



Crescent Road Master Plan Project Phase Two: Design Concept Option Review

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback on design concept options for the Crescent Road Master Plan.

Using the information gathered in both phases of the engagement process as one of our inputs, the Crescent Road Master Plan team is moving towards a final concept and Council Committee presentation.

In the second phase of public engagement, we asked for your feedback on different design options, and to provide your perspective on different elements that could be included in the final concept, such as gates. To review the comments and feedback, please review the [What We Heard Report](#) for Phase Two, which is now available on the project website.

We've also updated the webpage with a [What We Learned Report](#) based on conversations we've had with Blackfoot, Stoney Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina Elders about the Indigenous history of this space and opportunities to commemorate that history through a reimagining of this space as part of the Truth and Reconciliation process.

A few questions arose during this stage of engagement that we wanted to address. Please see a summary of those questions and answers below:

1. What is The City doing to address the immediate issues of social disorder and disruptive behaviour of residents in the area?

A key goal of the Master Plan project is to use infrastructure to reduce the need for enforcement in the long-term. Traffic calming measures will help minimize the frequency and impact of vehicle stunting and other disruptive late night activities. Improved amenities and lighting will also help prevent some of this behavior. We are also evaluating the final concept using the formal Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) philosophy. Additional security features will be recommended as part of the final concept.

The City's Bylaw Services, the Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) and the Calgary Police Service (CPS) are aware of the community's concerns and continue to complete regular patrols of the area. Bylaw and CPS are actively working on a collaborative approach to better address these issues going forward.

2. Does paving the pathway mean that dogs would no longer be able to run off-leash on the path?
 - We know that the off-leash area on McHugh Bluff is important to some community members and their dogs. Whether a pathway is paved or un-paved does not dictate if a park space is off-leash or not.

Some pathways in Calgary run through off-leash areas similar to McHugh Bluff. As The City's pathway network is open to users of all ages and abilities, dog owners need to have a high level of control over their pets at all times while using these shared, public pathways. Many elements – including accessibility, use types and snow clearing implications – are being considered to help inform the decision to pave the pathway or leave it un-paved.

3. How do the proposed designs affect the amount of parking in the area?
 - All of the options shared in April and May would result in an overall reduction of parking in the area. The exact number of stalls that may be impacted by a new design will be determined in the detailed design stage. The reduction in parking was in response to community feedback of limiting loitering in the block along the park. With existing public parking at bottom of stairs, the addition of accessible parking, and loading zones by the church we believe this maintains the balance of parking in the area.
4. Who would operate the gates around the Crescent Road Park block?



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- A decision about gates is still being finalized and informed by the results of Phase 2 Engagement, when people shared their feedback about comfort with closures. Gates would allow the block in front of Crescent Heights Park to turn into a “place” and act as a continuation of McHugh Bluff to the park when closed to cars. If gates are ultimately included, closures would align with the City procedures for the specific closure type. (for example, the [Adaptive Roadway Program](#) for seasonal closures, or the event permitting process for special event closures).
5. When would the improvements outlined by the final Master Plan get implemented?
- The final concept that will be shared with Council and Committee in September will be shared on our website once it is finalized at the end of this summer. If approved and funded through the upcoming budget cycle process, the concept is anticipated to go to detailed design and the beginnings of the implementation stage in 2023. Feedback received through the public engagement process will continue to be an important part of the detailed design and implementation process.

With the feedback received by the community through our engagement process and technical feasibility review, our consultants are working towards the final concept that will be shared with the Infrastructure and Planning Committee (IPC) in September.

Where and how to report issues

We know that disruptive behaviours still happen on Crescent Road. Please connect with 311 to report your concerns and with the Calgary Parking Authority for parking enforcement requests. Please connect with 911 for criminal matters such as serious driving offences or drug trafficking. If an immediate response is not required call the Police non-emergency line 403-266-1234 to report what you’ve seen.

To find additional information on the Crescent Road Master Plan and to reviews the results of Phase One and Two of public engagement, please visit engage.calgary.ca/crescentroad. To contact our team directly, please email crescentroadmasterplan@calgary.ca.