Hardware had anything you needed

We came here in 1978 when Planadin's Hardware and the Royal Bank were across from Steve's shoe repair. Suggest advertising for stories in the Montgomery Messenger

Don't live in community but commute through it to Bowness

**Do you have any historic stories you would like to share?**

Nothing specific. If aboriginal history is relevant, include it in signage around the community.

One city employee in particular was responsible for the design and building of what is now called Montalban Park. It would be terrific to find the identity of this man and make him a Montgomery hero - even if it is posthumous. The park should be named after him!

Lots

We did not steal this land from the natives. We negotiated treaties which we are honouring. Why do we have to feel guilty about living here?

We are losing lots of houses so lots of neighbour history is in stories

Lots of old houses are run down, unkept; and low-budget rentals. New development /infills are welcomed as long as they are quality built

It would be nice to have story boards reflected in landmarks

This board does not reflect Montgomery history. Treaty was signed in 1877. Montgomery history is more contemporary

Signage around the community could inform native heritage

Pay homage to history, including indigenous/first nations. But distinguish Montgomery from Bowness.

**Please check the three community values you feel best represent Montgomery.**

Accessible

51

Active

44

Beautiful

44

Clean

31

Please check the three community values you feel best represent Montgomery.	
Complete	14
Family-friendly	48
Nature	49
Other	9
Safe	34

Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)
We have 2 big parks/pathways running through the community and lots of playgrounds and spaces to explore. We also have a variety of single-family homes, and lots of amenities within walking or biking distance.
I definitely do not find it clean, safe, or Natural as too many non residents travel through/park here. The wonderful off leash dog park is always an opportunity to pick up several extra bags of poop, and the area paralleling Shaganappi is forever filled with garbage. I took it upon myself to keep that green space clean for 1 summer and found excessive garbage/dumping on a daily basis.
I find Montgomery is more designated as an active lifestyle with its proximity to the river.
With the local elementary school and young families helping to revitalize the neighbourhood it is critical that The City ensures a safe, accessible community.
Green spaces, tree canopy and slower pedestrian friendly community
These are my top three priorities in how I want to feel in my home and community here.
My husband was born and raised in bowness...my son's who are both autistic and I live there now. We know several people here...feel part of our church...know people who work in the stores etc...people treat people generally with respect...my fear is that the bigger the community becomes the less sense of community may exist
16th. av. ,bowness rd., home rd. ,& 48 st are highly significant roads that we use daily to get in & out of Bowness and Montgomery. It is not wise to limit the traffic flow, the more congested they're made the higher probability of more accidents occurring. I see problems with this on main st. in Bowness already. To simply state, the pedestrian dividers are going to be a problem, parade time.

**Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)**

Montgomery is great just the way it is.

I chose to buy in this neighbourhood in 2017 because I observed neighbours talking to each other on doorsteps, children walking to school and of course the Bow River is just blocks away.

Active: it's important that our communities are walkable, bikeable etc.

Complete: This area should be redeveloped as a mixed use zone, ie street level businesses with high density apartment living above, complete with everything you need to live, work, and play.

Clean: Clean, well-kept neighborhoods beget active citizens and promote safe, family-friendly neighborhoods

It feels like people just do what they want when they want. There are home with garbage and the buildings on mainstreet look like dives

Not sure if this question is getting at the values that currently represent Montgomery or the ones that we hope will represent Montgomery. For example, I don't feel that safety is currently one of them but I hope it would be in the future.

It's a growing mixed neighbourhood, filled with young families and a perfect setting next to the city with quick access to nature.

We have a lot of young families that have moved to the area in the last few years and they are all attracted to the proximity to the river and the closeness of the neighbours

Close to main roads and the river valley. Lots of green spaces for families.

the topography of the neighbourhood is incredible and beautiful, its proximity to the river provides both activity and aesthetics

My wife and I have lived here since 2000 and it is a great community. So much natural space - Edworthy, Bowmont, Douglas Fir, university lands

Because it is on a main, important commuter roadway. It could look a lot better and have more accessibility for people with mobility challenges. It does not need to be a whole new neighbourhood

I think back to old Montgomery before it was part of Calgary, it was a small town that families worked hard to build and had pride in, it was family centered and a place to be proud of, can't really say that today. Montgomery really is a group of houses between to high traffic roads and has been erased as once a small town/community.

**Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)**

Off leash dog park, proximity to Edworthy Park and the Bow River.

It's near the pathways and Bowmont Park. Lots of beautiful greenery plus the lookout at the top of Home Road is postcard pretty.

I am interested in having a community that is easily accessible by car which is why I want to live in montgomery with easy accessibility to bike pathways. I DO NOT want bike lanes on the road with reduced parking and lanes. Use bike pathways.

I value local shops with local amenities like a starbucks or book store. A community which is clean and well cared for. with pretty flowers (ect)

The park and pathway systems make the community green, vibrant and active. The basics of the community should not change.

The infill in Montgomery is significantly impacting the quality of our streets and sidewalks, and their accessibility to seniors and anybody who has transportation challenges. Infill homes tear up the sidewalk and road to install new services, and then door a poor job of repairing them. These represent impassable barriers for many.

I would love to see it clean, beautiful and family-friendly.

I selected the above because I think that I should what people want, not necessarily what exists now

This neighbourhood is extremely diverse, ranging from the elderly to large young families. Accessibility overall requires improvement and will make the neighbourhood more family friendly. The diversity of population in Montgomery is mirrored by the diversity of the landscape. Beautiful areas with natural foliage/river front are nearby dirtier, run-down areas that require a facelift.

I only made the last two choices (safe and "other") because I couldn't have my answer recorded without choosing three options. But I did choose nature, because of the parks in and around the neighbourhood.

It is what a community is supposed to be, clean, safe and family friendly.

I live between 44th and 45th st NW there are over 1 dozen children under 10 on our block alone. It is extremely clear that montgomery has potential for many families and a strong inner city community but it is failing on safety in a major way.

Well connected with easy routes to the rest of the city.

Lots of families and close to the river and downtown

**Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)**

these are the reasons we chose to locate to this neighbourhood. however now that we live here I believe safety and beautifying need to be improved

Accessability leads to activity. Montgomery has many sports and recreation options and should all be well connected between the town and the rec facilities and bike infrastructure

I think defining parts of Montgomery are equal access to river pathways & parks as well as access west to the mountains. this is a key reason why we live here.

Mountains are accessible as is the pathway system, close proximity to parks, pool and pathways, many new and old families in the community, school in the community, close to hospitals and university

Montgomery is unique

It's a great location. Close to downtown, the river, hospitals, universities, close to exiting the city to the mountains, or 16 to go east. I work downtown as well and love that one bus takes me there. It's an older area and it's great that everyone of all ages has easy access to transit. We need to keep it clean and beautiful to be more welcoming.

Access to the city pathways. Reduce traffic (Shag/Bowness Road improvement) local traffic accessibility. Less rush hour cut through traffic. Family friendly with diversity. Not all just RC2 and RC1S. Many of the people on my street are building new homes on RC1 street but will this will not continue with blanket approvals and rezoning. Maintain RC1 blocks where they remain. Police presence is good

These are the values that I like to see in my neighbourhood!

16Ave and Bowness road cut through the neighborhood of Montgomery. We are live in the neighborhood and we are adult family and know alot of them live in the neighborhood.

Montgomery has a modest home lot footprint. It also has excellent bus routes. Montgomery should be considered for low income and sr housing projects.

I can walk to everything I need! Shops, library, restaurants, transit, river pathway, Bowmont, Market Mall etc. It's the #1 reason I love Montgomery

Montgomery is not a cookie-cutter community (yet!). Residents of all ages & incomes live here, which gives the area an enjoyable diversity.

In under 5 mins, I can walk to a natural park (Bowmont) & the hill below Montalban, the river and Edworthy Park. These green (and sometimes wild) spaces contribute to my well-being.

**Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)**

I've been wheelchair bound in Montgomery. Access has improved since then but it should be reviewed to make sure it is still adequate

Community garden, lots of food services within walking distance

Outside of some car prowling and 3 B&Es Montgomery feels safe

we have a lot of homeless people who live in our streets. Sometimes street lights are poor.

Rising property values, home-pride/community pride

We need a community garden closer to the businesses

I've been wheelchair bound in Montgomery. Access has improved since then but it should be reviewed to make sure it is still adequate

everyone's need should be (attempted) to meet

see above

well-maintained areas encourage community involvement

having so many activities or amenities in close proximity encourages more usage.

it is also good for the soul

it is good for the soul

nobody can be happy if they are not safe

biking is great for my body & the environment. Keeping physically active helps keep you mentally healthy

trees make me happy. My dog loves running around parks.

Love it when the deer & coyotes show up in Montalban Park

**Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)**

Bowness needs an upgrade

Our business district is available to all incomes

We are not a suburb. We embrace our existing diversity and wish to maintain it

again, serving and valuing our diversity

there is a great community spirit here and great participation in community events. People walk and salute each other in the street.

