

We'd like to provide you with a few updates relating to the Banff Trail Area Improvements Project:

1) Engagement overview

On Thursday, October 24, 2019, we held a public open house that was attended by approximately 171 participants. To view the information that was presented, [click here](#).

Our project team received approximately 50 contributions of feedback in-person, with an additional 48 contributions submitted online. To view a copy of the report which outlines what we heard, [click here](#).

Thank you to those of you who took time out of your schedules to join us and/or provide feedback on this project.

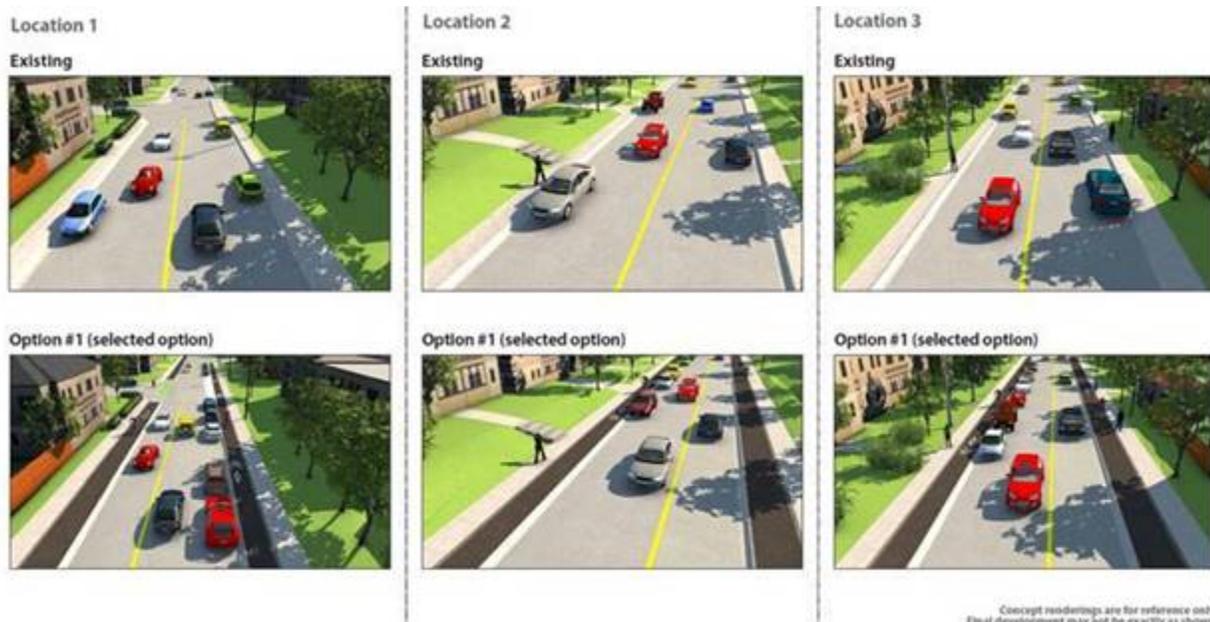
2) Selected options

The final design options for both 24 Avenue N.W. and the Banff Trail N.W. cross-section were selected using the feedback we received from citizens, along with the technical recommendations received from our in-house experts.

a) 24 Avenue N.W.

Two design options were developed for 24 Avenue N.W. (between 14 Street N.W. and Crowchild Trail N.W.). Both options integrated improvements for safety and accessibility for people walking, cycling, using e-scooters, and driving along 24 Avenue N.W. Option #1 features sidewalks and pathways on both sides of the street and option #2 features multi-use pathways on both sides of the street. Both designs were reviewed in detail and **option #1** has been selected as the preferred option for 24 Avenue N.W.

Here's a look:



This option was selected because...

