

Encouraging Safer Public Spaces



ACTIVE SPACES

LIGHTS

HELP PHONES

Understanding that undesirable behavior can be reduced or discouraged through design, please use a sticky note to tell us where and when you feel unsafe or very safe and any ideas you have about making the area safer (programming, lighting, neighbourhood patrols or hubs, increased street activity...)

One of the most effective ways to promote safety and security is to improve design using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

CPTED is a multi-disciplinary approach adopted by The City of Calgary and endorsed by the City's Universal Design Handbook. The basic idea is that people will be less likely to break the law if there is a possibility someone might be watching them. This includes:

- eliminating dark areas or "dead spaces" where there is little or no traffic
- creating open and transparent sight lines
- encouraging pedestrian traffic in the area to create a sense of community and vibrancy.

As the Master Plan is developed, the concepts and designs will be reviewed from a CPTED perspective. We will also work with the Calgary Police Service Community Liaison Officer to identify areas for improvement.

STREETSCAPE & SAFE SPACES FEEDBACK

MONTGOMERY MAIN STREET - BOWNESS ROAD N.W. WEST SECTION (52 STREET N.W. - 48 STREET N.W.)

- Streetscape comments
- Safe spaces comments

Legend

- Multi-Residential
- Mixed-Use
- Commercial
- Special Purpose District
- Parking Permitted
- Restricted Parking (Permit Required)
- Bus Stop
- Marked Crosswalk
- Signalized Crosswalk
- Pedestrian Crossing - Overhead Flashing Lights
- Do Not Enter Sign
- Stop Sign
- Traffic Signal
- Existing Public Trees

Bridge needs to be painted (up-graded) with planters & LED lights (LED). Make it a gateway. (3)

Busy = safe
Life = safe

Light = safe

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

Could be a beautiful area for families but there are often homeless here and sketchy activity going on. It feels unsafe with my children. Transit areas and the courtyard need landscaping and improvement. (6)

The area in front of Centex and residential areas to the west is run down, dirty and unsightly. Landscaping for the walking corridor should add foliage/privacy and improve safety.

Better grocery store!!! And more options

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

Feel unsafe by the Safeway at night and the Husky on Bowness Rd. at night

Feel unsafe near Safeway at Home Rd., dark path with trees all the way to the ground. I think trimming the spruce trees would solve this.

Unclear park character. Not a destination. Currently feels like a Safeway asset

Montgomery Town Square is often and largely occupied by people who seem to be hostile and have mental illnesses. The large trees in the area reduce visibility. Also, the whole square seems run-down and sketchy. Between the square and the retail area further east there are rundown homes and the store fronts also look rundown.

Interface with garage. Doesn't look nice (along Home Rd.)

As a pedestrian or biker, this area is unsightly and smelly. You have to navigate through patches of pavement and alleyways and behind grease and garbage dumpsters. A separate pedestrian corridor is really needed with landscaping buffers to add safety and clean up this area.

The sketchy hotels need to go. Hub for drugs & violence. (4)

Activate space more. Encourage more people in space. (4)

Future children's cottage (2)

Feel unsafe in the park by Safeway due to loitering and public drinking. (4)

Noisy in park from traffic

Could be great but proximity to busy Bowness Rd. with little sound attenuation and vagrancy makes people stay away.

Something interactive if fenced. Something small for kids

We need a fence for kids and dogs (2)