It is what we are all about

we have it all

three parks in a small area plus a couple of blocks to the river... gotta love it

this is my home - I deserve to be free from harm

I plan to stay long term already been here. 25 years want to stay

everyone deserves beauty

there are schools, restaurants, Dr's offices, dentists and transit all in Montgomery

the sidewalks are well maintained

want to walk in evening - basic value - have been issues as a community "in transition"

character of Md/established community includes/should preserve mature trees, parkspaces

basic value, tied to safety

I want to live in this community forever. Give me streets that are walkable, benches to sit on, safety (good lighting), bike access.

**Please tell us why you made these choices above? (community values)**

I want the community to be able to walk, shop and live, always feeling safe.

we have it... I don't want us to lose it

Existing informal dog park to be considered a permanent feature. Do not cut down trees or put in formal paths.

Get rid of the noxious weed Canada Thistle on MacKay Rd & dandelions in park at 32nd & Shaganappi

A big part of why we chose Montgomery is because of its access to nature with the Bow River pathways, Edworthy Park and Bowmont Park in walking distance

Respecting existing wildlife. Lots of trees to offset the buildings large presence

Yoga! Outdoor patios. Pub

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I like that they accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. I like the idea of angle parking. I like the greenery. I like that there are multistory buildings that aren't so tall as to become an eyesore.

local boutique shopping

no vehicles in shopping/boutique district

Trees add so much value and wider sidewalks for patios, narrower lanes

I feel the area is more designated to renters and business on busy roads.

Montgomery encourage the use of the existing storefronts and keep large redevelopments to a minimum. Main Street Bowness works because existing storefronts have been upgraded and used which keeps character of street. Like Jane Jacobs [Author, The Economy of Cities] states neighbourhoods work when there is a mix of new and old developments.

Wider sidewalks, tree canopies and slower traffic - NO bikes, pedestrians and business parking priority

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I like that these look safe for pedestrians and cyclists and would slow down traffic. I'm really scared of how fast a lot of traffic on Bowness Road goes. I want to feel safer on the street. These images look so welcoming.

shops, trees and ample walking space

Addition of trees and lights, widening of sidewalks, clean environment make this an inviting pedestrian friendly destination neighbourhood

These images still provide through traffic on these high volume roads. Congesting these roads during rush hour will back up traffic for a km each direction if you insert those Bulging Cement Intrusions on to the road way at each intersection. Putting "BCI's on corners of blocks causes turning vehicle to block traffic flow. Traffic flow is already a problem. We don't need to make things worse.

None

These images show people out walk and biking which is representative of this neighbourhood. Montgomery is a small, walkable neighbourhood so its important to encourage more of it and less driving within the neighbourhood.

They are vibrant, mixed-use, walkable communities, yet still have space for cars. I would make an effort to go hang out in any one of these three communities, and I would definitely want to live in one of them.

People walking and feeling safe. Parking is an issue too

These images speak bringing community together

Good walkability, mixed use, village feel

Pedestrian friendly, welcoming and promoting a sense of community

build density. create pedestrian-friendly zones so families and citizens are encouraged to walk along main st, support the local businesses and increase overall activity. hold street festivals/events in this space as well. the increase in pedestrian traffic and parking spots will reduce average traffic speeds which is another nice to have. this street will define Montgomery's identity for years

They represent a destination and have life to them. They represent a place where people can socialize and develop a sense of community with their neighbours.

I like seeing people out interacting with the community and a way that feels safe (lower car traffic), big sidewalks, and the trees.

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I like the idea of Bowness road having shopping etc combined with high density living above to revitalize the area and bring some new and younger residents to the neighborhood

the functionality of having homes above shops and engagement with the streets

It is a resource neighbourhood, good access to multiple services for convenience. I love that I can get in and out with the things I need, or stop for a meal. I don't feel distracted by or frustrated with access to the services there.

Smaller town vibe, warm and friendly

medium density, pedestrian, transit oriented

These images are less stressful, look less crowded, not commercial, retains old town flair, more friendly family oriented look. No high traffic through the community, brings back a community feel.

High density, bike lanes, pedestrian space and patios

The Main Street needs to have places to go and things to do

I would love to see main street become a hub of activity with quality coffee shops, restaurants, pubs and other commercial stores. This space would have a new vibrant energy, but would maintain the communities historic charm through create new architecture.

It looks like there's lots going on. The major downfall of the neighbourhood is that there's literally nothing going on after 8pm. No bars, no vitality, no nightlife. It becomes decrepit and full of junkies. At least those streetscapes look like they can accommodate activity as well as vehicles (Bowness Rd. is after all a very major thoroughfare).

They are warm, landscaped, and have some shops with a neighbourhood feel not a "middle of downtown" feel. They still have character but not "white trash dumpy" look which currently exists.

greenery, parking, space for walking and driving

I want the character of the community to remain, not to be taken over by modern buildings and structures. The community needs wide sidewalks and it should be pedestrian oriented. Many more people here walk to services than in a suburban community.

These all look the same basic design. The city always sways results by only offering different versions of the same pics didn't want to choose any options

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Walkability of streets. Lighting. Not just residential. I like the set up of the notable building with businesses below and residentially on top

The project area encompasses some run-down unsightly areas, like neglected dumpster bins, vacant lots, ally ways and crumbling sidewalks. These areas are adjacent to some beautiful areas like the riparian areas of the river and landscaped parks. These natural areas need to be incorporated into the commercial/street areas in the heart of Montgomery; like elements of foliage and natural stone.

I like the images that have trees or other forms of nature in them, and a good balance between roadways and other forms of transportation, like walking and bikes. Also, I like the images where there is less emphasis on vehicles.

This images will make a community vibrant, active, and safer for pedestrians. I like outdoor spaces for socialization with other people in the community..

mixed retail with condo living above to replace the large footprint low rise structures on the high street.

Active streets with cycling amenities.

Montgomery is full of families of young families. We need the streets to be more people friendly for us to be able to live more of our life here and to be confident our children can be mobile in this space, safely. Pedestrian friendly streets are needed with some but limited vehicle access

I prefer walking over car transportation to move around the community.

accessible shops and acknowledge on the need for parking and houses

On street parking, wide street, clearly defined pedestrian crossings, attractive store fronts, outdoor public seating and spaces, good lighting,

Just love the vibe it gives. The character.

Storefronts, walkability, safe reasonable parking, angle parking is suitable to this area

Walk friendly. Nothing oversized that will lose the current small community feel. The current new building where Notable is the maximum height to remain walkable street. Parking is very limited and at busy times I see many near misses with people try to park with limited space. There are tons of condos coming in University District. Enough densification with all the RC1S and RC2 within walking.

Bikes! And lots of pedestrian space

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Walking and biking are important for a good neighbourhood and safe streets

greenscape, active, family friendly, well lit

I see bike lane and big walkway.

People engaging in the community through walking and biking.

I like the cycling and walking

Walk friendly. Buildings with no more than 4 stories. Some retail and amenities. More seniors and low cost housing.

Clear, open, no obscurities, more safe & no rodent institutions, the bike trails along Bow River are quite efficient, we don't need more,

Bustling businesses, community feel

walking streets. Nobody will visit Montgomery if it stays old, shabby and stagnant. We need to be a destination

Walkability, no cut through cyclists. Beautification (lot of greenery.)

pedestrian friendly, lights, visually attractive

the trees are nice, theres parking and its very well lit

Montgomery is a crossroads community, (cars, bikes, peds) while being community-minded (art!). Would like to see more inviting business zones (separate ped/sidewalks from traffic from parking).

Pic # 1 - balance between parking + pedestrian space - still looks nice

Like angled parking. Keep cyclists + off main road way and store front

More quaint. Ambience. More welcoming

More trees. More old town feel.

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

It should aspire to feel like Kensington. Quaint, cute shops, lots of walkability and places to stop for coffee.

WIDE sidewalks

Pedestrian friendly wide sidewalks. Treets. Low rise buildings

Great lighting. Layers.

Wide sidewalks. Walkable.

Creating tree canopy on Main Street

Store fronts w/ outdoor seating aka pop-up patios :)

Separation of traffic + pedestrians

Get rid of cyclist and it is perfect

Love flower baskets hanging at corners + benches to sit & relax

Bike lanes. Better street lighting at cross walks. Decrease traffic on Bowness Rd.

Needs a skate park

Bikeways off street. Bicycle parking

Feels like an outdoor room

Some roads closed to private cars

More colourful trees. Not just green. Cherry blossom. Apple flowers

Like the benches

Bicycle parking

**STREET CHARACTER: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Layered designated spaces. Lots of greenery.

This (downward arrow) but where are people parking?

Diverse streetscape. Low rise buildings

Fee for dogs --> parks. Park is like chocolate chip cookie. "Presents" everywhere

Larger/wider sidewalk

Find a solution for the mess on Bowness Road between 45th + 46th!!!

