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## Inglewood Transit Study



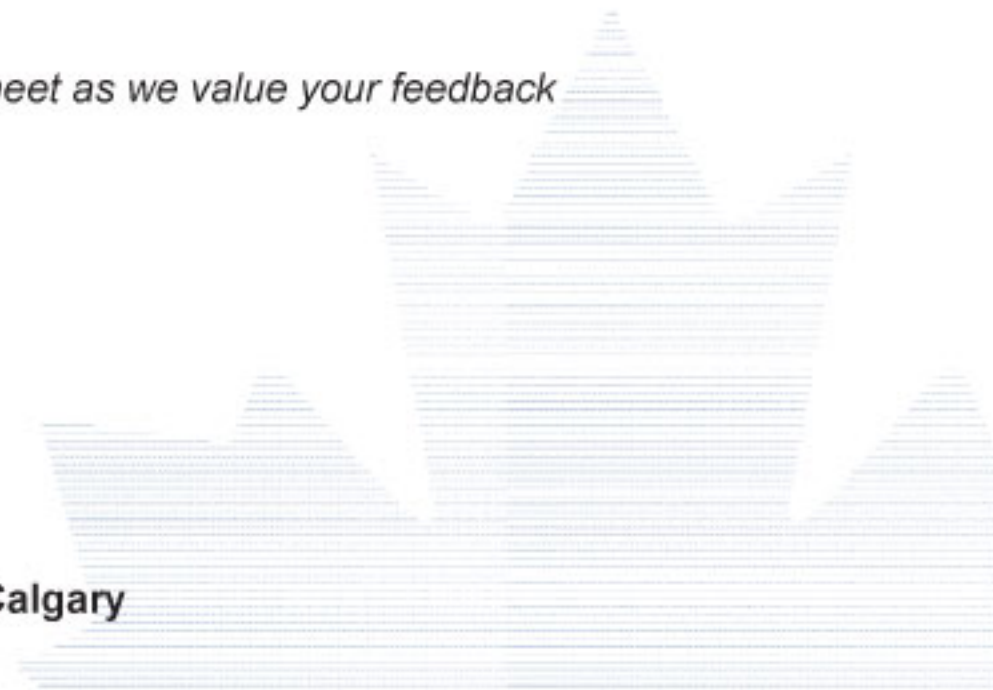
### WELCOME!

Thank you for attending our open house. There will be no formal presentation today so please take the time to read the boards. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach one of our representatives.

*Please complete a comment sheet as we value your feedback*

**4 pm to 7 pm**  
**September 16, 2009**

Hosted by:  
**AECOM on behalf of City of Calgary**





## PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE

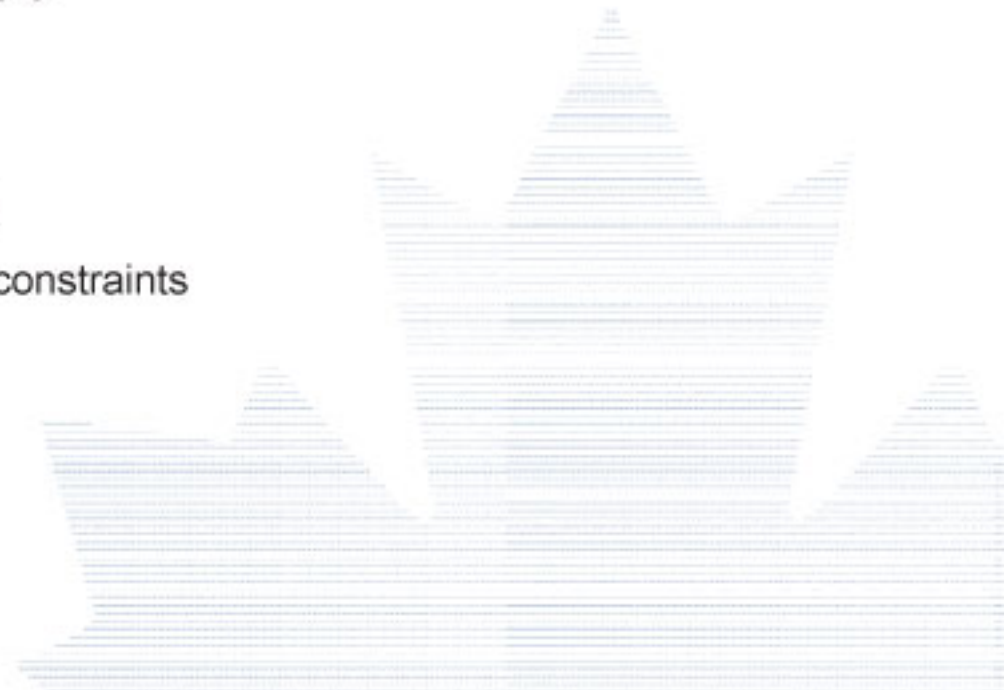
To make the community aware of the:

- Background to the Inglewood Transit Study
- Current study process
- Alternative transit corridors



To invite public input regarding:

- Existing conditions and constraints
- Options / alternatives







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### LOCATION MAP



- Please use a pin to indicate where you live on the map.
- Sticky notes are available to identify any issues you want to express.







## PROJECT BACKGROUND

### Background:

The Inglewood Transit Study is part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Transportation Planning Study, which The City of Calgary has initiated to identify the future transportation requirements for the corridor.

### Purpose of the Inglewood Transit Study:

The overall project purpose is to provide The City of Calgary with a recommended transportation plan for 17 Ave SE, to include reserved bus lanes with a continuous Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service leading into the downtown through Inglewood.

A BRT is a distinctive, frequent and limited-stop bus service. Reserved bus lanes allow for transit priority at traffic signals.

In **Inglewood** the study will consider existing and future transit needs of the community, in order to accommodate the BRT service.

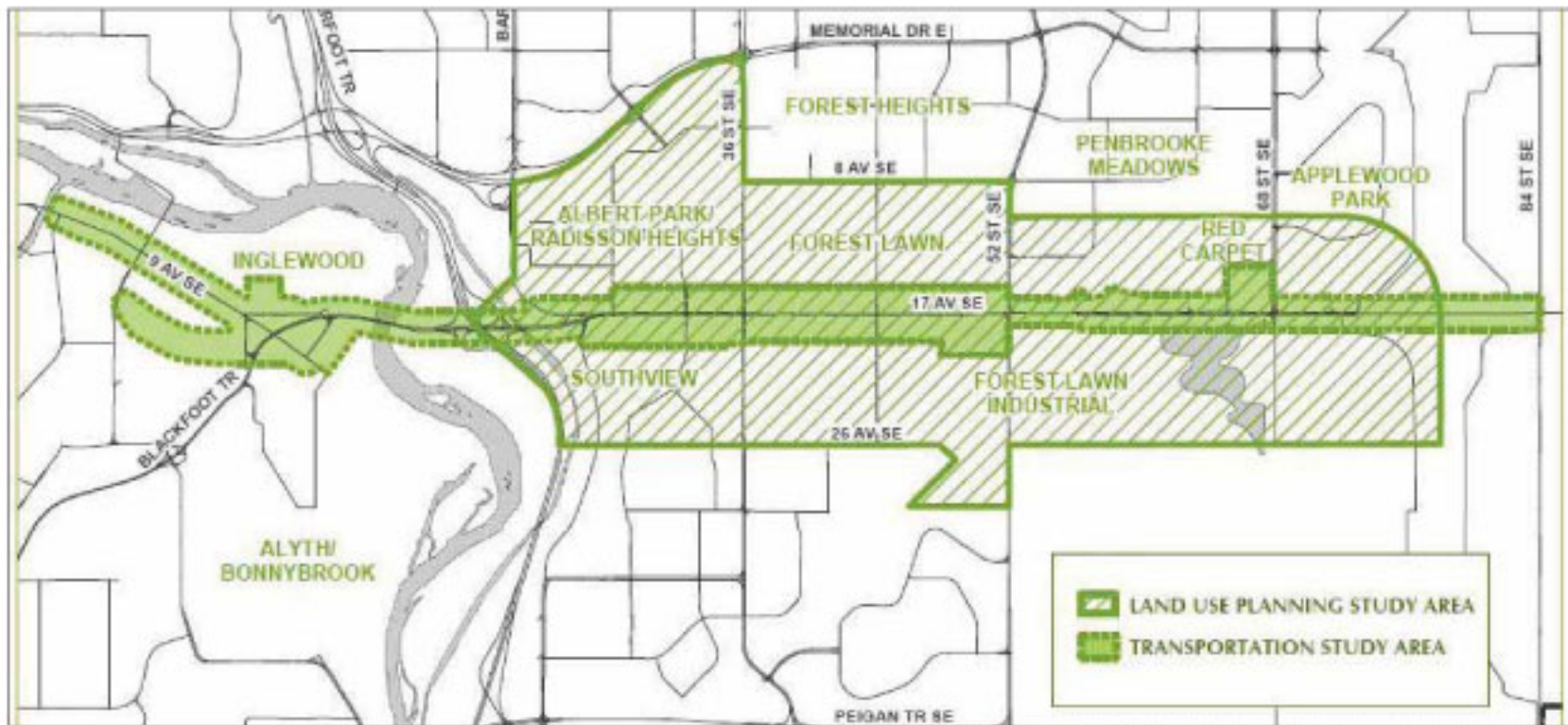