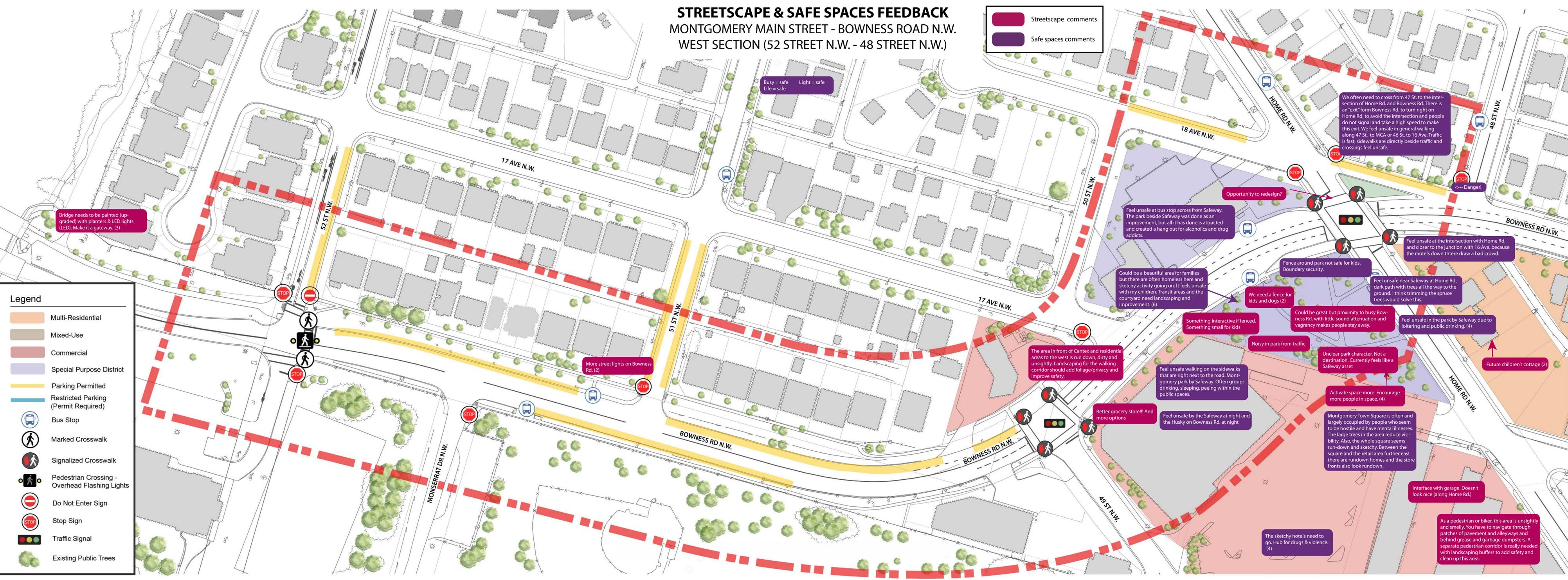
Fence around park not safe for kids. Boundary security.

Opportunity to redesign?

Feel unsafe at the intersection with Home Rd. and closer to the junction with 16 Ave. because the motels down there draw a bad crowd.

← Danger!

We often need to cross from 47 St. to the intersection of Home Rd. and Bowness Rd. There is an "exit" from Bowness Rd. 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 47 St. to MCA or 46 St. to 16 Ave. Traffic is fast, sidewalks are directly beside traffic and crossings feel unsafe.

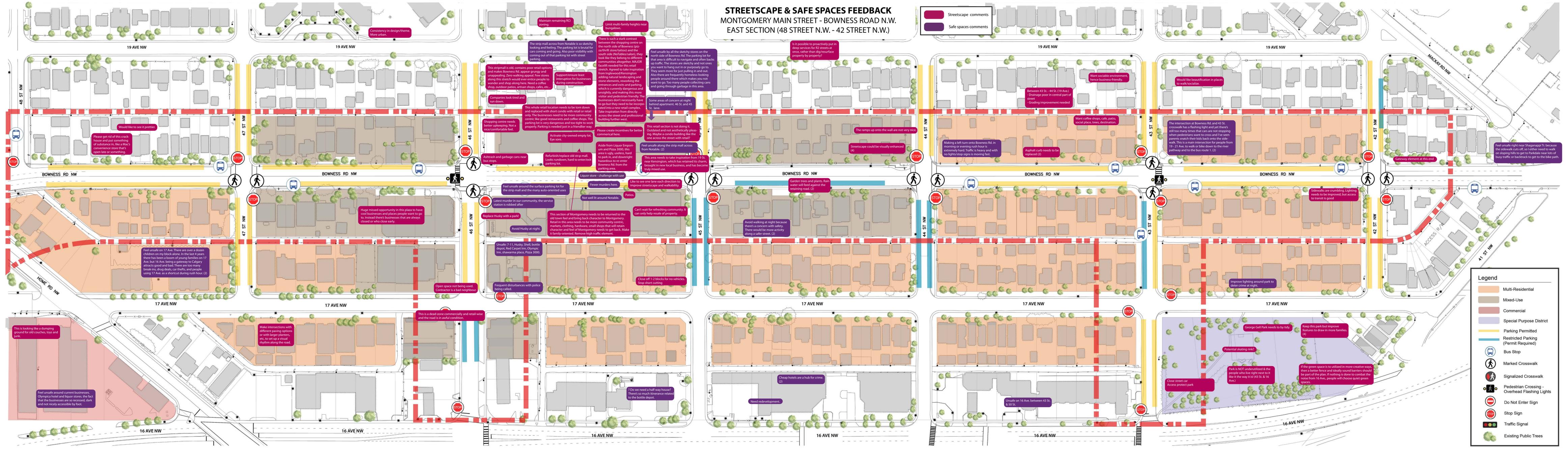


STREETSCAPE & SAFE SPACES FEEDBACK

MONTGOMERY MAIN STREET - BOWNESS ROAD N.W. EAST SECTION (48 STREET N.W. - 42 STREET N.W.)

