



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

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Project overview

The 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space project seeks to enhance an underused community space under the 4 Avenue Flyover. Using your feedback, Landscape Architecture students from the University of Calgary worked with Grade 6 students from Langevin School in a youth-led design process to create concepts for how this space could be reimagined. In total, six designs were created. The project team is working toward one single design using elements from these six based on public input and other considerations (City of Calgary policies and plans, operations, best practices and technical guidelines).

Engagement overview

Engagement occurred in two phases.

Phase one of the 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space project:

- Gathered feedback on your priorities regarding use of the space under the 4 Avenue Flyover
- Provided feedback from our engagement to University of Calgary and Langevin students for consideration when formulating concept designs

Phase two of the 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space project:

- Provided an opportunity for you to provide feedback on aspects of your preferred concept design

Engagement Guiding Principles

In alignment with City Council's [Engage Policy](#), all engagement efforts, including this project are defined as: *Purposeful dialogue between The City and citizens and stakeholders to gather meaningful information to influence decision making.*

As a result, all engagement follows the following principles:

- **Citizen-centric:** focusing on hearing the needs and voices of both directly impacted and indirectly impacted citizens
- **Accountable:** upholding the commitments that The City makes to its citizens and stakeholders by demonstrating that the results and outcomes of the engagement processes are consistent with the approved plans for engagement
- **Inclusive:** making best efforts to reach, involve, and hear from those who are impacted directly or indirectly
- **Committed:** allocating sufficient time and resources for effective engagement of citizens and stakeholders
- **Responsive:** acknowledging citizen and stakeholder concerns



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- **Transparent:** providing clear and complete information around decision processes, procedures and constraints.

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What we asked – Phase one

Feedback in phase one of engagement was collected online from January 19 – 26, 2017 and at an open house on January 25, 2017. Information of these engagement opportunities were shared with you through the media and temporary mobile signs in the neighbourhood. Details of the in-person and online engagement activities were also emailed to many of you to share with your networks.

Online and in-person engagement asked:

Thinking of the future of this outdoor space, which five things below are most important to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public art | <input type="checkbox"/> Easier access for walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Easier access for biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming community entrance point | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-generation use | <input type="checkbox"/> Community culture and heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A space that encourages slow pace movement (stroll, sit, socialize, read) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-season use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A space that encourages fast paced movement (outdoor gymnasium/park, biking, skateboarding, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |



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What we asked – Phase two

Phase two of engagement sought to understand which design you preferred based on the community priorities of welcoming community entrance, vegetation, public art and lighting. We also wanted to understand which design you would feel safest in and which design you thought would be easiest for walking in and around. Feedback was collected online from April 6 to 16 and in-person at two open houses. Open houses were held April 6 at the Bridgeland Riverside Community Association and April 13 at the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre. Promotion of online and in-person engagement was similar to the first phase of engagement with the addition of posters placed inside the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre.

Online and in-person engagement asked:

Question 1

- A. In your opinion, which design best meets the priority of welcoming community entrance?
- B. In your opinion, which design best meets the priority of vegetation?
- C. In your opinion, which design best meets the priority of public art?
- D. In your opinion, which design best meets the priority of lighting?

Question 2

Public input revealed that safety is important. In your opinion, which design would you feel safest in?

Question 3

In your opinion, which design do you feel is easiest for walking in and around?

Each of the questions listed above asked you to share the reason for your selection to help us understand why you answered the way you did. Understanding your reasons for your choices helps us to tell your story and will assist the project team to choose aspects of each design that reflect what you would most like to see included in this space.

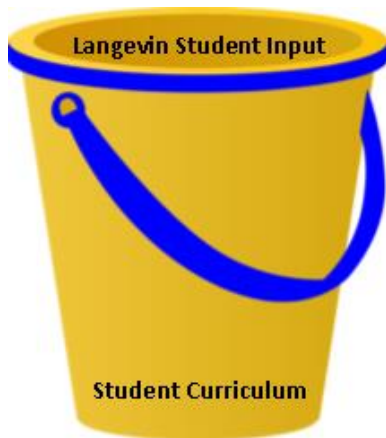
What we heard – Phase one

The input we received from those of you that attended the open house on January 25, 2017 and participated in the online survey from January 19 – 26, 2017 was that you prioritized welcoming community entrance, lighting, public art, vegetation, safety and easier for walking in and around. This is outlined further in the [Summary of Input](#) (pg. 9).

The concept designs for the space under the 4 Avenue Flyover are being developed using multiple considerations. We have represented these considerations, including your input, for this phase of the project using buckets which are in no particular order. These were shared with the University of Calgary and Langevin School students on February 9, 2017 to demonstrate the factors, including engagement, that are considered when projects like this are proposed.

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What we heard – Phase two

Six designs created by University of Calgary Landscape Architect students were shared with you. These designs were created using input from phase one of engagement. All students that created these designs attended the open house on April 6 and one attended the open house on April 13. City of Calgary staff documented design descriptions for each design to add to online images and to include at the open house on April 13. The chart below is a list of the designs and these descriptions. All design titles have been provided by the students with the exception of Flyover Park Design. In the case of the Flyover Park Design, there was no official title so we gave it this heading to assist us to keep track of responses online and in-person. The headings below include the titles and the numbers they are associated with the online survey for your convenience. Please note that the numbers in this chart do not align with the numbers from the open houses. This is the reason we used titles to track your feedback. So, if you attended the open house and then completed the survey online, the numbers would be different but the titles remained the same.

<p>Flow Over Park (design 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sculpted park-street interface to slow traffic and create safer streets for crossing pedestrians. • Outdoor classroom space for facilitating outdoor learning opportunities. • Log forest play structures encourage nature play. • Amphitheater doubles as a skating rink in winter. • High points highlighted with boulder installations to create site view points. • Dry creek infiltrates road runoff, terminating in a bioretention pond to handle intense precipitation events and flooding. • All design elements are multifunctional, increasing overall park accessibility and encouraging greater use throughout different seasons and for different user groups. • Overall design mimics natural water systems, highlighting the importance of connecting us to our watersheds.
<p>Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover (design 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational climbing wall for active teenagers and young adults. • Under-bridge swings bring out the child in everyone. • Underpass lighting with efficient LED tubes fitted with motion sensors to bring color and light into the space while conserving energy. • Bright colored spaces create a fun, welcoming atmosphere. • Gateway elements welcome pedestrians into the space. • Design focuses on flexible site use, with something for all ages and levels of mobility.



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<p>Flyover Park Design (design 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nodal, circular seating area allows for passive park enjoyment while retaining connection to the surrounding activity. • Bio-retention swale and infiltration pond handles stormwater runoff. • Amphitheatre with comfortable wooden seating benches encourages social interaction and creates a space for performing artists. • Play features beneath overpass encourage active play with large hillside slides and a climbing feature. • Community garden allows for local food production and brings residents to the space during the warm seasons. This area can also be used as a small market space and communal gathering area. • Bird houses and “rabbit holes” are a visual interest, reflect sense of nature, and encourage play. • Roadway converted to permeable paving to limit traffic by allowing emergency vehicles only. This helps to establish a pedestrian-friendly space.
<p>Bridgeland Plaza (design 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converts roadway into a wide, boardwalk-like walking pathway to an improved pedestrian experience. • Infiltration rain garden captures and infiltrates road runoff. • Mirrored art installation on underside of flyover bridge reflects sunlight and expands the sense of space. • Siliva cells support & enhance tree growth by preventing soil compaction and allowing for runoff infiltration, resulting in larger and healthier trees. • Curb cuts allow road runoff to flow into infiltration gardens.
<p>Niiso Park (design 5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sunny Hill” – South facing, sunny slope redirects light to the nature play area beneath the overpass using sun-capturing sculptures. • Winter skating rink doubles as a stormwater runoff catch basin and infiltration pond during the summer. • Human-powered “light machines” provide lighting while encouraging active play. • Filtration terraces bring water down from the flyover bridge. • Woonerf living street design softens the pedestrian-street interface and calms traffic.