## STUDY AREA

The study area includes:

- 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Forest Lawn, from 84<sup>th</sup> Street to Deerfoot Trail
- 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Inglewood from Deerfoot Trail to the Elbow River Bridge







## STUDY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the study is to identify a preferred transit route that will provide enhanced service along the 9 Ave SE and the 17 Ave SE corridors.

## STUDY PROCESS

The main components of the study process are:

- Collection and analysis of Information about the study area
- Develop alternatives (preliminary route concepts)
- **Open House #1 – Show potential alternatives & request feedback**
- Preliminary evaluation of alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative
- Open House #2 – Present preferred alternative and recommendations
- Finalize preferred alternative
- Recommendations and report



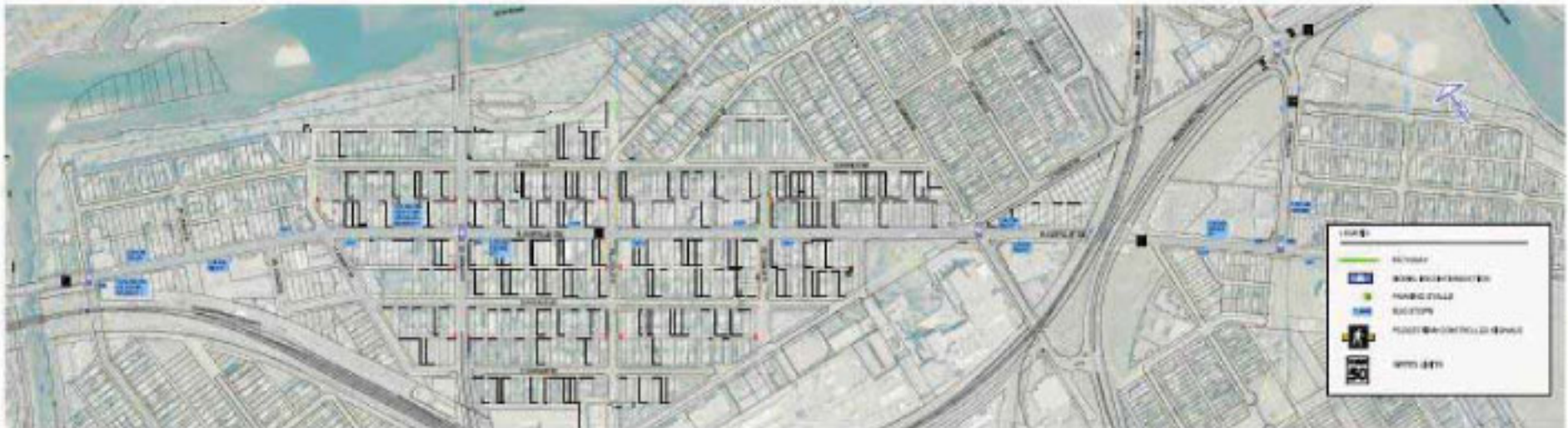


## EXISTING TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS

The Community of Inglewood and the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor are an historic area of Calgary, with a mix of residential and commercial land uses. This area has been the focus of extensive planning studies over the past 4 decades.

