



Rundle Area Master Plan

Welcome to the Rundle Area Master Plan design workshop

What is this session about?

The City of Calgary is preparing a Master Plan to guide future development in the Rundle and Sunridge areas around the LRT Station. The purpose of this workshop is to:

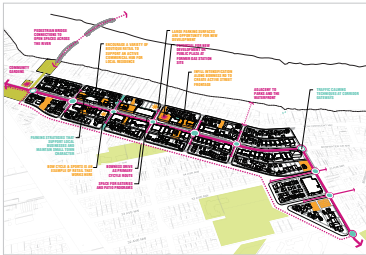
1. Provide an additional opportunity for the community to work together to shape the future of the Rundle area.
2. Discuss the strengths and opportunities that community members see in the area.
3. Complete a design activity that will help guide the future vision of the Rundle area.

Staff from The City of Calgary and IBI Group will be guiding you through this session and are available to answer any questions.

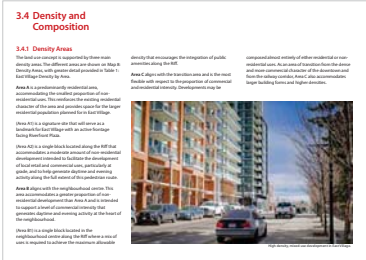
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Master Plan documents may contain images or renderings of how an area can look in the future.



Master Plan documents may contain maps that show where businesses, homes and parks may be located.



Master Plan documents may contain policies that outline how spaces may be used.

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a document that directs how an area may change over time.

The Master Plan for the Rundle area will:

- Outline a shared vision for the future of the Rundle community and Sunridge area.
- Identify locations and types of future redevelopment opportunities.
- Outline improvements and policies to ensure that redevelopment aligns with the vision.

Why do we need a Master Plan?

The Master Plan will help create a walkable and transit friendly area around the Rundle LRT station.

The goals of the Master Plan are to:

- Explore opportunities for development and plan for future redevelopment.
- Encourage development of new housing near the LRT station to locate new residents close to transit.
- Identify ways to make the area easier to walk for pedestrians.

What has been done

The engagement process for the Rundle Area Master Plan has taken place over three phases, so far.

- Phase 1** (December 2016) – Two open houses and an online survey were hosted to introduce the community to the project, ask about current strengths and ideas for improvement in the area, and ask about how people wanted to engage with The City on this project.
- Phase 2** (March 2017) – A drop-in community design workshop was facilitated, where participants completed activities about potential area improvements, building heights and urban design guidelines. Participants were also asked to sketch their 25 year vision for the Rundle area. An online survey was also available.
- Phase 3** (May 2017) – The City hosted an open house and an online survey to gather input and have the community share their thoughts on three future land use concepts for the area and a list of potential area improvements.

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What we've heard so far

Over the three phases, The City has received more than 350 comments on how the area can be improved. These were the high-level themes that emerged from the feedback:

Likes: the amenities provided in the area, ease of access to downtown and other areas, the sense of community, and the low density housing of the surrounding area.

Concerns: safety, traffic and potential for increased density.

Suggested improvements: the station itself, both in terms of structure and visual appeal.





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What we heard and what we can do

What we heard	What we can do
<p>Improve the pedestrian environment along 36 St. N.E. and make crossing in this area safer.</p>	<p>Improvements to the pedestrian environment along and across 36 St. N.E. are identified in the improvements map, as are several other pedestrian crossing improvements. These improvements will be included as part of the recommendations in the Master Plan document.</p>
<p>More trees, landscaping, benches, lighting, beautification, etc. is needed in the area.</p>	<p>The Master Plan will include recommendations for improvements to public spaces (including lighting and landscaping) and will also include recommendations for improvements to be made to the streetscape when new development happens.</p>
<p>Pedestrian overpasses are needed to cross 36 St. N.E. at 20 Ave. / Rundlehorn Drive, 26 Ave. and 32 Ave.</p>	<p>The Master Plan will include recommendations for improvements to the pedestrian network in the area, which may include pedestrian overpasses. The feasibility and cost of pedestrian overpasses at these locations will be evaluated during the Master Plan process.</p>
<p>The CTrain should be raised or put underground in this location.</p>	<p>The cost and disruption associated with changing the nature of the LRT line is too great to seriously consider in this project. There are many competing priorities for capital infrastructure funding within The City of Calgary, and it is cost-prohibitive to be funded through private sector contributions.</p> <p>Therefore, the Master Plan will include ways to improve connectivity with the existing alignment.</p>