ARP says trees on Bowness Rd

Trees and wide sidewalks. Low rise buildings

Bicycle lanes

More local business . More greenery. Better pedestrian walkways

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

The scale is small much like the community. However I would like to see that if we need to have bicycle infrastructure please put on 17 avenue (so that it gets paved) or 19 ave which is wide and quiet

I want the vehicle traffic to still have parking available to access local businesses but I want to reduce cut through traffic and really reduce speed. Maybe Bowness Road should be 40km/hr. That would be better. I want it to be safer for cyclists and pedestrians. I want more traffic lights on Bowness Road to slow cars down

I like protected walk/Bike infrastructure that is separated from cars.

Most of the other suggested images would be too drastic & would cause further problems. Even though they look nice they are unrealistic for Montgomery. Have a planner sit on a street corner on Bowness Road for a year to see the issue that is really there. The images seem to be channeling us to a certain already decided direction. The bus pics. are particularly unclear as to what they are trying to depict. Because of all the construction the roads themselves are in terrible condition.

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Putting pedestrian islands in the middle of the road causes traffic congestion. Bike lanes are largely unused and are dangerous for the 3 months of the year they are used without snow, slush and ice all over them. Major "beautification" is unnecessary and in many cases unwelcomed by residents, and it is an expensive use of taxpayer dollars.

These images reflect a seamless flow and connection between the different modes. It's not one vs. another but everyone sharing the space together and respecting each other.

They represent design features that cater to that particular mode of transportation but do not exclude other types of transport.

improvements should cater to pedestrians and bike traffic. the neighbourhood is small and we need to encourage more ppl to walk to shops and restaurants, leave the car at home. the best neighbourhoods in Canada IMO are ones that combine all of these elements in a way that enjoyable by any mode of transportation

Maintain traffic speed and flow. Bowness Road to shaganappi is the only reasonable part of my commute downtown every day. Reducing traffic flow here will add another 20-30 minutes to our time away from families and homes.

main entrances, and gathering points are away from car activity. car activity should not take the forefront.

Creates a more open friendly space, with dedication to people travel, non motorized travel, public transit and vehicle travel without making them intrusive in creating/integrating an open safe and inviting environment while retaining the old town vibe of stepping back in time. Bring back the street level electric trolley car/bus system and run it on solar or wind power. Remove the high traffic corridor that exists now.

That better be a protected bike lane

Bike lanes are okay but focus should be on walk ability first. Don't eliminate parking in favour of bike lanes on the Main Street

Column 1: Looks like there's stuff going on. It's not sleepy. It could accommodate a festival in the warmer months.

Column 2: Looks old and has character without installing troublesome bike lanes that congest traffic in favour of people who use them only three or four months out of the year

Column 3: A centralized hub where many modes of transportation meet would attract people from elsewhere and make getting around easier.

Column 4: Ample parking while maintaining neighbourhood character

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I think we have pathways to bike on that are close by. Let's use those instead of reducing easy access by car to our community. I prefer a small sidewalk that is accessible. I prefer transit that works and is easily integrated into the road where vehicles primarily use, so they can work together. Many people in calgary dirve so room to drive and park cars is nice and accessible for the majority of calgarians

I want our streets to be quiet and functional. I don't want wider busier streets.

Again give one crappy image for walking. I'd rather walk in weeds than your images of utopia

Current walking/cycling areas are directly beside fast flowing (and often reckless) driving conditions. Sidewalks are either non-existent or not marked sufficiently. As you walk along 46th St for example, you must walk right beside traffic, behind dumpsters and along crumbled or non-existent sidewalks to reach playgrounds or commercial areas. A separate walking cooridoor with trees, stone and natural elements that separates the walking experience from vehicles and transit is key for this area.

There's little point in changing transit until buses from montgomery and bowness can go straight downtown before parkdale hillhurst and sunnyside. what pain - even on the BRT. I also do not like the buses that do straight shots across town between forest lawn and bowness. I do not want any gathering places - shelters at bus stops

overall I like the separation of vechicle traffic from people and cyclists. we have lots of children being raised here- the more distance between them and vehicles the more we can comfortably let them embrace their living here.

Calm traffic

family friendly, active kid site, greenscape covered,

Please take away accessibility on bowness road for non residents as cars are traveling way too fast on bowness road cutting through the neighborhood.

The scale is small much like the community. However I would like to see that if we need to have bicycle infrastructure please put on 17 avenue (so that it gets paved) or 19 ave which is wide and quiet

I want the vehicle traffic to still have parking available to access local businesses but I want to reduce cut through traffic and really reduce speed. Maybe Bowness Road should be 40km/hr. That would be better. I want it to be safer for cyclists and pedestrians. I want more traffic lights on Bowness Road to slow cars down

I like protected walk/Bike infrastructure that is separated from cars.

#1 I prefer sidewalks to be buffered from the road

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

#2 No bike lane is ever perfect, but I think a painted lane is safer.

#3 Parking "niches" reduce an unsightly line of parked cars (more wasteful of space, though)

Lots of room to walk

We don't need obstacles for people & rodents to hide in

Living plants/trees give a sense of calm & nature. Good for Montgomery - community feeling

Greater access for mobility issues

Bus is very good access

Pedestrians

Free range biking

Keep transit simple & add bus shelters to encourage transit use

Lots of vegetation but not overwhelming

They feel well integrated, aesthetically pleasing, practical

big trees, wide sidewalks

(cycling) Why are less than 1% of the commuting population being catered to?

Covered, wind protection

Easy to use

Walkability

Trees (in all) Walking access is encouraged. Shelters for bus stops.

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Community, family oriented, accessible

We walk for enjoyment in this community, not only to get from point A to point B, more trees and evergreens (for winter enjoyment) are needed

They look doable

like great transit stops. Wide sidewalks.

walkability, inclusivity and somewhat less "hectic" feel

caters & promotes towards alternative transport (walking, biking, etc)

integrate business growth w/ walkability w/ traffic - more families in the neighbourhood already.

I didn't think images were that distinct from each other

They all depict pleasant walking scenarios

Don't need rodents breeding in lower plants

No patios pinching off walking routes

I don't think Bowness Road need a bike lane. Most use side streets or the river

Buffer form the road is good

Skatepark!

Local bikes= local shopping = bike parking

No bike lanes on Bowness Road. Allow for street parking

Rules and licensing for cyclists. They don't obey and rules currently.

These trees will leak on you

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Skateboard park please

Bike lanes not on main thoroughfares, not in roads with speedover 50 km

Bike lanes not on streets to cause congestion

Bike lanes separated from roads for cars

Bike lanes not on sidewalks either

Places to park and lock bicycles

We need bike lanes badly. I almost get run over every day

Bike lanes with separator from cars & pedestrians eg. 12 Ave S.W.

Bike lanes not on main streets

Traffic circles to calm traffic

All these parking options are BAD! Angle parking please

Downtown workers using community to park -deterrants are required

Like Bowness has done

Wider sidewalks not angled parking

Require enough parking for commercial use

Separate sidewalk from traffic

Speed bumps to slow traffic

Speed bumps! Yes! Along Bowness Road

**MOBILITY: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Slow down traffic on Bowness

Angle parking

Keeps more visibility on the street

Need somewhere for people to park in community (Bowness/16 Ave)

**SOCIAL SPACES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I like having spaces that invite people to come together, whatever the weather. Nature and food/retail.

Good amount of public indoor spaces to meet in inclement weather. It would be great to have some spaces zoned for residential and retail so people can live above and do business below. Need family-friendly spaces.

dog and cultural friendly

Trees with large canopies would be a great along brownness road and would provide shade for events

Again busy street, but would be nice to see it toned down to create a more relaxed feeling

I like gathering spaces that can be used for many activities. Also I like coffee shops and patio experiences

Family friendly, and nice street life for pedestrians.

I would like to see spaces that are family friendly as there seems to be a growing population of families with young children. Outdoor community spaces that are easily accessible on foot and could accommodate farmer's market and other events that would encourage community engagement. Lots of greenery!

Images suggest events that make this community a destination for something to do on weekends. Cultural happenings would be inviting & reflect the diversity of Calgary.

I have a big problem with these image-based questions. I think they promote lifestyle ideologies more than potential infrastructure.

**SOCIAL SPACES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Farmer's market/art murals is a nice idea. Brings more of a community feel. Colourful, inspiring- community expression. Montgomery is a place to drive thru- #1 highway. Improve on what is already there. Add more trees in parks, playgrounds and along streets. Pave streets and fix sidewalks would be the biggest improvement. Add more trees to create visual and sound barrier to high traffic areas.

Outdoor spaces are good as long as they are used for the purposes that are intended.

Active families are continuing to move into the neighbourhood and it's important to have spaces for the kids to "hang out" it also creates opportunities to for "accidental meetings" with neighbours. I don't think we need a lot of structured and organized spaces since it's an easy bus ride into Kensington and Downtown for events.

High density, mixed use communities, with good walking and cycling infrastructure.

Village feel, space for kids

The area should cater to cyclists and cars in order to attract people from outside the community. Anything that's family friendly will have staying power and draw more attendance.

