



# Inglewood Pump Track

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## Project overview

Parks Foundation, in partnership with the City of Calgary, are proposing to build a new Bicycle Pump Track in the community of Inglewood. The design of the park will accommodate two custom-designed asphalt tracks for varying skill levels similar to the tracks in South Glenmore Park. The funds available for this project are a result of Municipal Stimulus Program Funding from the province. That funding is only available if construction can be done in 2021. Based on what we have heard from the community this matches up well with the need for family-focused outdoor amenities, a desire for active transportation needs, as well as the need to upgrade green spaces. Track design is currently happening and construction of the Pump Track is anticipated to begin this summer and be completed in fall 2021.

## Engagement overview

It is key to note that the engagement process is not designed as a voting process but rather to gather collective and balanced input to gauge response to a project. The feedback received is used to shape the project and to provide additional information that addresses that feedback.

A portal page (<https://engage.calgary.ca/InglewoodPumpTrack>) was open for input from April 19 – May 30, 2021. The page was designed to communicate the goals and objectives of the project. Focus was given to background information on how the project had evolved to this point in terms of location, function, funding and process.

## What We Asked

The City initiated engagement process was to gain insight into the overall user experience of the project site. Since bike pump track design was already in the works, the focus of engagement was on features that would enhance the user experience for the park. The questions sought response on pathway network access and future park features. As communication was key in the process, updated maps and FAQ (frequently asked questions) were provided over the course of the engagement period to add information and answer questions that had been received through other channels.

- **We want to promote people cycling to this park using the pathway network. What features would you like to see at this park that would help promote this?**
- **What types of amenities or features would you like to see added to the park site area? Please note this question refers to future build out of the site**



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**adjacent to the track area and will require further review and planning process. We are trying to gain insight on future use of the adjacent space.**

- **Do you have any other comments or questions about this project?**

## What we heard

The following is a summary of the comments received, responses have been categorized into overarching themes to provide a summary of what we heard. Themes shown are those with the frequent or recurring mentions. Comments can represent in more than one theme area. Verbatim comments are not altered for spelling or grammar, presented as received. The full verbatim of answers is also provided at the end of this report. *Shows the question type and response rate.*

**Features to promote cycle access:** *Short Text | Skipped: 66 | Answered: 317 (82.8%)*

Themes That We Heard	Supporting Verbatim Comments
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bike Racks &amp; Repair Station</b></p> <p>Representative of need/desire for place to park bikes if not actively using the track and be able to perform some minor repair work if needed – making the site more self-sufficient.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Water fountains and a station for filling bike tires.</li> <li>✓ Well connected bike paths and a few bike stands for parents who might not be interested in the park but rather for taking their kids.</li> <li>✓ Tool bench, hydration station, bathrooms, hold mini events there</li> <li>✓ Add a small repair centre (pump and some Allen keys, etc. Also some small drops for mountain bike practice!</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Washroom &amp; Amenities</b></p> <p>Representative of need/desire for other amenities to make this location more desirable as a bike location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Picnic tables - possibly with shade cover for hot days/young families, bike racks, washrooms (small fixed/portable)</li> <li>✓ Public washrooms, water fountain.</li> </ul>



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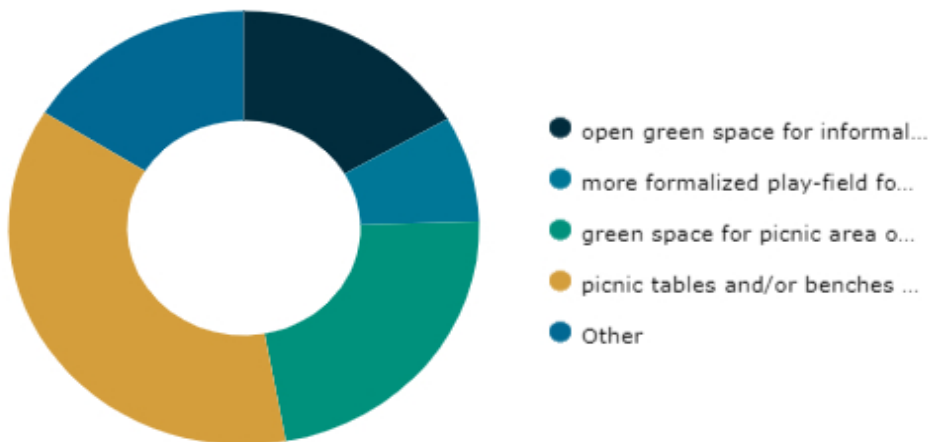
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Needs large area for cycling groups to stop and picnic with washrooms.</li> <li>✓ I'd like to see some more taller trees planted for shade and an outdoor drinking fountain for people and dogs.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wayfinding &amp; Signage</p> <p>Representative of need/desire for effective signage and wayfinding to share information on access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pathway signage pointing with distances to landmarks (e.g. Harvie Passage, Pump Track, Bird Sanctuary, etc)</li> <li>✓ Bike racks, Picnic Tables, a map of the pathways. Adding some signs on the pathways that feed into this park would help eg. Pearce estate park, Southview / 17 Ave east of deerfoot, Bird Sanctuary.</li> <li>✓ Good signage near more populated areas of the bike path. That location is a bit of the main biking area.</li> <li>✓ For a family with extremely young children, people using the pathway network would need: locations for washrooms (if there are existing, wayfinding) or opportunities to stop and rest. However, I also think parking should be offered as well.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Design Features</p> <p>Representative of need/desire for accommodation for a range of users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Wide pathway, so that kids and fast adult checkers don't have to compete for limited space. Multiple other attractions on the way there, like scenic benches, water fountains, bathrooms</li> <li>✓ Make it huge and with some scale. Make three different separate skill sections.</li> <li>✓ The beginner track does not need to be very big, people advance quickly. Rather it is more important</li> </ul>