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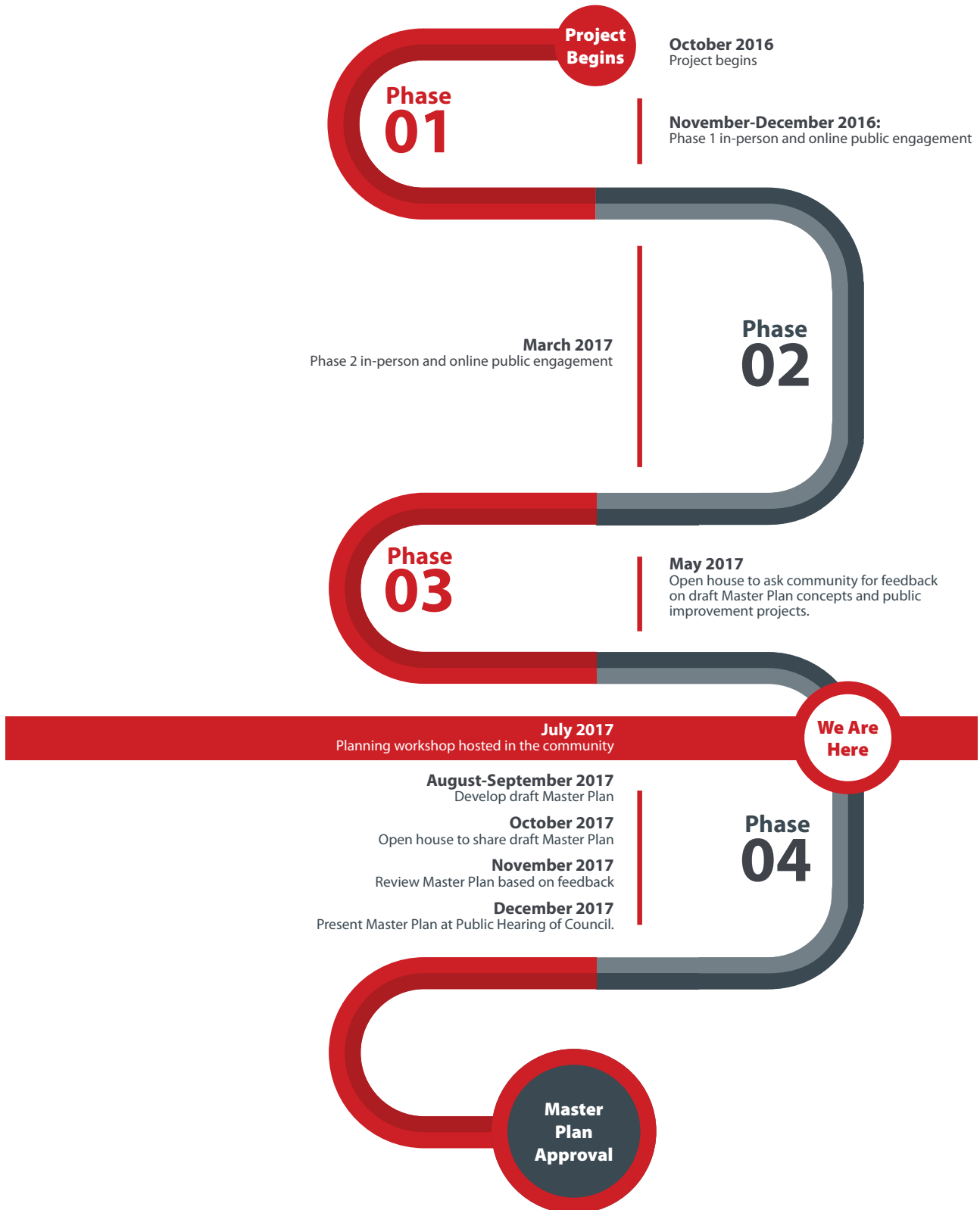
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<p>Traffic and speeding in the area are big problems.</p> <p>Changes to signal timings and traffic calming may be helpful.</p>	<p>We are evaluating traffic calming options for residential and collector streets, and enforcement of the existing speed limits.</p>
<p>Crosswalks don't feel safe in the area and there is not enough time to make it across the street before the light changes.</p>	<p>We are reviewing the operation of pedestrian signals at intersections along 36 St. N.E. and can propose changes to the timing if necessary.</p>
<p>Lighting throughout the station area is inadequate.</p>	<p>The Master Plan will include recommendations for public areas to receive new or improved lighting.</p>
<p>Accessibility within the station area is poor, including at the LRT station.</p>	<p>The Master Plan will include recommendations to improve general accessibility in the station area.</p>
<p>The park spaces in the area may not be appropriate.</p>	<p>The City's Parks department is investigating the function and programming of the parks in the area to see if any additional programming can be provided.</p>
<p>Need new mixed use development including retail, residential, and medical.</p>	<p>The Master Plan will identify locations for residential development, retail, and employment areas, which may include medical centres.</p>

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Timeline





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Next Steps:

- Attend the Report Back Presentation at the Coast Plaza Hotel on July 26 at 7 p.m.
- Visit calgary.ca/rundle for project updates and timelines and to sign-up for email updates.
- Stay tuned for upcoming details on a future public events to share a draft Master Plan in the fall.
- Contact Jill Sonego at the City of Calgary at jill.sonego@calgary.ca for more information.

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