Public art, and trees are important to me

This is not a large enough area to create another walkable/festival space. Keep it practical with relevant services, good parking, easy frontal access to businesses, and some patio space for food/drink if there will still be plenty of sunshine after residential towers go in

Creates a feeling of family, able to meet with friends and family, and walk with the sense of safety and openness while retaining a less stressful, family centered environment. A space for similar but different activities. Going to Montgomery should look and feel different in a positive way providing a modern but step back into historic Montgomery.

Commercial zones could branch out from bowness road, rather than being right along bowness to orient the commercial towards the pedestrian.

They incorporate active living

Vibrant street scene

Lots going on. Finally some nightlife. A place for people under the age of 40. Vitality and activity year-round. Finally something to do after 8 pm. Don't have to pay through the nose to go downtown or kensington in an uber or to bowness in order to get a pint.

**SOCIAL SPACES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I have young children so good parks are important. I was social spaces like a local coffee shop and other food shops that don't feel as sketchy as the current businesses in the area to be able to walk down there and enjoy my community.

not overly disruptive of current streetscapes but friendly, welcoming and interactive

Again all pretty similar.

Integration of nature.

Active spaces with areas for walking.

Playgrounds and safe, interesting spaces for children to recreate are lacking in montgomery for the population of children. Places that families can access to keep their community small-- ie farmers market can minimize the commuting needed for groceries and be a great place for families to congregate

I like wide sidewalks so that people can pass others without bumping into each other and enough space in which they can stop and talk. We should have open areas where groups of people can meet for events.

i think there are lots of young families coming to Montgomery and we need to provide spaces and services for them to go. the core buisness area is great and accessible but needs improvement to make it more hospitable as a destination rather then quick stop.

Walkability. Family friendly parks and clean spaces. A market feel versus an extension of downtown.

Active choices for family, and coffee!

pet friendly, parks, public art

Playground is essential for the growing number of young families in the neighborhood. Current playgrounds are very dated. I like to see more gathering places.

#1 Sidewalk cafés and benches invite foot traffic

#2 Spaces for buskers and/or artists provide interest & entertainment

#3 play areas bring families!

**SOCIAL SPACES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Plenty of space to walk unhindered

Music & such a vital part of living

Parking & pedestrian spaces well defined. What I like is the sense of flow

Friendly, interesting places to walk

Murals add culture and interest to an area

Sidewalk sales and markets are always interesting

Exercise facility, café, bustling community, markets

Urban markets :), playgrounds multi use areas - businesses mixing with pedestrians

Walkable, enjoyable places to be. Also... PUBS!!!

Combination of activities to enjoy. Music, play and walking. Europe does this so very well.

Pubs & restaurants keep the area active at night (safety in numbers). Keep active to keep healthy

we have the parks to gather in just need the streets to look better

playgrounds encourage families community as do places together & celebrate seasons holidays etc.

like outdoor patio & tree's & shrubs

Outdoor fitness is a great fit for Montgomery

Places for people to connect & interact

no cars, lots of space, promotes walking, outdoor activities

I've never envisioned Montgomery as a "destination" community with the build up/hype of, say, Mardalooop. It's a tighter, more local feel - more social interaction for residents/business in the community.

**SOCIAL SPACES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

sidewalk cafes, market areas, playgrounds

Needs a skateboard park

More stores, shops, parking and access = safer places

Opportunity for people to visit & enjoy activities in outdoor green spaces :)

Space to invite people to be, shop, spend time, visit

As long as they are not "being" criminal, I'm all in favour

Public art work. Murals. Benches

Coffee shops. Pubs. Market place for gathering.

Cultural events

Places to "hang out" coffee shops, etc. with outdoor space to stay in area

Small businesses, coffee shop, pub, etc.

Would be good to activate park by Safeway. Exercise area

Like open spaces but no trees. Maybe hanging flowering plants

Labryinth for social spaces too

River walk priority

Wide sidewalks

**PLANTS: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

They incorporate a variety of vegetation (ground cover, shrubs, trees) and are more extensive and integrated into the streetscape design (versus being potted or having isolated trees). It looks better and suits Montgomery better - we are not a downtown/urban community.

pretty much anything that is maintained and garbage free

Large trees

Just more designed for higher traffic road. Try to give residents more areas to walk and feel safer

Like separation of side walk and roadway, soft landscaping and great lighting.

The addition of some trees, shrubs and planters on an upgraded street and sidewalk would enhance Bowness Road.

Canopy trees and seasonal color bursts

I feel like being near the river we have a beautiful area for lush landscape. I like that the clean manicured edges keep it looking well maintained. I like that the plants aren't so big as to make sketchy places for people with bad intentions to conceal themselves in.

I like that they seem like more native plants. The landscaped areas seem less confined by concrete and more incorporated into the environment.

Simple landscaping and special pedestrian lights will suggest warm safe walking areas.

They best suit the functionality of what Montgomery is, its roadsides and storefronts. Trees are inviting and easier to maintain than ground foliage, which traps litter. Light stands with flower pots are a nice seasonal look, plus it is a continuous look from Bowness. Like the older Victorian look as it expresses history vs. harsher square lines of modern. Soft, curved lines are more appealing.

Simple landscaping that matches the nature at the Bow River is important. It shouldn't have too much built up concrete and wood.

Provide some greenery, but not too much, allowing the street to still function efficiently for pedestrians, cyclist, and motorvehicles.

More trees, more plant, more green. Not so concrete.

**PLANTS: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

They are organic and natural looking and offer pedestrians a space away from traffic.

Taller trees are more attractive than shrubs that catch garbage. They also offer more green at eye level and make the option of outdoor patio space for shops & restaurants more attractive.

Functionally, the winter takes its toll on Calgary and having landscaping that is street level makes it harder to clear snow and thus navigate the street

Trees and flowers are a welcome addition to any barren space.

I think these images provide a balance between community and nature. Nature is key and Montgomery should maintain a healthy green plant based ecosystem incorporated into all design elements including retail, residential, and park lands. Not enough communities have a healthy plant based ecosystem, due to high density, high traffic and use of hard materials such as concrete.

Separate cars and pedestrians

Vines/vertical gardens are really cool and unique. Year-round greenery (evergreen trees, pine, etc) would be awesome since we're so cold for most of the year. Hibiscus and cherry blossoms would be really nice too. Nothing intrusive on the sidewalk. Nothing for fiends to put cigarette butts into.

Trees and vegetation are nice with lots of room for parking.

pretty but not overwhelming

Urban, vibrant and safe

Concrete or dirt. Can't you show more imagination?

There is a fairly stark contrast in Montgomery between natural areas of the river and the open/barren residential/commercial streetscape areas of Bowness Rd and 16th Ave. Some clean-looking well defined foliage along the walking areas will help beautify these areas; and in the images I selected the vegetation adds a well-needed buffer between the loud traffic and the pedestrian walkways.

There needs to be a way to see larger versions of these images, this isn't very accessible for people with visual impairments.

the combination of the themes will be visually striking day and night.

**PLANTS: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Trees and greenery combined with places for walking.

Like most active people in this area-- and many active people are drawn to Montgomery for it's accessibility to the river pathways-- I like green space. Having more trees and plants available to separate people from traffic is needed. Currently Montgomery is lacking in public green space with shade providing trees. Being on maternity leave with little kids- that characteristic is quickly identified

i think a bit of a buffer is great but must be balanced between other needs on the roadway space like adequate parking, bike, transit space

Keep more greenery. There's way too much concrete these days.

I have really noticed the reduction of large trees in our neighbourhood over the past ten years. So many lots are being developed and builders are taking out all the trees in the way of construction. This is understandable to a point however I feel not enough is done to retain these trees in many spaces. One main reason I bought in this community is for the green coverage but it going fast.

#1 I like the brick sidewalk & evergreen, low maintenance plantings

#2 Trees, please!! For all kinds of reasons!

#3 punctuating parking spots with greenery helps reduce the tedium of an "all metal" landscape.

Clear open spaces, some plants

Clear open spaces, no need to attract rodents

Like the native plants

Bright & welcoming

Inviting space - walkability

Green is good and refreshing, just don't over do it

lots of greenery. Hardy plants

trees & less places for garbage to accumulate

**PLANTS: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Low maintenance trees

Trees are less maintenance than plantings. (Who will look after these plantings?) Lighting that is funky and at the same time, promotes safety at nighttime.

Leafy trees. However, we should plant evergreens to prevent cleanup/looking dead in winter

"Evergreens please, as well as deciduous. Remember winterscapes!

Layered - high plus low- vegetation"

I like a lot of trees

Love trees. All the best cities have them

More trees & green

walkable, green space & curbs on sidewalk!

lots of vegetation/green

Yes yes yes! More trees, more green, more xeriscape/native. Naturally. We can do better than a few trees embedded in concrete or concrete planters.