	<p>to have a wide variety of advanced tracks so that the experience riders that everyone quickly becomes will have lots features to use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lots of different tracks and paths so it can accommodate many people at once, otherwise it gets boring waiting in line.</li> </ul>
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**Possible future ammenities and features for space adjacent to track:**

*Multiple Choice | Skipped: 16 | Answered: 367 (95.8%)*



Answer choices	Percent	Count
open green space for informal games and activity	16.62%	61
more formalized play-field for activity	7.90%	29
green space for picnic area or lounging	22.62%	83
picnic tables and/or benches for seating	36.78%	135
Other	16.08%	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>367</b>



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Do you have any other comments or questions about this project? *Short*

*Text | Skipped: 117 | Answered: 266 (69.5%)*

Themes That We Heard	Supporting Verbatim Comments
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Comments of Support</b></p> <p>Representative of comments that expressed support and excitement for the project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A combination of what is listed, green space, benches, picnic area (people may visit from other communities), food truck area</li> <li>✓ Playground that little siblings can have some fun while bigger ones on the track. Or big flat space for little ones can ride bikes.</li> <li>✓ I'd love to see a pump track in Inglewood with a connection to the Bow River Pathway so families can visit it while biking around the city. A pump track is a great incentive for a family ride and motivation for kids to bike.</li> <li>✓ Make it a model of connection to the pathway network and 9th Ave. 5A-friendly. Also connect it to the school. And, please upgrade the last bit of 9th Ave to be 5A, too. Kids should be able to ride to the pump track (without adults).</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Comments of Opposition</b></p> <p>Representative of comments that expressed concerns or opposition to the project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ I do NOT want to see this happen. I live directly across and the incoming traffic will adversely affect the area. We need a dog park or even a soccer park for the locals. The green space is also a natural playground to the kids in the area. Vote NO!!!!</li> <li>✓ No pump track. Build the park that was designed as part of the 17 Ave Bus lane project, or as was</li> </ul>



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	<p>consulted on during the Bend in the Bow discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Great concept but I don't like the location. I miss the baseball diamonds and community space. This is something for people from outside the community, not for the majority of us who live here. With no surrounding businesses, it's a real downer.</li><li>✓ I don't want this park. Why can't we just keep some natural green space as it is without paving over it????</li></ul>
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## Engagement Summation

In review of the overall responses there was a supportive nature to the questions asked and many positive comments and suggestions were received. The addition of a pump track along with future site development would appear to be a welcomed addition in this community. There was a recurrence of some opposition to the project linked to increased traffic flow and potential parking issues on the streets adjacent to the site along with a smaller sampling about the overall plan and process.

As noted above the engagement process is designed to gather a balanced and collective input that can be assessed and addressed in moving forward with the project. The public input is a key component in the overall equation in planning and development of public space but also must consider many factors including feasibility, needs assessment and budget in the development of recreation opportunities and park space.



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## Next steps

- **Spring 2021** – track design will be presented along with What We Heard Report from engagement.
- **Summer 2021** – track construction to begin
- **Fall 2021** – projected completion and open to public: this is for the pump track space only
  - full park space development continues to be reviewed and evaluated

## Verbatim Comments

Comments below are verbatim as received. The comments are divided into questions asked. They are unedited, including spelling, grammar, use of contractions, etc. The only exception is where there is profanity or personally identifying information, this is indicated in brackets. Please click on the link provided for each question to view (note question #2 results are provided in full as presented above (multiple choice question with no verbatim comments)).

For full verbatim on question #1 please click [here](#).

For full verbatim on question #3 please click [here](#).