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<p>The Riverside Place (design 6)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green infrastructure combines nature play with functionality. • Natural features encourage children to interact with nature in a simple, organic way. • Climbing wall is a play structure and a noise & dust barrier from traffic on memorial drive. • Oversized river pebbles provide seating and line a painted “roadside river” that calms traffic, while connecting people to the Bow River pathway system. This helps establish a sense of place for this riverside community. • Urban orchards provide accessible food for the community. • Slide down the hillside to the willow maze and immerse in active nature play!
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You provided feedback online from April 6 to 16 and in-person April 6 and 13. You shared with us your preferred designs for welcoming community entrance, lighting, public art and vegetation. Additionally, you shared your preferences for which design you thought you would feel safest in and which design you felt would be easiest for walking in and around.

Your preferences for each priority were:

Welcoming Community Entrance	Flow Over Park
Lighting	The Riverside Place
Public Art	Reimagining 4 Avenue Flyover
Vegetation	The Riverside Place and Niiso Park
Would feel safest in	The Riverside Place
Is easiest for walking in and around	Niiso Park

We summarized your selections and included explanations for the reasons why you preferred these designs, including the various aspects from each that you would like to see incorporated in the final design. These can be found in the [Summary of Input](#) (p. 9 – 13)

It is important to note that we learned that the designs in the online survey used the first day were not the most recent versions of the designs. We closed the survey when we discovered this and the designs were updated, at which point the survey was reopened. The placement of the designs in the survey did not change. There were minor alterations to the designs themselves and we added student descriptions to each design. For the very few of you that responded to the online survey before the designs were updated and student descriptions added, your responses are included in the [Summary of Input](#) (p. 13 – 15)

All of your input combined with City of Calgary policies and plans, operations and best practices as well as technical guidelines will be used to help the project team make a decision on a final design concept.



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- City of Calgary policies and plans help us understand high level priorities for our city. As an example, The Calgary Transportation Plan was used to help us understand the role of different types of streets. We applied it to help inform how the street at this project site should be welcoming to pedestrians and cyclists.
 - Technical guidelines are specific instructions that keep people and infrastructure safe. An example of technical guidelines for this project could be the kinds of trees that successfully grow in different types of soil.
 - City of Calgary operations and best practices include the experience and expertise of our employees. One example of this is how City of Calgary, Water Resources is able to provide instruction on what aspects of the design would best support stormwater management and infiltration.
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Next steps

This What we Heard report will be shared with the project team. Your input, combined with other considerations, including City of Calgary policies and plans, operations and best practices as well as technical guidelines will be used to determine what aspects could be included in a design concept for the 4 avenue flyover public space. The final design will be posted to the [4 Avenue Flyover Public Space](#) engagement page in June 2017. Details of a potential presentation of the project to Calgary Planning Commission (CPC), along with any other dates, including celebrations, will also be posted on the 4 Avenue Flyover Public Space engagement page.

Summary of Input phase one

Below is a summary of your input from online and in-person engagement in phase one. This highlights the priorities which you told us were of most importance to you when reimagining the space under the 4 avenue flyover.



The top four themes from the first phase of engagement are below and are in no particular order.

- Welcoming community entrance
- Vegetation
- Public art
- Lighting

When we reviewed all the feedback regarding easier access for walking and biking, those of you that responded to the survey and attended the open house prioritized making the space easier for walking.

We also asked you to tell us if we missed anything and to give us your ideas of what priorities should be considered when designing the space. The top theme we heard from those of you that answered this question was that safety should be an important feature of the space and you provided suggestions like safety call boxes, and walking patrols.

Summary of Input Phase two

All of your comments from in-person and online engagement are reviewed to create themes. Each theme includes a summary and examples of verbatim comments in italics. These are the exact words you used. To ensure we capture all responses accurately, verbatim comments have not been altered. The chart on the next page reflects your preferred designs for each priority and your explanation for your selection.



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Priority from first round of engagement	Preferred Design for each priority	Detailed explanation and supporting comments
Welcoming Community Entrance	Flow Over Park	<p>Majority of you told us that you felt the Flow Over Park design best met your priority of a welcoming community entrance. You shared that you find art to be a welcoming feature in a design and you liked the open concept that this design offered. We also heard that you appreciated the community signage built into this design. Additionally, we heard from a few of you that you valued the attention this design gave to flood mitigation. We also heard from you that you felt this design would be sustainable and was welcoming to all ages. You also made specific mention of the Amphitheatre as an invitation to visit the space.</p> <p><i>“open spaces, and well thought out flood mitigation”</i></p> <p><i>“Looks like beautiful landscaping which will look even better in years to come. Looks open and welcoming like a nice garden.”</i></p> <p><i>“it has open space for art, benches, fitness, bright, and nice curb appeal. It takes good use of space for all ages. It creates a vibrant area that does not intimidate to walk at night, and a creates a feeling of welcome coming from the east end of the city.”</i></p> <p><i>“Like the colourful sign. Good placemaking/identification for community. Helpful landmark for giving direction”</i></p> <p><i>“The Ampitheatre as a welcoming invite to come settle in and stay awhile”</i></p> <p><i>“Open and easilty accessible”</i></p>
Lighting	The Riverside Place	<p>Many of you told us that you appreciated the abundance and placement of lighting in The Riverside Place design. We heard your appreciation for the creative use of lights and how well the lighting melds with the existing lighting designs nearby.</p> <p><i>“These lights are nice and tall providing good light.”</i></p> <p><i>“Lower lighting helps reduce light pollution while still illuminating the space for safety. Lights that are on</i></p>



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		<p><i>from dark to dusk will help eliminate undesirable activity.”</i></p> <p><i>“Lots of lighting”</i></p> <p><i>“I like the lighting as they match the river walk lighting”</i></p> <p><i>“Lots of lighting throughout”</i></p> <p><i>“Variety of natural and post”</i></p>
Public Art	Reimagining 4 Avenue Flyover	<p>Most of you shared that you preferred the Reimagining 4 Avenue Flyover design because of its use of the bridge in public art. You told us that you liked the use of colours and attention to a variety of artistic styles. You described the art as fun and relayed that you appreciated the functionality of the art and how it interacts with the elements.</p> <p><i>“Sculpture to help direct stormwater. Incorporation of art on flyover pillars”</i></p> <p><i>“A variety of elements that you can interact with, for all ages & all abilities.”</i></p> <p><i>“Like the rain collection idea from the bridge”</i></p> <p><i>“art that interacts with elements (water). I liked the structure/art that could be used to divert water from the middle of the bridge.”</i></p> <p><i>“Natural with amazing fun graffiti feel”</i></p>
Vegetation	The Riverside Place and Niiso Park	<p>We heard that majority of you preferred both Niiso Park and The Riverside Place designs.</p> <p>You told us that you preferred the water management, vegetation placement and higher canopy in the Niiso Park design.</p> <p><i>“The incorporation of vegetation keep the area natural and a catchment for water/ stormwater”</i></p> <p><i>“Deciduous trees have a higher canopy - provide shade in hot seasons, allow more sun in cold seasons”</i></p>