9<sup>th</sup> Avenue features:

- Current BRT route for Route 305
- Part of Calgary's primary transit network
- 4 lanes for traffic, including parking on both sides (except in peak hours)
- Signalized intersections at 8<sup>th</sup> St, 12<sup>th</sup> St and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave / 15<sup>th</sup> St
- A number of accesses to properties and businesses fronting the roadway







## PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

### Alternative 1: Existing Alignment Along 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- Uses existing vehicle lanes on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, similar to current Route 305
- 2 potential variations (Alt 1B and 1C) for accessing 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue

#### *Features:*

- Fits best into the existing transit service (short to medium term)
- No infrastructure improvements required
- Sharing of common stop locations with existing routes
- Increase frequency of buses along roadway



### Alternative 2: New Alignment Following CPR Right-of-Way

- Reserved Right-of-Way along CP Rail alignment

#### *Features:*

- Reserved bus lanes resulting in higher transit priority (no conflicts with other vehicles)
- Potential to increase ridership from the southern community
- No increase of buses within community
- Added infrastructure requirements
- 9 Ave would continue to be served by local buses





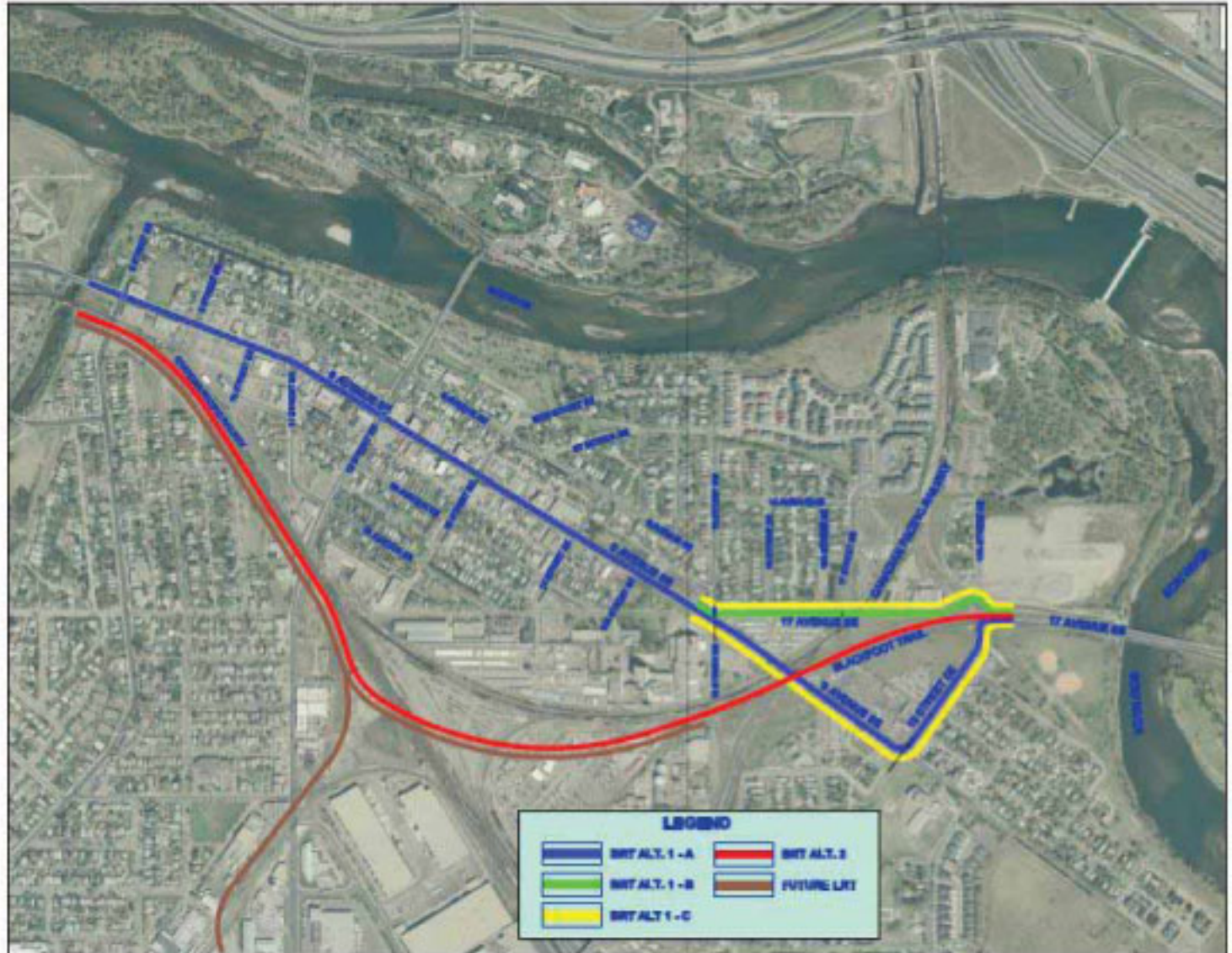


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### ALTERNATIVES





## EVALUATION PROCESS

The two alternatives will be evaluated based on the feedback received and according to the following criteria:

- Safety
- Traffic operations
- Transit and active modes
- Cost
- Social and environmental impacts



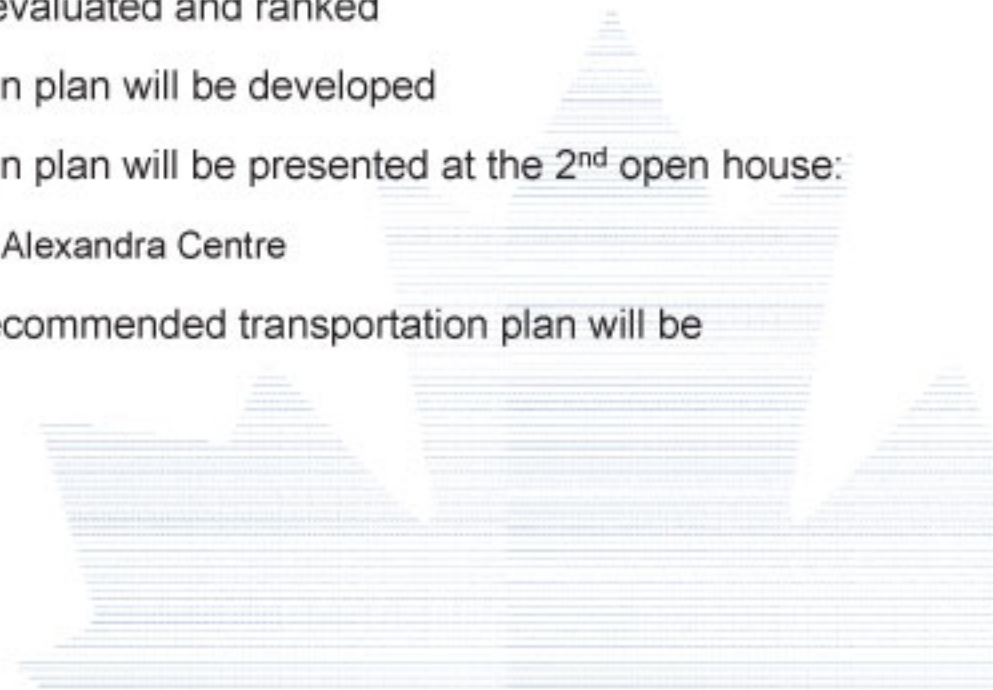




## NEXT STEPS

### Following this open house:

- Comments received from this open house will be reviewed and considered when developing the final recommendations for the study corridor.
- The alternatives will be evaluated and ranked
- A preferred transportation plan will be developed
- A preferred transportation plan will be presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> open house:
  - November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Alexandra Centre
- A report including the recommended transportation plan will be prepared and finalized





## HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE COMMENTS?

- Discuss your thoughts with one of the team representatives
- Fill out the comment sheet provided and drop it in the box near the entrance, or return by mail or FAX to the address on the back by September 30, 2009.
- Stay informed. Stay involved.



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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING**