Streetscape comments

Safe spaces comments



Legend

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Would like to see it prettier.

Please get rid of this crack-house and put something of substance in, like a Me's convenience store that's open late or something.

Consistency in design theme. More urban.

Maintain remaining RCI zoning.

Limit multi-family heights near bungalows.

This strip mall 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 street parking.

This strip mall is old, contains poor retail options and makes Bowness Rd. appear grungy and unappealing. Zero walking appeal. Few stores along this stretch would ever entice people to wander and shop along here. Need a coffee shop, outdoor patios, artisan shops, cafes, etc.

Companies look tired and run down.

This whole retail location needs to be torn down and replaced with short condo with retail or retail only. The businesses need to be more community centric like good restaurants and coffee shops. The parking lot is very dangerous and too tight to work properly. Parking is needed just in a friendlier way.

Shopping centre needs better upkeep. Not a nice comfortable feel.

Activate city-owned empty lot. Eye sore.

Refurbish/replace old strip mall. Looks rundown, hard to enter/exit parking lot.

Strip mall across from Notable. Agree to take inspiration from Inglewood/Kensington adding natural landscaping and stone elements, reworking the entrances and exits and parking, which is currently dangerous and unsightly, and making this more visitor and pedestrian friendly. The businesses don't necessarily have to go but they need to be incorporated into a new complex. Take inspiration from directly across the street and professional building further west.

Some areas of concern at night behind apartment, 46 St. and 45 St. lane.

Feel unsafe by all the sketchy stores on the north side of Bowness Rd. 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 seem 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.

Is it possible to proactively put in deep services for 42 streets at once, rather than dig/resurface property by property?

Want sociable environment, hence business-friendly.

Between 43 St. - 44 St. (19 Ave.) - Drainage poor in central part of street. Grading improvement needed.

Want coffee shops, cafe patio, social place, trees, destination.

Would like beautification in places to walk/socialize.

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 11/2.

Feel unsafe right near Shaganappi Tr. 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.

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

Asphalt curb needs to be replaced (2).

The ramps up onto the wall are not very nice.

Streetscape could be visually enhanced (4).

Feel unsafe around the surface parking lot for the strip mall and the many auto-oriented uses.

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

Replace Husky with a park.

Avoid Husky at night.

Unsafer: 7-11, Husky, Shell, bottle depot, Red Carpet Inn, Olympic Inn, Shawarma place, Pizza 3000.

Frequent disturbances with police being called.

Close off 1-2 blocks for no vehicles. Stop short cutting.

Liquor store - challenge with use.

Fewer murders here.

Not well lit around Notable.

Patios.

Like to see one lane each direction to improve streetscape and walkability.

Can't wait for refreshing community. It can only help resale of property.

Garden trees and plants. Rain water will feed against the retaining road. (2)

Avoid walking at night because there's a concern with safety. There would be more activity along a safer street. (2)

Streetscape comments

Safe spaces comments

Feel unsafe on 17 Ave. There are over a dozen children on my block alone. In the last 4 years there has been a boom of young families on 17 Ave. but 16 Ave. being a gateway to Calgary attracts good and bad. There are too many break-ins, drug deals, car thefts, and people using 17 Ave. as a shortcut during rush hour. (2)

Huge missed opportunity in this plaza to have cool businesses and places people want to go to. Instead there's businesses that are always closed or who close early.

Open space not being used. Contractor is a bad neighbour.

Feel unsafe around current businesses, Olympica hotel and liquor stores. The fact that the businesses are so recessed, dark and not nicely accessible by foot.

Make intersections with different paving options or with larger planters, etc. to set up a visual rhythm along the road.

This is a dead-zone commercially and retail-wise and the road is in awful condition.

George Gell Park needs to be tidy.

Potential skating rink?

Park is NOT underutilized & the people who live right next to it like it the way it is (43 St. & 16 Ave.)

Close street car. Access protect park.

Keep this park but improve features to draw in more families. (4)

If the green space is to be utilized in more creative ways then a better fence and ideally sound barriers should be part of the plan. If nothing is done to combat the noise from 16 Ave., people will choose quiet green spaces.

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