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		<p><i>“Beautiful park. Love the though process behind the eco-system. Also like the flood prevention measures.”</i></p> <p><i>“good diversity of trees and sizes/heights of vegetation”</i></p> <p><i>“because there are lots of diversity of plants, there is alos a water tunel thing that leads to the raingarden which is very useful for the plants.”</i></p> <p>We also heard that you liked the edible options, such as an orchard that The Riverside Place design offered. Additionally, you told us that you liked the willow maze in this design.</p> <p><i>“Loved how the orchard would be accessible to everyone.”</i></p> <p><i>“Like the willow maze”</i></p> <p><i>“Love edible options”</i></p>
<p>Safety</p>	<p>The Riverside Place</p>	<p>Majority of you told us that you preferred the safety considerations in The Riverside Place design. We heard from you that lighting and the open space in this design contributed to improved sightlines and increased your sense of security. You also shared that you appreciated the noise barrier and barrier to traffic from this design. Additionally, we heard from you that you felt the activities in this design would increase foot traffic to the area resulting in an increased sense of security.</p> <p><i>“Good use of light and sightlines allow for a safe walk through the space.”</i></p> <p><i>“seems to provide more lights than others, and the wall separated the site from the memorial drive road”</i></p> <p><i>“Lots of kid-friendly installations. Will attract families & pedestrian traffic!”</i></p>



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		<p><i>“sound barrier, child barrier between park and memorial”</i></p> <p><i>“Lighting & line of sight”</i></p> <p><i>“More lights, more people, more safety!”</i></p>
Easier for walking	Niiso Park	<p>Most of you shared that the Niiso Park design was your preferred design when it came to ease of walking. Your reasons included the goat trail and other paths throughout the space. You shared with us that you also appreciated the exercise and activity options of this design. We heard from you that you appreciated the added value of the surrounding vegetation and the design’s connection to neighbouring communities.</p> <p><i>“There’s a goat trail running through the whole space”</i></p> <p><i>“The vegetation added to the positive experience of walking”</i></p> <p><i>“I like all the varied areas you can walk through and the exercise area”</i></p> <p><i>“connectivity of pathways & surrounding communities”</i></p> <p><i>“Has a accessible goat trail and open paths”</i></p> <p><i>“The incorporation of grass and vegetation that people can walk on in addition to the sidewalk is inviting and consistent with other parks in the area (e.g. St. Patrick’s Island)”</i></p>

Summary of Input Phase two (prior to online update)

We closed the online survey upon learning that designs were not the most up to date. Updated designs and student descriptions were added and the survey was then reopened. In the time that the survey was open prior to the update a very small number of you had responded to the survey. Results from those of you that answered the survey before the updated designs and descriptions were included are reflected below.



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Welcoming Community Entrance	Niiso Park	<p>Of those of you that responded the survey before the online designs were updated, you shared that you felt the community signage in the Niiso Park design made you feel welcome and clearly showed where your neighbourhood starts.</p> <p><i>"I like the "Bridgeland" art across the flyover. What a clever use of the space, while incorporating the welcoming entrance idea."</i></p> <p><i>"Love the sign on the flyover - clearly shows this is where our community starts - plus adds art/ color"</i></p>
Lighting	Reimagining the 4 th Ave Flyover and The Riverside Place	<p>Those of you that responded prior to the online design update shared that you preferred the focused lights in these designs over dispersed lighting.</p> <p><i>"due to the simpler nature of design, it looks s though there will be lots of lighting"</i></p> <p><i>"I think it's smart to use lights that shine right down, right below the flyover. We don't need the type of lights that disperse in all directions because it will be really annoying for the residents living nearby."</i></p> <p><i>"identifies use and installation of lighting in darkened and shadowed areas"</i></p>
Public Art	Flyover Park Design	<p>Before the online design update, we heard from you that you preferred the Flyover Park Design for public art because you felt it made good use of the concrete and used various artistic mediums.</p> <p><i>"Re-imagining and re-use of all the concrete!"</i></p> <p><i>"it looks like there are many different art pirces, form sculptures, to paintings and design"</i></p>
Vegetation	Niiso Park, Flyover Park Design,	The preferences between each of these designs were shared. You told us that you valued an abundance of



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	Bridgeland Plaza, Flow Over Park	<p>vegetation and appreciated how these designs balance this with open space.</p> <p><i>“It has a good balance of vegetation and open space.”</i></p> <p><i>“Shows the most possible vegetation in the site.”</i></p> <p><i>“Thought given to color and seasonality as well as placement of plants. Good to not have plantings that allow hiding places or restrict visibility for safety.”</i></p>
Safer	Reimagining the 4 th Ave Flyover	<p>Before the online design update, you shared with us how the open space of the Reimagining the 4th Ave Flyover design contributes to your sense of security.</p> <p><i>“Very open. I walk through this area every morning at 0500, and for me this is a great design”</i></p> <p><i>“Seems to expand the open spaces of the area.”</i></p>
Easier for Walking	Reimagining the 4 th Ave Flyover	<p>Those of you that responded before the design update told us that you felt that the Reimagining the 4th Ave Flyover design is open and improves walking in the space. We heard that you liked the promenade in this design.</p> <p><i>“Promenade”</i></p> <p><i>“its just open like a large walkway”</i></p>



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Verbatim Comments – Phase one

Verbatim comments presented here include all of the suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and at the open house on January 25, 2017. The responses in this section were those that were identified under 'other' when we asked you to tell us your priorities when reimagining this space.

Personally identifying information has been removed and replaced with [personal information removed]; otherwise, comments here are completely un-edited.

- bouldering wall
- Bouldering climbing wall
- Have this also happen in Sunnyside/Hillhurst
- Just leave it alone. This entire project is a waste of money. The city shouldn't be spending money on this garbage. I get that your job is based on public funds, but have some respect for the taxpayer.
- Nothing mentioned here is required.
- I would like to see small cafe (like Boxwood cafe) and patio.
- Ensuring that the space is not hostile to the city's homeless population. No ground and wall spikes, no bench partitions, etc.
- Access to health services
- spend the money on Bow to Bluff instead :)
- Advertising
- Both roads (McDougall and back lane of Meredith Rd) are host to many drug-dealing activities and homeless people hanging around. Not to be negative but being a resident in the immediate area, I feel that any
- Greater security to discourage unsavory elements
- Some sort of art that people will come to see. (Lights, Statue. etc.) with multi season use and easy access
- Community garden, urban agriculture
- outdoor classroom for langevin
- An outdoor boulder wall
- Bouldering
- Easier access for
- Dog park. Fenced.
- A safe place. As a resident , that is the scariest spot along the river pathway. There are used needles on the ground around the pathways, a large group of homeless people ar
- Easier access for
- Vegetable garden for community use
- Would like to see increased walking connectivity and wider paths, to Bridgeland C-train station, Blush Lane Organic Market, Edmonton Trail and 1st Ave in view of future
- Health Care for all ages