Trees & shrub planting

Planters are very effective in slowing down through-traffic

Skate park skate park

No lower plants so there isn't breeding for mice

Planter boxes are insufficient

Trees and lower plants

**PLANTS: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Native shrubs & grasses that survive winter & don't require water

Think low maintenance and climate change

Bike lanes are adequate along the river & more beautiful. NONE on Bowness Rd.

Plants need maintenance and weeding planter. Yes if variety + zeroscape.

Planters that have benches to sit on are useful

Please do not pot in flower beds. They need constant attention which they seldom get.

Or make sure maintenance is part of the project. Greenery is really needed

Permeable pavers for better water management

Native plants please

Small gardens offer a little resting/breathing space

**STREET FEATURES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I like the idea of having more murals and public art. If we have banners or signs, they should be beautiful and reflect the natural beauty and history of the neighbourhood. No pictures reflect this, but good lighting is also desirable.

no plastic flowers hanging from the light posts like last summer. Also, better artwork than is currently around

I just feel it is close to pathways so good vibrant directions. Give pedestrians a safe place to walk and cross

Great place naming, banners and signs. Modern and artistic. I also like going across the street, connecting the two sides.

Entrance signs and using local artists to give the community character.

**STREET FEATURES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

I like wood sculpture/seating, it reminds me of memorial riverside. I like that flags are something that can change, they can represent local artists and represent the community through their imaging.

Distinct crosswalks, banner signs & community designation create curiosity while staying clean looking with less maintenance

Montgomery already has murals on electrical boxes and signs so to continue this theme is a great idea. Like the visually interesting directional signs. Feels more organic and personable. The banners are already on the walking bridge. They are tasteful. Continue the theme on light standards or posts through Montgomery. Having the roads newly paved would be another great street feature. :)

Too many "street features" don't always fit the community. Bowness Road is congested through Montgomery and is not a comparable space to most of the pictures that are shown in these examples.

Montgomery is surrounded by natural trees on the hills and so the design features should not detract from the nature surrounding the community but rather build on the natural features.

They look cool and not like some child painted them. Benches are nice in the public realm.

Character

street art adds colour and life to a neighbourhood and helps build it's identity. street artists should be given a space to showcase their talents (temporarily or permanently). one of the highlights of montgomery street art are the colourful signs placed at the entrances to the community at various places.

They are bright and vibrant and easily changeable if the community wants a new look

They are large and visible, somewhat permanent and recognizable but could be changed if needed.

public art and engaging but useful design features present an opportunity to engage with the streets more

A defined neighbourhood sign, some colourful flags and street art would add a feeling of welcoming and usability without creating more traffic interruptions in an area that is not big enough to try to be a "walkable" (traffic/parking nightmare) Kensington Inglewood or 17 Ave.

Street details should be pulled from historic Montgomery and used to bring back its character and utilized in a old stylish fashion to build on the old town character of Montgomery. To many communities are already "modern" in concept with no history behind them. The little details bring out the character in a community and makes it special.

Curb extensions would be better

**STREET FEATURES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Places to sit when there are places to go help build community

This city can't figure out public art so keep things simple with architectural flourishes that won't anger anyone. A mural would be cool but [not the same as the Montgomery sign [comment altered for content]

I like the colour and not too hippie or industrial

subtle but pretty and enhance the visual appeal

Vintage, quaint and artistic art helps make a community feel unique. With that said, 6 is more modern. A blend of historic/vintage and modern is a great look.

All similar.

Flags and banners wear and make a neighbourhood look trashy

Clearly marked pedestrian areas?

focus on pedestrian safety

Street art that reflects Montgomery's history and nature would be nice, combined with maintaining walking spaces.

I find chalked sidewalks to look messy. Hard to really see some of the images but signs on bridges would look nice and street benches in Montgomery.

They were the only two images that represent this community in the way I've known it and love it for. The street art on 46 street is a block from my house and though it didn't last long, it was a great collection of people creating and enjoying it.

#1 The sign means "pride" in our community & signals unique character #2 & #3 A huge YES! To street art, murals etc. This is stimulating to the eye (and provokes discussion sometimes) and brings a cultural element to a business area and it's fun!

Keep it friendly & simple

Keep it simple, maintenance free, friendly

Identification is very clear

**STREET FEATURES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Places to sit

Define the community as a destination

Road murals and building murals add beauty add character to an area; recruit the neighbourhood kids to do some

classic, artistic, inviting

better clearly marked pedestrian walkways

Neighbourhood banners helpful

Artwork and murals are simple and effective means of brightening a dull place.

Rustic looking

Colourful public artwork, yes! Embrace signs to the community - important!

Added interest

Like the unique signage classic doesn't get dated as artwork can. Artwork on streets expensive to maintain

Gateway to the City we are

Graffiti Abatement

They are eye catching and give a sense of wayfinding

visibility, long-lasting

Same as "street character"

Gateway structures, on the bridge & entering on trans Canada

Color

**STREET FEATURES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Street art relevant to Montgomery history. Colorful but historic

Labrynth maze-plaza (flat) -Silver springs - colourful Home Rd / 9 green area) 52

Curb extensions are hard to drive around

Maintenance shouldn't be a deterrant to good design - too restrictive - community volunteer to help

Would be good because drivers don't stop

No flags or things that need keep-up or repair

pedestrian scale light, a lot of the street light goes out

Take some ideas from Barcelona, Spain for inspiration for street art and architecture

Something that is themed that is identifiable coming and going from community

Artwork is unique

Identity, colorful, inviting spaces to gather

Need public places with good access to parking (multiple entrance/exit & street parking for quick access). New business with benches and walking traffic

Gateways & marked entries to the community

Creative seating

Identity

Places to sit would be great

Need spaces for people to sit and stay, public spaces for everyone

As long as we have 16th ave we will have people sleeping on benches etc. [comment altered for content]

**STREET FEATURES: Please tell us why you selected these images and what you like about them.**

Places to sit if possible

NOT Kitschy

**Please tell us where you feel unsafe along Bowness Road in Montgomery – Why?**

Montgomery Town Square is often and largely occupied by people who seem to be hostile and [comment altered]. The large trees in the area reduce visibility. Also, that whole square seems run-down and sketchy. Between the square and the retail area further east there are rundown homes and the storefronts also look rundown.

On any sidewalk. Crumbling, no curb, cars parked on the thin sidewalk, and numerous shady looking individuals which may deplete as density occurs

Everywhere along Bowness road is sketchy because of the proximity to 16th avenue. The nature of the homes/businesses along that road tend to appeal to people that don't seem to have pride of ownership.

Near safeway at home road, Dark path with trees all the way to the ground. I think trimming the spruce trees would solve this.

Fast Traffic, lots of traffic. anywhere down the road is not safe. Roads are narrow and no place to park for visiting local stores. Visit during rush hour, it is crazy.

Walking on the sidewalks that are right next to the road. Montgomery park by Safeway. Often groups drinking, sleeping, peeing within the public spaces

Horrible or nonexistent sidewalk on north side and lack of support from The City to install RRFB pedestrian lights at 45 Street after numerous requests. The intersection is very dangerous and does not encourage walking.

Making a left turn onto bowness road in morning or evening rush hour is extremely hard. Traffic is heavy and with no lights/stop signs is moving fast.

I feel unsafe on the narrow dark sidewalks all along Bowness Road. Hearing of the shooting last year made me feel even more unsafe. I am actually quite nervous about walking around after dark.

I also feel unsafe crossing the street even in the pedestrian walks with the lights because so many drivers are going so fast and not paying attention.

**Please tell us where you feel unsafe along Bowness Road in Montgomery – Why?**

Around current businesses. Olympia hotel and liquor stores. The fact that the businesses are so recessed, dark and not nicely accessible by foot.

The surface parking lot for the strip mall and the many auto-oriented uses.

Anywhere along Bowness Rd does not feel safe although the clean new wide areas in front of NOtables block seems safer than the rest of Bowness Rd since other sidewalks are crumbly, dirty and narrow giving the appearance of run down undesirable area.

Most of the pedestrian crosswalks on Bowness road in Montgomery feel pretty unsafe. I think drivers don't generally look for pedestrians and often people speed, especially btw Home road and the gas station. The intersection of Bowness and Home roads is really bad. I've had numerous close calls there. Again, I think most drivers are not looking for pedestrians and, as the intersection isn't quite square, some of the sight lines are bad. People also speed, especially going east to beat the light

Bus stop across from Safeway. The park beside Safeway was done as an improvement, but all it has done is attract and created a hang out for alcoholics and drug addicts.

Nowhere. Montgomery is not comparable to downtown. It is a small community that is great just the way it is.

The intersection at Bowness Rd and 43 St crosswalk has a flashing light and yet there's still too many times that cars are not stopping when pedestrians want to cross and I've seen parents snatch their kids back onto the sidewalk. This is a main intersection for people from 19 - 21 Ave to walk or bike down to the river pathway and to the bus route 1.

It's generally pretty good along that stretch.

Odd parking on NE side and do not feel safe as a pedestrian, sketchy looking 'businesses'.

