

## **Established Area Growth and Change Strategy**

## Project update – September 2020

On May 25, 2020, Council approved the <u>Phase 1 Recommendation Report</u> and committed \$30M for public realm improvement projects within growth areas where we see the pressures of redevelopment to the greatest degree.

Administration used input from communities to identify a list of projects that could be built by 2022. The pre-planning phase of the public realm projects continues and internal project teams have been assigned to lead the detailed design, planning and construction over the next two years.

Through this work, the project teams will be engaging local communities to confirm how each identified project meets the needs of the community, refine costs and design what will ultimately be constructed. Timelines for each project differ, with the earliest engagement activities anticipated in Fall 2020. Construction of these projects will likely be during the summers of 2021 and 2022.

Administration will continue collaborating with stakeholders on Phase 2, working towards another round of investment recommendations to inform the 2023-2026 business plans and budget. The Phase 2 recommendations are anticipated to be shared with Council no later than November 2022.

Below is a list of projects that were identified for further exploration. Improvement details are subject to change upon detailed study and engagement that will be conducted by the project team for each area.

General Project Location	Local Communities	Project Themes	Proposed Improvements (subject to change upon further study and engagement with the local community)
19 Street N.W. Area Improvements	West Hillhurst	<ul> <li>Traffic calming &amp; safety</li> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> </ul>	Improvements focused around 19 Street N.W. The area continues to see growth and development, as it transitions into an increasingly vibrant local main street with increased population and business. Improvements include school-focused connections nearby.



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26 Avenue S.W. Corridor Improvements	Bankview Killarney/Glengarry South Calgary	Traffic calming & safety Pedestrian connectivity & public realm	The 26 Avenue S.W. corridor has been identified as a key area for investment due to redevelopment and growth in adjacent communities.  Investments in traffic calming, intersection upgrades and the public realm will give growing communities a safer and more attractive corridor to access local services.
40 Avenue N. Placemaking and Pedestrian Improvements	Greenview Highland Park	<ul> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Investments in a temporary park on 40 Avenue and Centre Street N., missing sidewalk links, traffic calming and intersection improvements.  Opportunity to align this investment with other projects underway in the area.
Balmoral Circus Improvements	Mount Pleasant Tuxedo Park	<ul><li>Park &amp; recreation</li><li>Public space programming</li></ul>	Renewed park space at 2 Street and 19 Avenue N.W. was identified by the community as a key placemaking anchor in a high-growth area.
Bridgeland TOD Active Modes Improvements	Bridgeland	Pedestrian connectivity & public realm     Park & recreation	Investment in pathway connectivity and resolving safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists around the Bridgeland LRT Station and connecting the sidewalk and pathway network.
Buckmaster Park Area Improvements	Bankview	<ul> <li>Traffic calming &amp; safety</li> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Investment in Buckmaster Park in Bankview will improve the public realm in this high growth neighbourhood.  The park will be the centrepiece of an upgraded public realm in the area, focused on sidewalk missing links and traffic calming to improve connectivity and safety.
Hillhurst Sunnyside Hub Area Improvements	Hillhurst West Hillhurst	<ul> <li>Traffic calming &amp; safety</li> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Investment in park amenities and connectivity around the community hub site, including the possibility of additional programming on the site and connections across 5 Avenue N.W.  This work also will look at improvements to pedestrian mobility and safety along 14 Street N.W. nearby.



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Kensington Plaza Area and TOD Improvements	Hillhurst Sunnyside	<ul> <li>Traffic calming &amp; safety</li> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Investment in several community gathering spaces that attract local and regional visitors to the Kensington Business Improvement Area.  Upgrades proposed include improvements to the plaza at Kensington Road and Kensington Crescent N.W. and sidewalk improvements along 3 Avenue N.W., connecting to the Sunnyside LRT Station.
North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre Area Improvements	Mount Pleasant	<ul> <li>Traffic calming &amp; safety</li> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> </ul>	Improves connectivity, public realm and amenities around the North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre.  Improvements include better pathway links, pedestrian safety and the public realm align with growth in the area.
South Bow Pathway and Pumphouse Park Improvements	Sunalta	<ul> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Improving capacity of the South Bow River Pathway and amenity improvements to the adjacent park spaces by separating pedestrians from higher speed bicycle traffic.  The area sees recreation and cycling commuter traffic and is an important connection point between several high-growth communities.
River Park and Sandy Beach Connections	Altadore	<ul> <li>Traffic calming &amp; safety</li> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Park &amp; recreation</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Connectivity and park upgrades along River Park and Sandy Beach. The area has experienced high growth in usage and has challenges of pedestrian safety, parking and access.  Investment includes traffic calming and pedestrian improvements along 16 Street S.W.
Sunalta Community Hub Area Improvements	Sunalta	<ul> <li>Pedestrian connectivity &amp; public realm</li> <li>Public space programming</li> </ul>	Investment into the hardscape area of the Sunalta Community Association's community hub project, in partnership with the Community Hubs Initiative (The City of Calgary, Rotary Club and United Way partnership). Additional opportunities to partner with the Sunalta Community Hub project are being explored.  This is an opportunity to align with other work to improve pedestrian connectivity, including TOD area improvements.
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