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- Safety and absence of drug dealing, vagrancy and scammers
- With no driveways or access points from the road, do we need the cul de sac...or even the road?
Could it all be park?
- Leave it AS-IS, I live [personal information removed], and it is the ONLY open space around
- Easier access for wal
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- recreation - i.e. skate park available in all w
- Multi-
- A safe place for birds beside the space.
- shops/ reason to be there
- Playground or fitness setup x2
- Short term retail x2
- Safety call box x2
- Bike patrols x2
- Need community gardens
- Limited parking spaces
- No high rise apt buildings
- need recreational centre & pool/hockey RINK
- permissible short term coverage x2
- For a long time, I've pictured the shortest support column & the underside of the deck as a public bouldering wall. Fun for all (most?) ages.
- A community garden space x3 → planted and maintained by local schools →funded by donations → edible produce, that can be eaten for free by anyone in community
- PROPERTIES TO THE EAST OF THE FLYOVER ARE BADLY IN NEED OF "EYES ON THE STREET" (RESIDENT IF POSSIBLE) BECAUSE OF BREAK-INS, DUMPING, THEFT, AND ARSON. TWO PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN BURNED THREE TIMES EACH. X2
- Easier to walk to future LOBLAWS across Langevin Bridge
- More time to x intersection. Yes! Yes!
- We must look for ways to include the homeless in this project. Chasing them away is not a solution. Yes!!
- A mix of fast-slow paced movement would be ideal. Parents/grandparents watching kids or neighbours bouncing around being active
- Safety
- How do we minimize the noise, dust, impact of the nearby traffic?
- Take out cul de sac
- No! Would encourage cut through traffic (in reference to comment 'take out cul de sac')
- I hate how the walk cycle changed.
- Too pro-car. Boo x2 (in reference to comment 'I hate how the walk cycle changed')
- Something to keep the drug addicts and bums away



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- SAFETY There are some pretty Sketchy events/people @ location
- Slide x2
- Recreational Centre & pool
- *make it a destination - markets (seasonal) - movies - playground
- We live [personal information removed] •creative lighting would be great •the homeless people really aren't that much of a bother, don't want to push them out •don't want a skateboard park →worried about too much noise in the evening, playground would be fine
- Blue police call box
- *well-lit area would be great *really don't want a skate park *chin-up bar would be great →this area is on my regular running route
- Police bike patrols & walking patrol beats

Verbatim Comments – Phase two

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Verbatim is listed according to the priorities ([welcoming community entrance](#), [vegetation](#), [lighting](#), [public art](#), [feel safest in](#) and [easier for walking in and around](#)) and then lists the designs under each.

We have indicated in the verbatim using (?) if we could not understand the written word that was provided; otherwise, comments here are completely un-edited.

Welcoming Community Entrance

Niiso Park

- Bridgeland mural
- It feels very open and accessible, having an entrance and exit at different ends of the park feels like there are many options.
- All designs would have a welcoming entrance and would be visually pleasing from the street. Design 1 has a clear entrance from the crosswalk - Memorial and Edmonton Tr.
- Looks open and inviting. Love the design on the overpass to add colour and vibrancy to the space.
- Uses the overpass for community entry signage. However none really provide much of any real eyes on the part from the main intersection of Memorial and Edmonton Trail. All essentially keep the views into the park minimized from this intersection which will severely limit its use and potentially promote loitering.
- The park-street interface allows people to enter the community at the ground level, inviting them to explore more



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- It keeps the area natural and accessible to a variety of people.
- Specifically mentioned wheelchair accessibility
- OPEN SPACE, not a barricade
- Beautiful, well-thought out park. Great views from all-around, beautifies even the back lane of Mcdougall.
- Green with interesting light art
- Like the ice rink
- It is open to the area
- Because trees create a natural welcoming
- A welcoming entrance doesn't have to be a physical sculpture so I think that this group has a green trend to welcome everyone.
- Many different options to choose from and works in all seasons
- Best designed space
- Made side walk with vegetation on either side
- looks welcoming for people of all ages and abilities
- Feels open with spaces to stop
- You see plants right at the start of the space
- Enough space
- veggitation, welcoming lights, place to play
- something for those who visit
- Modern. Includes all ages. Flows nicely into each other

Flyover Park Design

- Deals with all levels of mobility
- Something 4 everyone!
- Straight in from crosswalk to central circle park
- It's very cool
- beutyful art
- Looks like a designed extension of the East Village and St Patrick Island plans

Bridgeland Plaza

- "Community garden!!! Love the climbing wall/ noise barrier idea from design 2 as well though. It was a tough choice"
- love the green space and the art on the fly over concrete
- It's Beautiful. Common space good for businesses.
- I love the lighting for this design. Creates an openness in the area.
- There is walking space and it cachis the water. The lighting is nice.
- Open & welcome. Feel safe.



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- Extra park for community people. Can relax here
- I liked that it fits in with the other side of the river. It is also very spare.
- Wide, promenade-like entrance
- I like how it mirrors elements from the river walk in the East Village and defines Bridgeland as a community.

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- Aesthetic and functional.
- Accessibility and harmony with our environment is obvious. I particularly like the multi-use bench design.
- Public art on flyover. Plus climbing wall and swings animating the space with activity. So cool! I love it. Very good use of a blank concrete wall.
- I love the lighting for this design. Creates an openness in the area.
- I welcome people, not vehicles
- Open & colourful
- Unique and good idea. But art would need to incorporate "Bridgeland" name somehow.
- Very welcoming to look at

Flow Over Park

- open spaces, and well thought out flood mitigation
- Looks like beautiful landscaping which will look even better in years to come. Looks open and welcoming like a nice garden.
- I love the river rock seats in design 6 however I don't like the painted pathway - this will require more upkeep and will wear over time faster than other designs. five is my favorite design although would like a climbing wall for active play creating a welcoming community entrance
- Without having much skill at reading these drawings/layouts, number 5 is the only one clear enough for me to fully understand the concept.
- Loved the concept
- it has open space for art, benches, fitness, bright, and nice curb appeal. It takes good use of space for all ages. It creates a vibrant area that does not intimidate to walk at night, and a creates a feeling of welcome coming from the east end of the city.
- Design contain both summer and winter activities
- Great to have "Bridgeland" on bridge
- Mural on the bridge is great! Accessible
- Winter lighting. Direction path. Great feng shue. Public skating ring. Vegetation for congruity
- Makes use of 4th ave overpass for signage & colourful
- Bridgeland sign really looks great on the flyover and signifies the community by itself
- a mural on the flyover & lighting is a good idea
- obvious pathway & good flow



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

- The Bridgeland sign on the flyover
- I like it!
- Like the colourful sign. Good placemaking/identification for community. Helpful landmark for giving direction
- Façade that welcomes "Bridgeland"
- The "Bridgeland" mosaic tile
- The Ampitheatre as a welcoming invite to come settle in and stay awhile
- "Bridgeland" on the flyover
- bouldering & multiple activities. Trees as a sound buffer
- lighting
- Open at Edm Tr/Mem. Non-straightline paths
- Love the sign on the bridge
- Like the 'Bridgeland' on the Bridge
- Bright, open, inviting, exciting
- flows nice. many elements
- Open and easilty accessible
- because it is a very open and wide space that you can enjoy, and you can point that out very quickly
- vibrant & active
- great way to enter
- Large "Bridgeland" painted on 4th Ave fly-over. Brilliant!!
- I like board 5 for the welcoming entrance because none of the other boards really mentioned or showed one. Maybe instead of just bricks or paint some lights would be nice, neon or whatever
- Eye can trail encouraging contemplation as a person trails Mem Tr. While entering Bridgeland
- I like it and 6
- I like the "Bridgeland" art across the flyover. What a clever use of the space, while incorporating the welcoming entrance idea.
- Love the sign on the flyover - clearly shows this is where our community starts - plus adds art/ color
- A good mix of green space and active areas for play.
- the pathway, lights and creek portary a nice "welcome" into the area
- I really like the Bridgeland tile art-deco that appears on the flyover.