Along the strip mall across from Notable

Parking issues (people pulling out without looking, people trying to parallel park when it's busy).

crossing bowness road can be dicey either by car, walking or biking. the crosswalks are used frequently throughout the day and in a few instances, cars are late to stop due to speeding. there also has been reported theft from people's garages and there is usually activity in the laneways (eg collecting empties) at all hours of the day and night.

The traffic is REALLY heavy with lots of speeding trucks, especially early in the morning. It seems those trying to avoid traffic lights on 16th, take our residential roads to get to work faster.

**Please tell us where you feel unsafe along Bowness Road in Montgomery – Why?**

It is a busy road for both pedestrians and vehicles which presents a problem. There may need to be fewer crossing options for pedestrians (like Kensington). There is some crime but that is a larger issue that can't be solved by a neighborhood upgrade - many of the individuals are poor/homeless and in need of support for addiction etc.

There are not enough people on the streets and shops along those sections to promote a watchful Eye on the streets. I don't feel unsafe their but i don't engage with that street on foot often

I will feel more unsafe if you add benches and small green spaces in a place with great huge parks already everywhere as they seem to just invite drug users, vandalism, and homeless folks needing a resting spot. I currently do not feel unsafe, as our neighbourhood is not a huge draw out of downtown. I would like to avoid a situation like the homeless camps and increased crime in Inglewood that I recently moved away from because I no longer felt safe out walking my dogs.

I think the area along the retail section (43rd to home road) is unsafe due to its design, traffic and type of people attracted to the area. It is not designed for people and public use, it has become a major traffic corridor to access other communities. With the lack of good lighting, traffic control, pedestrian crossings along with a lack of security monitoring the area is unsafe for families and small children.

Crossing bowness road, not enough speed enforcement. Need red light cameras

People speed because it is used as a primary commuting route for people avoiding 16th Avenue

At the intersection with Home Road (lots of drunk Natives tend to gravitate to that area) and closer to the junction with 16th Ave because the motels down there draw a bad crowd.

By all the sketchy stores on the north side of Bowness. The parking lot for that area is difficult to navigate and often backs up traffic. The stores are sketchy and not ones you want to hang out in or purposely go to. They seems more for just pulling in and out. Also there are frequently homeless looking people around there which makes you not want to go. Too many people collecting cans and going through garbage in this area.

cars block visual access to sidestreets. there is little space between sidewalks and fencing along bowness road so you can't see anything, you can't see if the yards are safe, it's unfinished looking. if it was finished nicely it would enhance the safety

"The park by Safeway due to loitering and public drinking.

The stripmall across from Notable is so sketchy looking and feeling the parking lot is brutal for cars coming and going. Also poor visibility with coming out of that parking lot with the street parking."

Everywhere. Run-down hotels with drug users, drug users along the river, homelessness and crime, public drinking and fighting.

**Please tell us where you feel unsafe along Bowness Road in Montgomery – Why?**

Right near shaganappi because the sidewalk cuts off, so I either need to walk on sloping hills to get to Parkdale near lots of busy traffic or backtrack to get to the bike path.

Not well lit around notable.

In "Montgomery square" outside of Safeway. There are always rough around the edge people there drinking and making comments towards me as I walk by

We often need to cross from 47th St to the intersection of Home Rd, and Bowness Rd. There is an "exit" from BOWness to turn right on Home Rd to avoid the intersection and people do not signal and take a high speed to make this exit. We feel unsafe in general walking along 47th St to MCA or 46th to Hwy 16. Traffic is fast, sidewalks are directly beside traffic and crossings feel unsafe.

Pedestrian crosswalks where vehicles are parked too close to corners, making it difficult for moving vehicles to see pedestrians.

On 17th Avenue. There are over a dozen children on my block alone. In the last 4 years there has been a boom of young families on 17th ave but 16th ave, being a gateway to Calgary attracts good and bad. There are too many breakins, drug deals, car thefts, and people using 17th ave as a shortcut during rush hour.

The North-side stretch between Home Road and the Bow River. The sidewalk is set back behind a ditch and trees, so it is less visible from the road.

all along 17th avenue. the children the area are at risk of people shortcutring through the community in their cars and transients access the area to commit crimes from the transcanada

the traffic along bowness road is very fast and the cross walk system is not always sufficient to allow for safe crossing to the few parks that can be accessed from the north side. additionally bowness is often blocked and traffic comes into the neighbourhood. traffic bumps and circles are a MUST for this neighbourhood. there are too many young kids who need to be allowed to roam with piece of mind they wont be run over. access to the river needs to be improved- crossing 16th is hard.

Too many bums

I feel unsafe when crossing Bowness Road because of the speed of cars and the lack visibility for cars to see pedestrians.

Montgomery plaza at safeway and home road - general loitering by various groups.

walking along 16 ave due to high volume and speed of traffic."

**Please tell us where you feel unsafe along Bowness Road in Montgomery – Why?**

Crossing at 43rd st because traffic is fast and doesn't necessarily obey the crosswalk signals. It's faster at 43rd than 46st ...I cross both every day.

Between 45th and 46th St. The parking for the shops is awkward and dangerous. I'm always worried my kids will get hit by a car. Also the cross walk at 45th needs crossing lights as parked cars obstruct view of pedestrians.

Unlit areas where lighting could be improved.

The 16th Ave overpass - the sidewalk ends! Also, I often have to step out of the way when waiting to cross at Home Rd and Bowness, as the bus seems to take the corners very tightly.

we have a Montgomery email chain with over 120 people from the community and the amount of home and car breaks in are rising. streets and alleys should be well lit and shopping centres off bowness road are being solicited by a rising number of homeless people.

Unsafe walking from 42st/Bowness road to Point Mckay as there isn't an current walkway. Crossing over bowness road on 42st is very unsafe during rush hours. Drivers do not slow down and do not stop by pedestrians.

I feel safe pretty much everywhere except walking beside Home Road - crime-wise, I have no issues

Not safe on 16th between 43rd & 50th

unsafe on 16 Ave between 43 St & 50th St

In the back lane at 11 pm when a bottle collector is going through containers in lane

Everywhere

in my home. Homeless people beaking into the car park at Montgomery place - Always in alley ways making driving hazzards.

n/a

George Gell Park. Needs to be tidy.

Unsafe: 7/11, husky, shell, bottle depot, red carpet in, olympic in, shwarma palace, pizza 3000. Safe: my house

Walking along 16th Avenue

**Please tell us where you feel unsafe along Bowness Road in Montgomery – Why?**

Latest murder in our community, the service station is robbed after

Plaza by Safeway, 16th Ave

Crossing Bowness Road traffic speeds & doesn't stop especially if trying to cut over the sixteenth"

Where - Front of ugly strip mall @ night. Feel safe everywhere else

I feel safe (mostly)

Pretty much anywhere after dark due to poor lighting

By the Safeway at night and the Husky on Bowness rd at night

Safe in - parks, pathways, on certain residential streets, Shouldice

Unsafe in - Certain residential streets, all of 16 Ave NW, the whole business area @ KFC/Clubhouse/Safeway, pathways/parks where there are dense brush, known "drug houses" in the community

Feel safe on most residential streets, in the parks... any places that have an open feeling (not closed in).

Unsafe - along 16th Ave

down along river where there is more vegetation (shrubs, trees) close to pathways

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Ensure that vegetation doesn't reduce sight lines, ensure that streets are kept clean and garbages emptied regularly, facelift for storefronts, nicer design for town square (maybe something like what they've done in the downtown greenspace)

crosswalks or shorter distance across road. Better sidewalks. A community/active space in the heart of the main street where people can gather and see illegal activities

Main street.....no ideas. However, I have a lot of traffic concerns in the residential hill area. Too many vehicles in the hill area greatly reduces line of sight. Ideally, restricting the height of the vehicle on the street to 6 feet,

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increasing the distance that it is safe to park near a corner, and have no parking on the downward lane of a hill. Either that, or massive speed bumps everywhere to slow traffic down.

Narrow traffic lanes where people only have to cross two 3.3 or 3.1m driving lanes from curb to curb. Right now it is way to wide. I bike down bowness road but think side streets (19 AV and 17 AV) without stop signs for E-W bikes would make a nice route, Calming to prevent E-W motor-vehicle traffic

More signage on the road for pedestrian crossings. Make walkways wider and more lighting on street.

Maybe cutting a bit from the bottom of evergreen trees. Put in proper sidewalk with curbs and a separation from traffic.

RRFB pedestrian crossing at 45 Street and a real sidewalk on north side of Bowness Road in 4600 block. Change the strip mall parking to angled like in Bowness.

Four way stops at a few intersections make limit traffic to local residents

Please please please reduce traffic and slow it down. This is my top concern.

Please widen the sidewalks significantly and update them with cleaner lines and plantlife. Please light them really well, but use lights that don't spread light up and around.

Selective businesses that encourage daytime community gathering. I feel that by making the space more beautiful, it encourages everyone to be more respectful of the space. Crime could be deterred if there are more people around. I would imagine coffee shops and restaurants would increase night time appeal of the general population.