- It features both sidewalks and pathways. The sidewalk provides space for people walking and using wheelchairs while the pathway provides space for people cycling and using e-scooters, in-line skates, and skateboards. Having dedicated space for people travelling at different speeds makes it safer for everyone.
- The pathways are one-way, so people cycling are travelling in the same direction as motor vehicles which is more predictable and safer at intersections.
- This design with pathways and sidewalks more easily accommodates people of all abilities and is more intuitive for all road users.
- Having sidewalks and pathways makes it easier to plant street trees and the streetscape look and feel was preferred in the public feedback we received.
- Winter maintenance is easier with sidewalks and pathways. The City will be responsible for clearing the pathways and residents will be responsible for clearing the sidewalks.

b) Banff Trail N.W. cross-section

The work we are doing along the Banff Trail N.W. corridor is in alignment with the Banff Trail Area Redevelopment Plan. As presented at our most recent open house and online, **option #2** has been selected as the preferred cross-section for Banff Trail N.W.

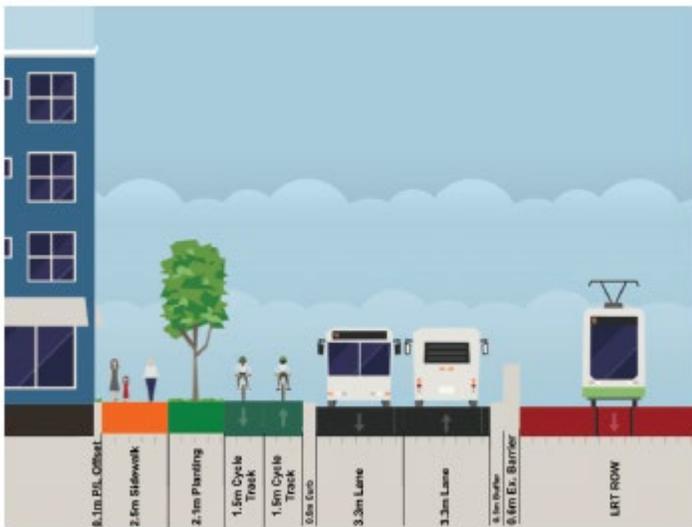
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Existing:



Option #2 (selected option):

Cycle track on west side of road



This option was selected because...

- It improves access to businesses on the west side of Banff Trail N.W. (A wider sidewalk and cycle tracks on the west side).
- It creates a continuous active transportation connection between 16 Ave N.W. and 24 Ave N.W. (along Banff Trail N.W. and 24 St. N.W.) with safe crossings provided at intersections.
- It creates a connection to the new multi-use pathway on the north side of 16 Ave N.W. (between Crowchild Trail and 19 St. N.W.).
- This configuration is intuitive and easy to navigate for residents, commuters, and visitors.

- It provides added space, away from vehicular traffic, for people who walk and wheel, with opportunities for landscaping and trees.
- No conflict with people exiting the Banff Trail LRT station.
- Wider cycle tracks are easier to maintain in winter because larger equipment can be used and there is more space for snow storage.
- This option provides continuity for the cycle network to the new pathway on 24 St. N.W. and the pedestrian bridge across Crowchild Trail.

3) Project timeline

Utility relocations will begin in January and continue through to the end of Q1 2020 with construction to follow. Here's an approximate overview of what to expect:

- **Q1 2020:** Utility relocations (water, gas, electrical)
- **Spring 2020:** Construction begins
 - **2020 Construction Areas:**
 - 24th St. N.W. (16th Ave N.W. to approximately 19th Ave N.W.)
 - Westbound 16th Ave N.W. off-ramp onto northbound Crowchild Trail
 - Crowchild Trail (16th Ave N.W. to 32nd Ave N.W.)
 - 16th Ave N.W. (University Dr. to 19th St. N.W.)
 - New Connector Road from Laneway to Banff Trail
 - Crowchild Trail & 24th Ave N.W. (Intersection Improvements)
 - 24th Ave N.W. (early works pedestrian crossing improvements)
 - **2021 Construction Areas:**
 - Banff Trail (16th Ave N.W. to 23rd Ave N.W.)
 - 24th Ave N.W. (23rd Street to 14th St. N.W.)

As indicated above, construction will begin in the spring of next year and ramp up from there. For the most timely updates, visit the [project page](#) and sign up for our [e-newsletter](#) if you haven't already done so.