The Riverside Place

- The painted river encourages walking along the river. The climbing wall encourages activity while the willow maze encourages calmness so both are fostered. The pebbled seating is akin to nature in the city. The focus on the river and nature would set Bridgeland/Riverside apart from other communities in Calgary.
- I like the seating area, a place to bring the community together. I like the elements of the river brought into the design of the space (large river stone seating, roadside river). The green space and orchards connect the space to nature. The play areas for children like the climbing wall.



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- more sitting areas
- I like the urban approach and the pebble concept
- It's the most aesthetically pleasing version presented. It creates a pleasant space to walk through and visit. It doesn't look childish like design 2 and better integrates with the other Bow River park to the west.
- Lots of green
- interesting urban landscaping
- it has a lot of public art, something you don't see much in bridgeland
- great integration of student ideas! Thank you! Loved the soft rounded stones to draw you in
- happy place
- the kids get to design a sign
- free fruit orchard ties to the area's roots. natural kid play area
- it looks like a place where no crime could happen
- simple but good
- wide open & welcoming, Quirky places to sit together

Vegetation

Niiso Park

- The incorporation of vegetation keeps the area natural and a catchment for water/ stormwater
- Deciduous trees have a higher canopy - provide shade in hot seasons, allow more sun in cold seasons
- Beautiful park. Love the thought process behind the eco-system. Also like the flood prevention measures.
- good diversity of trees and sizes/heights of vegetation
- because there are lots of diversity of plants, there is also a water tunnel thing that leads to the raingarden which is very useful for the plants.
- A lot of greens
- Park area would be wonderful
- Raingardens and plants involved
- I thought this plan had the best placement of vegetation
- Good variety of heights & types, pleasing spacing of plants. Not trying to plant anything under the flyover where it won't grow.
- Bioswales, tree-lined berms. I like not attempting to have vegetation under the bridge
- Great water management & love the rain garden.
- Simple but pleasing to eye
- Natural, park like
- Rain Garden
- soft lines



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

- Lots of trees
- there are trees and plants all over the place
- One of there main focusses are making the space green
- abundance of trees and vegetation - beautiful and will assist with wind and dirt carriage from Memorial and Edmonton Tr
- I like the large trees, gives it a nice park setting

Flyover Park Design

- Community garden!!
- "Love the idea of the community garden. Birdhouses and ""rabbit holes"" include a nod to nature."
- love the concept of community gardens
- I like the natural feel of the vegetation in this one and seems like something that would look good in both the summer and winter,
- The community garden
- It looks like there will be a couple paths through essentially an unmanaged woodland.
- "Colourful plants, bird houses and community garden. Vegetation should be kept low to create clear sight lines and not allow for sleeping places."
- It has community garden, ponds, creeks.
- it has many plants throughout the area
- The way they design
- natural appearance
- all season aesthetics
- like the diversity & use of colors of the plants to highlight the community.
- like incorporation of different coloured barks and leaves that will provide different colours throughout seasons
- Winter variety & planting theme compliments the site
- Colours throughout the seasons. Different looks, textures, etc.
- love the idea
- interesting veg. for all seasons & deals with salt & chemicals
- I love the idea of trees and plants with different colours and berries
- Vegetation tent looks really good. Has an indigenous feel to it! Good work
- Natural plants. Variety.
- lots of trees
- Like green space
- I like the vegetation choices on board 2 the best but would like to see wild wheat included.
- Best representation of variation - zone 3
- very diverse
- Thought given to color and seasonality as well as placement of plants. Good to not have plantings that allow hiding places or restrict visibility for safety.



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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Bridgeland Plaza

- allows for self-sustaining vegetation
- It is more natural than the others and it stands out to me. The rain garden was a great idea!
- incorporating a community garden space
- This design is environmentally efficient and has tons of plants in it.

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- Passive reminders of water flow and integration of bird houses into area to promote further biodiversity.
- More greenery
- Lots of vegetation
- Kids can play a lot
- Nice palette
- It has a lot of grass to run and play
- It has a lot of grass and it also catches my eye
- looks colourful and cool
- well thought out
- Shows the most possible vegetation in the site.

Flow Over Park

- Shrub protective wall from Memorial Drive
- Deciduous trees are ideal, for shade in hot seasons, drops leaves in winter to allow sunlight through.
- The most green-friendly design designed beautifully. Love the selection of trees.
- The tall trees feel as if you are in a park outside of the city, being surrounded by big trees isolates you from the city and reconnects you with nature.
- The outdoor community garden space is very important to our community. All the designs seem to incorporate the road run off and vegetation (a plus). I would like to see the climbing wall and swings incorporated into design 5
- It has the most green additions
- Provides for lots of vegetation and two rain gardens. However the significant amount of vegetation at the corner of Memorial and Edmonton Trail will hide the park from view and make it less likely to be used.
- Design has the most sections which maximize the whole area
- graet vegetation
- like the natural aspects and it deals with runoff
- less bushes + less hiding places "bad" activity
- there are a lot of nice plants in the design
- It has a good balance of vegetation and open space.



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

- Plenty of green space

The Riverside Place

- The orchards and mature trees provide more greenery to the community without providing a secretive place to the criminal elements of society.
- evenly placed trees would make place look green and blocks the strong wind that often experienced in this area
- Loved how the orchard would be accessible to everyone.
- Rockwall
- Like the willow maze
- orchard
- simple low cost tree usage that doubles as a community garden
- nice big trees
- Love edible options
- Green! (but needs a community garden)
- play space brilliant plan with right lighting system
- urban orchard for CA is great.
- willow maze!
- willow maze + short shrubs or tall trees with no low branches
- Great
- Edible produce that also contributes to aesthetic. But would be nice to intersperse with greenery that blooms in all seasons.
- They all seem to do a good job of incorporating vegetation except for 4. Design 6 is my favourite.

Lighting

Niiso Park

- There is natural lighting and lighting along the sidewalk which will make is a safe area at night
- seems to be many lights
- local, focused lighting. Already have stadium lighting from flyover. CCTV cameras for safety NOT more lights
- sufficient lighting. There already is too much light from the new LED lightposts. Maybe strategic lights will help with dark corners but please don't bathe the whole place in light. Doesn't help with crime. Actually helps them see better.
- It looks like a place that has lots of natural lighting
- Great use of people power and sunlight
- different lighting for different situations that are welcoming
- simple & practical under flyover/artistic "standing" lights - year-round interest
- Love the idea of in addition to 24/7 lighting powered by the outdoor gym!