Make spaces for people and encourage positive activity. This drives down crime and disorder.

Get rid of Bottle Depot & sleazy drug ridden motels on 16th Ave and the entire dynamics of the neighbourhood will morph.

I think the Home & Bowness road intersection needs to be made safer. I'm not sure how you could do this beyond lowering the speed limit (40?) and maybe installing a radar gun (or whatever they're called...). I have an infant and take a stroller through this intersection almost daily. Several times I have almost been hit by cars. It would be nice if the entire stretch of Bowness road through Montgomery was 40km/hour but this area in particular is bad.

Suggestion: take a 1/4 to 1/2 of the park out (by Safeway) and add parking spaces for the buinesses in the area. Even though I love natural spaces, it doesn't make sense as a park, because of the convergence of 2 busy streets, right off of a national highway. Having an empty space attracts the loners. More activity, less seclusion. It can still be made visually tasteful with trees, fancy lampposts and flowers.

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Montgomery is not unsafe. It is great just the way it is.

I would hope that as more design elements and landscaping are added, drivers will recognize that the community is more than just the commercial area and slow down.

Perhaps additional signage related to children could be added since the students from Foundations for the Future Charter Academy use this intersection a lot.

Make this stretch of Bowness Road a mixed-use, high density, walkable community. It is well established that such communities are safer. Put eyes on the street at all hours of the day and that will minimize crime.

Install at least one set of lights between 43rd street and home road, dangerous turning at peak hour. Improve parking on NE side of Bowness road, more regular police patrols.

increase lighting in the laneways, consider adding CCTV to main intersections, speed radars on bowness road. pave lane markers along bowness and make the right lane a parking lane to help slow down car traffic speeds. add sheds for all bus stops. shovel the roads!! i'm relatively new to Alberta/Calgary and find the roads at times in very rough shape after large snowfalls/icing. the laneway has tracks that make it hard to drive and have seen a few near accidents.

we have a lot of break ins, especially since the downturn. Because of the VERY diverse community we have (and want to keep) we need to look at caring for neighbours in need. There are a lot of older folks, low income, and unemployed folks who are next door to million dollar infills that are filling the blocks. I would love to see community pantries promoted to offer support from neighbour to neighbour.

Again it's a larger issue than just Montgomery. Ultimately it's a mental health issue and offering support in the form of housing and addiction counseling rather than repeated arrests and intolerance.

Shops and social spaces to promote access on the street and thus make it safer

I do not feel unsafe here.

I think that a better street design with traffic controls, pedestrian crossings and returning Bowness Road back to small town feel of what Montgomery once with was video monitoring for crime prevention, good lighting to match old town style with sidewalks and neighborhood green space integrated along the street will make an impressive impact. Remove the high traffic corridor feel and make it community again.

better indicated car lanes and junctions

Road design, street diet

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Traffic calming on Bowness road

Put a police station in, since the nearest one is extremely far away and the Market Mall one isn't much of a police station. Also keep it open late or overnight like IN EVERY OTHER MAJOR CITY IN THE WORLD. WHAT KIND OF POLICE STATION CLOSES AT NIGHT?!

More police patrols and a reduction in homeless people picking bottles out of my trash would be nice. More lighting on main street both for pedestrian crossings and for transit ect. Not a variety of stores which would attract criminals or people who are high or trying to get high (e.g., cannabis). store). You may have to address traffic and individuals frequenting 16 ave area to reduce coming into Montgomery area.

enhance the visual streetscape, ensure adequate lighting, increase sightlines ,don't reduce sightlines, don't build fencing other than chainlink so it can be see-through

Better street lighting. Selection of local businesses and building appearance that support a more bustling, positive, vibrant clientele and community feeling.

Get rid of the low-rent hotels, light up the river banks, more police presence.

Prevent and address graffiti, as this suggests people don't care about the community. I think the vacuum experts mural looks trashy and gives that area a 'rough' feeling. Address the vacant homes. The section just east of the strip mall with the blue barricades on the sidewalk is functionally safe but a terrible eyesore - may be opportunity for redesign or incorporating public art to give the area an overall boost. Make lit sidewalks to connect Parkdale and Montgomery.

More street lights. Better sidewalks.

Put up cameras in that park. Or have regular police/security presence until people move on

Separate walking corridors along main routes using landscaping will help improve safety. Better defined crossing along commercial entrances, side streets and ally ways will help improve safety.

I demand the city view the community of montgomery as in need of support to reinforce its own identity. street access restricted barriers, just as those in the community of sunnyside need to be erected to prevent those that are 'passing through' with good bad or otherwise intentions from using our residential streets.

As a year-round cyclist, I think Bowness Road is a risky road to cycle on as drivers tend to speed on it. However, I don't like the "traffic calming" measures like the curbs that bulge into the road as they force cyclists towards the traffic.

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It is time traffic barriers be put up to keep our community separate from this major artery that has all sorts of spill over. as Montgomery core grows this problem will grow exceedingly worse. why can't we have the same traffic barriers as Sunnyside? we deserve quiet communities too

"traffic bumps

Carefully places trees

better parking rules to clear the streets

over-road crossings for both Bowness and 16th ave"

More police street patrols

Nonresidents of Montgomery and Bowness shouldn't want to travel through the community on Bowness which is residential. They should be encouraged to go on 16th with better flow.

Making a culdesac at the 43rd st & 16th ave junction to limit access from 16th. Cracking down on drug related crimes and crack houses. Garages for new infills need to be built wider to accommodate vehicles and storage. Many people don't park in their garages because of lack of space and consequently, vehicles are frequently broken into.

Improve current lighting and increase in areas black out areas.

A buffer between sidewalks and the road. Flashing lights at the crosswalks that are not at streetlights.

Reduce lines of traffic to slow down cars driving through Bowness road. Can also think to put stop signs on Bowness road.

Do make sure all streetlights are working, please. 20 Ave @ 48 St (east of the intersection) has been without lights for at least 18 months - Encourage foot traffic on Bowness Road.

Get rid of bottle depot

Get rid of bottle depot, welfare motels

Neighbour hood watch

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Limit vagrancy in park by Safeway

We need a 1/2-way home - people shouldn't be living in or alleys

n/a

By improving the curb appeal of the community, could have a beneficial effect on the types of people attracted to various areas.

Push out low rate rentals. Push out hotels. If you build a walkig strip with high class businesses, then developers will buy and revitalize the sketchy businesses

Do not have a turn onto 43 from 16th, really bad idea

Wider sidewalks!!

We are part of a big city and have to accept that. By and large it is very good.

stronger police presence. Don't make the park so hospitable to transients. Pedestrian lights to slow traffic down. Police presence.

Join the CSI: Committiee @ the Comm. Assoc

Increase/improve street lights and activate alleys

lighting, police presence

Promote awareness of community support officer from CPS

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Help people get to know their neighbours. Create "gathering placaes" like Varsity has throughout their community where it is easier (& quiet) so people can rest but also feel safe being with strangers.

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I'm not sure the road in this section needs a bike lane with the Bow River pathway being so close, but cyclists should be able to get to the pathway safely and easily. That said, if more retail goes up, there should be lanes and places to lock up. Pedestrians need to be able to get from Montgomery to Parkdale via the sidewalk, and currently run into a dead end. We also need intersections to have ramps on all sidewalk corners for wheelchairs and strollers.

Inadequate parking near shops/restaurant presents many problems with the traffic flow.

I bike to work and it's ok on Bowenss road by myself but take side streets when I have my 2yr old with me. I wouldn't recommend bike lanes, they make the crossing distance too wide and give vehicles confidence to drive fast. Either make side streets (17 & 19 AV) free flowing for bikes only or cycle tracks on bowness RD. I would prefer grass and tree boulevard to narrow the road and focus on pedestrians.

Being next to 16 ave, the cut thru traffic can be troublesome. Maybe adding deadends and concentrate traffic to intersections. Sort of like kensington area.

Marking pedestrian crossings, slowing traffic, thinking about how traffi crosses the road. Maybe roundabouts?

RRFB pedestrian crossing at 45 Street, angled parking for shopping plaza on north side of Bowness Road, bike lanes along Bowness to Edworthy Park, improved sidewalks.

Cyclist need to be kept on regional river front pathway system for safest travel through neighborhood and zero interactions with vehicles. Bowness Rd needs to narrow to single lane each direction to allow safer pedestrian crossing to businesses, schools, churches and neighbors.

I want to be able to drive to and park at local businesses, but I don't need to be able to go down Bowness Road fast. I would like for there to be significantly less traffic on Bowness Road and for the speed limit to be lowered and policed constantly. A speed camera would be great. I think it's only a matter of time until a pedestrian is hit by a car. I also really value good access to the bowriver pathways for walking and cycling.