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- More color in interesting ways. E. village style. But needs more daytime color/art. Make a maze with pavers
- loved the winter lights & the ability to power it by people power!
- winter lights under bridge
- Lights under the bridge
- I like the idea of the winter lights under the bridge.
- You get exercise while lighting up the area
- there are many lights lining the underneath of the bridge
- there are lights all of the places you go
- Absolutely LOVE the fitness machines that create kinetic energy to charge phone/lights. Coloured pot lights under Mem Tr are functional but fun. Will ease security concerns and all fun with kinetic lighting.
- like it
- I put one piece of paper in each box but all in all I like #1's the best. With #2's vegetation.

Flyover Park Design

- Motion sensors seem like a great idea. The brighter the better. The worst possible thing you could do is make another area for people from the drop in centre to get together at night. We already have quite a bit of late night foot traffic in the adjacent alley.
- Actual installed lighting is noted in the student description.
- "Motion activated lighting means the lights are on when security is needed but otherwise will conserve energy.
- By contrast, we don't approve of the idea of human-powered lighting. People would not feel safe entering the space without lighting being provided before they enter."
- LED lighting on the underpass, eliminates poles, and could encourage vegetation growth.
- LED tubes motion sensor ones
- Variable lighting ties into the bridge, Calgary tower. Bright and fun to feel safe and welcoming.
- I love the changeable coloured lights under the flyover
- Underside of bridge
- Idea of changing colour matches/reflects other city lighting
- all under the bridge is light
- the lighting is cool
- cool lighting
- Design 3 appears to show the most usage of lighting under the flyover, which will be crucial for any of the designs to utilize properly to activate the space in the darker hours.

Bridgeland Plaza

- It is open space to allow more light.
- they have creative lighting



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

- lighting tracks across beneath the overpass
- Contemporary design appealing & artistic
- Nice colourful light
- love the lighting under bridge
- due to the simpler nature of design, it looks s though there will be lots of lighting

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- The open concept and light colored boardwalks will give a great illusion of spacious open light up space. It's simple yet inviting.
- aesthetically pleasing
- Concern is drug traffic underneath

Flow Over Park

- Cool lighted underbelly
- No need for additional lighting in the area, I live very close to this flyover, and the light POLLUTION is a headache. Using dark curtains on the bedroom window to allow sleep at NIGHT.
- "The idea of Suny Hill and other structures that reflect the sun's natural light to light up under the flyover is genius!
- Also, fitness equipment that generates power for light is a great idea. This idea has been touted for a long time, but never really seen it being actually utilized."
- Human powered light machine concept has possibilities.
- I love the idea of motion sensor lights so we are not adding to light pollution - already a problem in Bridgeland. the active play lights are a really interesting concept.
- Use of lighting under the flyover.
- The focus on using the sun during day time and other lights/light machines at night
- Human powered lighting is cool
- One of the designs which mention a little bit more detail about the lighting
- Felt like this way overlooked/forgotten by most groups. However enjoyed the renderings prepared, the lighting wasn't overbearing, but still provided safety
- Light rods will lite up the night
- It was my favourite
- because of the lighting on top of the ice rink and it reminded me of the olympic oval and it is safer to skate on
- visually appealing
- Took very well lit.
- Love the mini light bulbs. Warm and cozy
- The "softer" more whimsical string lights really soften this space and make it very warm-feeling
- I like the lights on strings!
- graet lighting use of lighting



- entranceway lighting! Would like more lighting at night
- I love the soft market lighting on Design 1 but also like the tall light standards in Design 6 along the pathways. I think this site needs lots of thought to lighting - it is a residential area but also feels unsafe to walk at night because you can't see

The Riverside Place

- Love the stand up lights in this design. Looks like a lot of lighting which is important to make this place feel safe.
- These lights are nice and tall providing good light.
- it would be nice to have lights under the bridge and within sitting areas.
- A relatively open space lit by a consistent network of light sticks/posts
- "I like this style of lighting along Pebble Plaza. Lower lighting helps reduce light pollution while still illuminating the space for safety. Lights that are on from dark to dusk will help eliminate undesirable activity."
- Lighting LED helps long term sustainability. Idea of coffee shop is great
- the light plaza is fantastic!
- It is nice and bright for the area
- Lots of lighting
- Lots of light lower glow
- Modern, warm, inviting
- The way they design
- great use of lighting
- like integration of lighting on pathways & in plaza. Also think incorporating lights as part of underpass is great
- open areas with simple bright lighting features
- LED poles are innovative
- Like the sight lines and angles of the project
- Beautiful lighting well placed
- I like this lighting the best.
- Lighting that is on the perimeter as well is inside
- I like the lighting because it matches the river walk
- I like the lighting as they match the river walk lighting
- Nice flow & subtuly
- Clear and obvious
- Lots of lighting throughout
- Variety of natural and post
- I think it's smart to use lights that shine right down, right below the flyover. We don't need the type of lights that disperse in all directions because it will be really annoying for the residents living nearby.
- identifies use and installation of lighting in darkened and shadowed areas



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- It's difficult to tell from these concepts which ones have great lighting. Design 6 displays the most prominent lights in the image with the skateboarders.

Public Art

Niiso Park

- Uses the over pass for community entry signage. However none really provide much public art.
- Incorporating art on the existing flyover bridge is an interesting way to use existing infrastructure
- More subtle. Nature is something to celebrate not override with man-made art (phases) blue wheel.
- Greenery is the most beautiful art by nature. Also love the idea of kinetic-energy to power/align with surrounding art. Idea - Kinetic-energy to power motion-sensing structure eg. A high umbrella that opens up? Alerts public there is activity there.
- There are many different colours all over the design
- skating rink. Most plans did not have specific plan for winter
- Like the rain garden
- Joyful colours
- Lots of opportunities for kids to add art
- Nicely enclosed area to protect from the weather & privacy
- Kinetic lighting is multi functional
- dedicated art area under bridge

Flyover Park Design

- Colorful mural
- Use of light and colour provides multi-functional art pieces. Use of motion activated light makes for an interactive experience.
- Love the concept of painting murals on the bridge consistent with the other bridge murals on the other side of the river.
- The use of motion activated lights that bring colour to the street, and bright coloured spaces
- "Art on the concrete pillars is a fantastic idea. It should be inviting, tasteful, cheerful. Perhaps adding an element of changing art opportunity for everyone to participate in - like the chalk board that has been created. As any art project will be long term, it should be well thought out. The mural by Langevin school did not turn out well. It is dark, gloomy, and not pleasing to look at."
- Underside of the bridge
- Ampetheatre and hanging art at the entrance. Great location in the park. Possibly can change or have rotating art pieces hanging under the bridge
- Art under concrete flyover
- the lighting looks like awesome art
- I put one piece of paper in each box for certain parts. #2's vegetation is the best with #1's fitness and lights ideas



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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Bridgeland Plaza

- None of them are real public art. These are all tack on drop in place store bought solutions.
- I like the sense of quiet and community that is respectful of the homes close by. We need more community gardens. Discouraging traffic excepting emergency response is an excellent attribute.
- Good for artists
- It has bird houses and slides that are forms of art. Since it is open spaces, it can put local arts as temporary to promote local artists.
- suspended mirrors. Swings
- They way they design
- cool mirror light thing
- It could be used for different seasonal art or planting.
- Great space to display art

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- Sculpture to help direct stormwater. Incorporation of art on flyover pillars
- has a lot of art everywhere
- A variety of elements that you can interact with, for all ages & all abilities.
- all surfaces of the concrete should have color & art
- Loved the use of art along the concrete
- Lots of different styles of art and spaces to put them
- Colourful, changeable
- Paint the flyover or parts of it. YES
- Colourful.
- The bright murals with children in mind is a great way to bring families to the area.
- Bright & colourful encompassing bridge & wall
- Colourful
- Like the rain collection idea from the bridge
- art that interacts with elements (water). I liked the structure/art that could be used to divert water from the middle of the bridge.
- Natural with amazing fun graffiti feel
- I think public art is needed to reduce vandilizum
- Colourful and it welcomes people
- because there is a large amount of diversity and a large contrast of colors
- I like the idea of murals in the area to stop graffiti.
- Incorporated lots of murals and art.
- Rockwall
- best use of flyover
- Expressive community art aligns with Woodbine and Forest Lawn



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

- Re-imagining and re-use of all the concrete!
- it looks like there are many different art pieces, from sculptures, to paintings and design
- Treated all abutments and the flyover itself - would like to see a cohesive theme to the art - something that represents our community

Flow Over Park

- Don't really think art is needed, this city needs more green space, not more 'blue wheels' or whatever is on st patrick's island.
- It is the most aesthetically pleasing design with amenities that will best serve the Bridgeland residents, from the young to the old.
- Sculptures to lighten the underside of the flyover would address this.
- The mirrored art installation in design 4 fires the imagination and contributes to public art in the public space but I like the light capturing sculptures the best. Again these need to be considered from a light pollution standpoint - what will they contribute?
- Human powered lighting is very cool and provides the public art aspect as well.
- Love the colourful "Bridgeland" art
- art is fun
- a mural on the flyover will look really good
- potential for visible art work as required
- like artwork on side of bridge - 'bridgeland'
- The "Bridgeland" mural stretching across the flyover is fantastic. I love it.
- It represents bridgeland as a community.
- graet art
- Bridgeland sign on Flyover
- Love the idea of the flyover having art and colour applied to it and the pillars.
- Art doesn't have to be colours slapped on a wall or an arty structure. If the space inspires you in any way, that is art. Clever design incorporating natural elements in Design 1 is quite inspiring.

The Riverside Place

- Simple and natural is best
- This option feels very modern and trendy. I think it fits well with the art work on the other side of the river, and has a similar feel to the St. Patrics Island that was recently opened.
- not too excessive, like the idea of having arts on the bridge support pillars.
- The light sticks used in this design to light up the area are something everyone can find both beautiful and useful and is not subjective like design 2
- visually appealing with purpose
- Love the stones and river
- river theme
- entire plan uses a creative layout that acts as an art piece



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- Love the stones!
- I like the ground art :)
- art on the pillars beneath the underpass
- Awesome. People can sit on tires (stones?)
- Most creative. Love the inspiration
- Ampitheatre, music/performing area - maybe a piano
- I really like the pebble seating
- Because the art shares some history with the community name
- Pebble seating
- Paint in the pavement will liven the dead space
- Really like the climbing wall, pebble seating stones and the pigeon place.

Feel safest in

Niiso Park

- The lighting helps to make it safe and there are no proposed structures that would limit visibility
- The extra wide walkway feels invites lots of people to walk through it and makes it feel as if you have ample space to move around. I think this combination makes it feel very safe.
- curbs, road design, trees to slow down speed of traffic
- Looks open and good line of sight. No wall/hiding places
- More line of sight, less hiding places
- I think #1 provides a lot of safety because they close off the road with lots of plants
- It open so everyone can see each other
- Like that line of sight is maintained from memorial & mcdougall to park space
- Hi use activities - lighting
- lights & interest at night - rood reasons to hang out at night
- Has a lot of open spaces for you to see what is going on
- lighting under the bridge
- Bushes
- Multiple forms of lighting. Can keep phones & lights charged with kinetic energy.

Flyover Park Design

- motion sensor lights and an open concept design seem like a way to keep the area from becoming a place to hangout between The drop in centre meals. The space on the east village side of memorial is not walkable at night due to the amount of homeless who gather there.
- All levels of mobility
- The more lighting the better.



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

- Bright under bridge lighting (that can change colour) and climbing walls & places for kids will increase traffic!
- lots of people

Bridgeland Plaza

- Welcome opening space.
- "I like that the road is closed to decrease traffic. Overall, I think lower vegetation is best, as large, full trees provide a shelter and sleeping space for transient individuals. The more lighting, and clear sight lines the better. I also like the noise and dust barriers included in Design 6."
- It has amphitheater, seating benches, and play area beneath overpass. These social gathering will help create a feeling of safety for pedestrian.
- Open with lots of light
- No risk. Lot of light. No traffic.
- Takes the road away. Ped. As 1st priority
- if you fall it is soft cushion
- Not much places to get injured in and has lots of space
- More open space
- Open concept. No hidden places
- Wide open spaces
- has mostly common things to do
- easy to see in
- Because it looks safer than most ideas
- there's lights everywhere
- the mirror, open sight lines
- I like board 3 for safety with the mirrored bridge and would like to include colour lightpole
- Clear lines of sight - nowhere for people to hide
- Very open. I walk through this area every morning at 0500, and for me this is a great design
- "Seems to expand the open spaces of the area.*Plan 1 with the water is beautiful, but this area was flooded in 2013 and it's scary to suggest bringing in more water when the reservoirs couldn't handle naturally produced volume"

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- No large and long bench which homeless people may have less desire to stay overnight. Also, less large trees mean less space to hide for any illegal activities
- Best use of site. ∴ eyes on the street
- Animating the space with activity through the climbing wall & swings right at the gateway
- Great way to protect
- Most open
- Motion activated lighting



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

May 8, 2017

Flow Over Park

- Protective shrubs from Memorial Drive
- less physical obstructions to line of sight, eliminating hiding places for the drug dealers that ARE in the area.
- Keeping everything low, open and flat on ground level will provide less privacy from the public, so less chance of undesirable characters loitering or hiding. Design 6 looks like criminal heaven.
- I like Design 5 as it will bring residents to this space which will have the side-effect of moving undesirables along due to more activity and use (similar to what happened when we build the playground at the soccer park) and out of our neighborhood.
- This appears to have the most open concept.
- Use of lighting.
- rocks in the d'ing will be great (rocks in the design will be great)
- Like the Ampitheatre
- Skating rink & log park encourage use of area
- stone pathways with no pump(?)
- will have lots of eyes
- welcoming & visible
- 1 way road with meandering pathway. Better integration with community
- Clear view
- "I am looking for the least hiding nooks and crannies, least walls, least structures that block views. On the contrary, I will feel least safe in Design 6, particularly the Pebble Plaza (container shops) blocking the back lane from public view. When it was Remington's parking lot, so many undesirable activities happen behind their fence along the back lane, because it is perfectly blocked, as cars travel one-way on Edmonton trail."
- I think Design 1 is the best mix of creating a sanctuary but not completely cutting it off from the Memorial area. Design 6 is a close second but the wooden ramping may cut it off too much and make the space feel isolated.