I find both driving and walking through the Home Rd/Bowness intersection very dangerous. Pedestrian visibility is very low and I am worried every time I cross the street, especially with my infant in a stroller. I am nearly hit 50% of the time and need to be watching in all directions to ensure I see oncoming traffic. The median/ concrete slab @

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18th ave and Home Road makes walking (especially with a stroller) very awkward and dangerous. Advance turning left from E Bowness to N Home would help.

I support protected bike lanes, boulevard separated sidewalks, and reduced pedestrian crossing distances. Vehicle speeds should be reduced by narrowing the roadway and adding verticals elements. The strip mall parking lot should be removed and converted to public space, with creative approaches to parking explored.

Crosswalks are not distinct with cars often parked too close to stop signs. When I need to pull onto Bowness Rd, oncoming traffic is not easily visible. I often see people (mainly children) having a difficult time and not sure when it is safe to cross Bowness Rd. Would be aesthetically pleasing to brick cross walk areas with flashing lights above.

I believe bike paths are there for safety and traffic flow and when useable should be used. E.g there is a path beside shouldice bridge but cyclists often go straight across the bridge which is not really wide enough. This has potential to cause accidents . Share the road strategies should apply both to vehicles and bicycles. Also on bowness road and home road intersection the new traffic pattern is tricky and possibly more dangerous .

We have noticed that most cyclists are going from home to downtown (city centre). They are not making short stops to local businesses in Montgomery. There is a wonderful bike path that was created along the river, so we do not understand why bike lanes would be suggested along a narrow, busy road (Bowness Road). Adding bike lanes to 16th Avenue is a tragedy waiting to happen. Adding bike lanes on any of these roads is asking for more problems. Creating congestion equals disaster.

The Shouldice Bridge was recently narrowed for traffic with an addition of a bike lane. This is completely unnecessary as the Hextall Bridge is right beside the vehicle bridge, and is a dedicated bike bridge. The snow clearing is mediocre, but when it is piled up along the curbs, it makes for difficult pedestrian navigation on the sidewalks and curbs.

Crossing Bowness Road safely is the biggest challenge.

Need at least one set of lights between 43 street and home road. It's tough to do a left hand turn onto Bowness Road from the side streets at peak hour. Have seen some pretty dangerous driving.

Traffic goes too fast currently. Cars parked along bowness road impair visibility for vehicles trying to turn onto it

The parking along Bowness Road can sometimes block line of site for vehicles turning onto Bowness Road (ie. from 45th Street). This has the potential for collision with other vehicles or cyclists.

Make the road as pedestrian friendly as possible, renovate the outdated plaza and create more open space for patios, restaurants, public art and/or gathering spaces (eg a community centre, similar to Sunnyside). Enforce speed limits on bowness and recognize the amount of usage those cross-walks on a daily basis. For transit, covered bus shelters w/ planters, lamp post signs to identify Montgomery, more street art to build identity, promote local schools/talent.

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Speeding traffic in the early mornings of winter are an issue. I almost get hit every day going to work by trucks speeding to work

Cyclists use the nearby pathways which is great. Crosswalks are generally clearly marked and cars know that it's a busy pedestrian area, but there are some close calls with pedestrians. I would like to see Bowness road have more high density living with retail space below to accommodate the new housing for young families that are being rapidly built right now.

Boulevard or median, trees, curb bulbs, 43rd street pedestrian crossing has seen close call due to high vehicle speeds on Bowness Rd

I do NOT want to lose the free flow of Bowness road on daily commutes. The lack of extraneous stop signs and lights are a dream in this city where traffic flow is a nightmare. Don't add any interruptions to flow! more/safer parking on this corridor please. I use the services in the notable complex. loading and unloading my dogs onto a busy street is unnerving. Using the underground parking is an option, but I have passed drug users on the inside stairs, and the alley and exit are Unwelcoming

The challenge is to remove the high traffic corridor the road has been allowed to turned into which brings with it many issues and risks. I think the road needs to change to bring back community to Montgomery and give the community back its old town feel (identity) and remove the high traffic, high crime elements from the community. If this includes closed circuit video surveillance then integrate that into the design to not make it in your face but its there. Something needs to change.

I feel like there's enough space for cyclists to be passed by cars, a designated cycling lane would be a cheap improvement.

If possible more condo buildings like Montgomery Place Condos

Too much cut through traffic, need more enforcement

The crosswalks need those blinking lights. Too many people just indiscriminately cross the street and almost get hit by cars. Blinkers would make them more visible. I like how there are no lights. If a light is put in, I'll turn right on Shaganappi and access my neighbourhood from there instead of driving down Bowness and turning right on 47th. The intersection with Home Road is strange and crooked too, perhaps fix that.

It is sometimes difficult to cross traffic to get on Bowness road when needing to make a left hand turn. Visibility will be important to maintain. I access my home primarily by car and I would like to keep the traffic flow good throughout this area. I do not want to see reduced lanes or parking. I do not want to see more cyclists as we have pathways close by for that and it keeps the road safer for everyone when more bicycles are not on them.

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the street just needs to be enhanced aesthetically and increase sightlines. it's sometimes hard to see down sidestreets, and can be hard to see across bowness road for purposes of turning in a car or crossing in a car or on foot. I avoid biking on bowness road and use the bike path along the river for biking or running

We really need more flashing-light crosswalks!

Challenges are that the area in front of Notable is very 'busy'; jaywalking, exiting the narrow parking lot, parked cars and a busier street.

Terrible intersection at Home Rd. All of the traffic a block to the west because of Safeway as well.

I can't get from Montgomery to Parkdale because the sidewalks on both sides come to dead ends suddenly. This is also strange as there are sidewalks under the overpasses. In the little strip mall area across from Notable, the parking lot is crowded and exiting from this area is tricky because of visibility issues due to additional street parking. Turning right or left onto Bowness Rd from 52 St is also challenging because of visibility issues - the stop is far back and cars block the view.

Driving is fine. No bike lanes on main roads. No narrowing of lanes. This is dangerous. Passing lanes are important for drivers that want to do the speed limit.

I live on 48th Ave and 47th St NW. Driving is fine, walking is difficult. The sidewalks do not have slopes to cross roads, are often cracked and crumbling, or just do not exist in some area. Walking you have to travel through areas that are dirty with road debris and salt and gravel, can be flooded, and have fast moving adjacent traffic.

More clearly marked pedestrian crossings, fewer vehicles parking on Bowness road for businesses on 16th Avenue. Reducing traffic volumes (or other options?) on Bowness road to make left turns on to Bowness road easier.

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walking is hard- traffic is fast, lights for crossing don't always get the attention of cars

cycling- no problem as an adult but worry about my kids. would be better if we didn't need to wait for cars to stop or had an actual light to stop the cars

Bowness road is in terrible driving condition with potholes and bumps. the strip mall that houses Pizza3000 etc is also very dangerous with people trying to enter and exit and merge onto Bowness road. this area needs lots of work.

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Traffic calming measures are needed along Bowness. Access from Bowness Rd to 16th is not necessary on 43 and 44 streets. By stopping cars driving through there it would be safer for pedestrians and cyclists who are traveling to and from the river pathway because traffic would be encouraged to stay on 16th. the pedestrian crossing at 16th and 43st could be changed to a traffic light that is activated by pedestrians and cyclists. would be used much more than a pedestrian overpass that isn't direct

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We need a set of pedestrian light on 42street as car doesn't respect the pedestrian sign or choose to ignore it. 42 street/Bowness road is heavily used also by students from the high-school on bowness road.

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Would be great to have a similar space to Kensington or mission, but with more sidewalk room for pedestrian walking, greenery and patios. Bike lanes would've helpful to travel along Bowness road, or at least multiple access points to the river pathway.

I would like to see Bowness Road slowed down and move traffic to 16th Avenue instead. In doing so it feel safer for walking, biking and moving around the community. I would also support reducing the amount of traffic entrances and exits along streets with 16th Avenue. It feels that some of these could be blocked off creating more of a community.

bike lanes

No bike paths

Playground zone

Change name of Bowness Road in Montgomery to Montgomery Boulevard or Main Street Montgomery as a part of this initiative.

Homeowners NOT people using services in the community

Encourage people to use their garages to park their cars! Can there be a campaign?

Require underground parking in new buildings. Parking is already a problem.

There is no safe way to turn left going onto Westbound 16th Ave from Home Road

Need left turn light from eastbound 16th to northbound Home Road

Traffic from 16 Ave who buy gas goes out through Bowness Rd to do left-east instead.

Transit route - no parking between 43 St between 17 Ave & 16 Ave or 1 side only (hard to see turning from lane)

Replace old services (water) in and along Bowness Road to homes before repaving. Tearing up the road after paving to replace services creates poor road quality and increases noise when cars drive.

Would be beneficial to have the larger regional context

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More pedestrian crosswalks with lights. Bowness Rd very dark + hard to cross.

Not well lit. Can be dangerous in the AM when walking to bus + bus sometimes doesn't see us.

The off ramp going west on Bowness Rd at Home Road to go north is a problem for pedestrians trying to get to Safeway from east.