The Riverside Place

- Good use of light and sightlines allow for a safe walk through the space.
- seems to provide more lights than others, and the wall separated the site from the memorial drive road
- The seating and 'river' look like it would keep people safer from cars driving by, since they have more of a protected space
- A relatively open space lit by a consistent network of light sticks/posts
- There's (?) all that stops cars from falling off
- Open
- Lighting



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- Lighting
- Open not a lot of hiding places for persons to be
- Lots of lighting
- Climbing wall creates a strong barrier to Memorial Dr
- Lots of kid-friendly installations. Will attract families & pedestrian traffic!
- Container shops will bring more people. Lots of seating. Little to no access to memorial. Reduced noise
- The permeable wall screening traffic!
- Very good feng shue. Oversize stones. Lighting. Need skating rink like #5
- Wall between play area & memorial. Crosswalk paint
- sound barrier, child barrier between park and memorial
- Lighting & line of sight
- A design with pretty good lighting
- Well lit!!
- Lots of lights
- More lights, more people, more safety!
- They all seem ok for this. I picked Design 6 because it appears to have the best lighting though it is difficult to tell.

Easier for walking in and around

Niiso Park

- The large walkway in this option definitely makes it very inviting. Min. 3.0m MUT would make people feel as if they can move around freely without being navigated through the space like in option 3.
- I like both 1 and 3 for this. They have created pathways while still having lots of areas to sit and play.
- The incorporation of grass and vegetation that people can walk on in addition to the sidewalk is inviting and consistent with other parks in the area (e.g. St. Patrick's Island)
- pathways to links with mcdougall intersection & edmonton trail
- Nice paths
- There's a goat trail running through the whole space
- The vegetation added to the positive experience of walking
- Like this overall design the best
- Love the idea of incorporating ellepical and winter lights
- Separation from Edmonton trail - wide paths within hard surfaces
- Variety of pathways - 'the goat walk'
- I like all the varied areas you can walk through and the exercise area
- connectivity of pathways & surrounding communities
- Like different pathway materials
- Great paths, well laid out



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- Has a accessible goat trail and open paths
- there is a trail
- I like the board 1 for the fitness and swings idea. It would be nice to have the dry pond and skating rink to.
- Outside the high volume of people

Flyover Park Design

- Again since it is for all levels of age groups and mobility
- Walking pathway away from main street and walks through middle of parkway
- Direct pedestrian connections through the space to existing sidewalks
- shut down car access into area (only emergency), like lights & slide & swings
- Boardwalks all through
- only mostly walking
- lots of space
- Appears to have multiple ground covering types and pathway systems. Good for (non-competing) use by pedestrians, cyclists, and people using wheelchairs/walkers

Bridgeland Plaza

- "I like the idea of closing the road, which makes the park larger, and safer with no traffic. I would like to see this implemented in all of the designs. I also like the pathway of Design 4 The outdoor exercise equipment in Design 5 adds a fantastic amenity for individuals who already utilize the river pathways for running and exercising. A water fountain with a low bowl for dogs would be a great addition. Any design which allows people to walk and bike from Riverside and connect with Edmonton trail is a great idea. This is a regular pathway for many people who work downtown. I would design the walking/cycling pathway more for adults, and have the children based elements away from the path. People don't want skate boarders or kids colouring with chalk in their pathway."
- Because it has a lot of open space
- Wide open-direct. Commuters don't need curves
- literally no road
- Because of access an accessibility, this plan is easily the best for walkability
- More wide pathway
- seems accessible
- Often wood boardwalks get so slippery in winter so having a well lit path with grip makes accessible for all
- great pedestrian curb
- larger walkway. No goat trails. Easier for older citizens.
- pathway
- floor boards and lots of space for many people
- wide path. No obstacles



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

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- wide sidewalks. Clear for seasonal maint. Drainage through soil.
- No Road! Totally Pedestrian!
- Wide open plaza
- flat
- Lots of hardscaping - shared space for people/ bikes
- Promenade
- its just open like a large walkway

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- the wide boardwalk is very welcoming - this type of setting could also support small pop up markets
- The road is replaced by a boardwalk. Thus, most open walking spaces.
- All of the designs seemed to make it easy to walk around, but the drawing for #4 showed very wide walking areas
- A boardwalk is easy to walk on.
- It has wide sidewalk for pedestrian.
- Most open

Flow Over Park

- "Sorry - no time to fill in all the boxes! But overall, I liked Design 5 the best - - paths that promote travel thru, and staying to enjoy. Lots of trees - designated play space. However shout out to 'pebbles' in design 6 - loved that part of it! For all, wonder whether provision of parking is needed? So close to downtown, it will just need constant monitoring / enforcement. And to the City, thanks for sharing - and oppty to provide feedback. Love this direction from the city!"
- pathways that connect the mcdougall cul de sac to connect with the edm tr/memorial intersection and edm tr northbound.
- The new path will definitely attract more people to walk through it to get to/from Blush Lane Organic Market. In the future when there are more workers in Meredith Block the path will bring them to the park too. Right now people already walk across the empty space diagonally anyway to get from Mcdougall to Blush Lane Market, so having this new path is great. The whole space will become more accessible from outside too, thus giving the feeling of openness.
- This walkway seems more direct to get into the neighbourhoods from downtown.
- I liked the Woonerf living street design which softens the pedestrian-street interface and calms traffic. This will make it easier for walking around in the space.
- Again, like the open concept.
- Most variety of pathways for different user groups.
- Most completed design
- There is lots of places to walk
- Feels like a place we would like to hang out!
- Loved the curved pathways



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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- great walking features
- the paths are pretty good
- simple & open concept
- Flow
- easy to walk thoeer
- pavers are nice. Biking, clear but meandering path.
- It follows the current walking patterns, thus will feel most natural.
- Nice landscaping, greenery, and open path choices make this my choice.

The Riverside Place

- "Focus should be on easy bike access and pedestrians. Wide open spaces but not for vehicles ideally. It would be great if the bike and walking paths actually went the directions people walk (towards downtown) so that the grass or other vegetation don't get trampled by people taking shortcuts."
- because place is more like open space instead of the walking paths. it would be easy to walk and pass by coming from all direction.
- It provides numerous paths to walk and bike through and isn't obstructed by vegetation or defined paths leading to a specific area.
- You only have to walk little to get there
- Simple design
- Lots of open area
- Love the many places to sit, walk and container shops!
- Wide path
- Flat areas
- Clear paths slow intersection at 6th & McDougall
- wide pathways
- stone pathway
- Very open
- Lots of diff types of paths. Encouraging multi-use
- Lots of space to move.
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Other comments

Not connected to preferred design and priority

- Be mindful of debris from flyover
- #2 favourite of all designs

Bridgeland Plaza



4 Avenue Flyover Public Space

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- picnic tables/chess game
- water fountains very important

Niiso Park

- water fountain

Flyover Park Design

- Under the flyover - a hanger terrace (below the underpass, on the water - a seating area)
- Good idea. Will be a much better space
- Great designs

Reimagining 4th Ave Flyover

- will the alley behind the buildings be paved as it is quick?
- Who will maintain the area once it's built
- Will circles painted under the bridge lights or just paint?
- Needs an outdoor drinking fountain
- We need garbage cans there
- simple lighting
- Keep things accessible to seniors (make sure there are easy places to walk that are well lit.)