



Heritage Communities  
Working Group

# WELCOME





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# Working Group Session 3: Street Activity Levels & Attributes



# AGENDA

## 1. REPORT BACK – 15 MINUTES

Report back on input from last session including focus areas and community assets.

## 2. ACTIVITY LEVELS & ATTRIBUTES OVERVIEW – 15 MINUTES

What do we mean by “activity level” and “attribute”?

## 3. EXERCISE 1: ACTIVITY LEVELS – 1.25 HOURS

Identify levels of street activity to create a heat map to show where people will gather and interact in the future.

## BREAK

## 4. EXERCISE 2: ACTIVITY AREA ATTRIBUTES – 1 HOUR

Identifying specific activities, attributes, opportunities and ideas that might happen within specific activity areas

## 5. NEXT STEPS



# REPORT BACK: Session 2 - Community Asset Mapping



# REVISED GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE HERITAGE COMMUNITIES

## **Identity**

Promote collective identities that draws people together through places and spaces to learn, gather, connect, express, and thrive.

## **Mobility Choices**

Advance mobility options for all types of trips, destinations, and abilities in a safe manner.

## **Connectivity**

Improve connectivity and accessibility between communities for all modes through identifying local enhancements to the existing network and prioritizing improvements to east-west connections.

## **Macleod Trail**

Support the evolution of Macleod Trail from a barrier between communities to a **livable destination** that connects diverse people and places.

# REVISED GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE HERITAGE COMMUNITIES

## Housing

Support change to the existing built forms and densities of communities to provide a dynamic range housing choices for all over the long-term.

## Open Spaces

Enhance, conserve, and restore the major open spaces along the Bow River and Glenmore Reservoir and the park spaces in between.

## Industry and Commerce

Build on the strengths of Fairview Industrial and other local industrial and commercial areas, while supporting the revitalization of underutilized areas.

## Resiliency

Embed climate resiliency and innovation through accounting for adaption and mitigation in planning and decision-making.

# REPORT BACK: MOBILITY & CONNECTIONS – WHAT'S STRONG?

WHAT attributes, assets or qualities does the Heritage Communities area have? WHERE are they located?

Think about.... **Mobility & Connections**

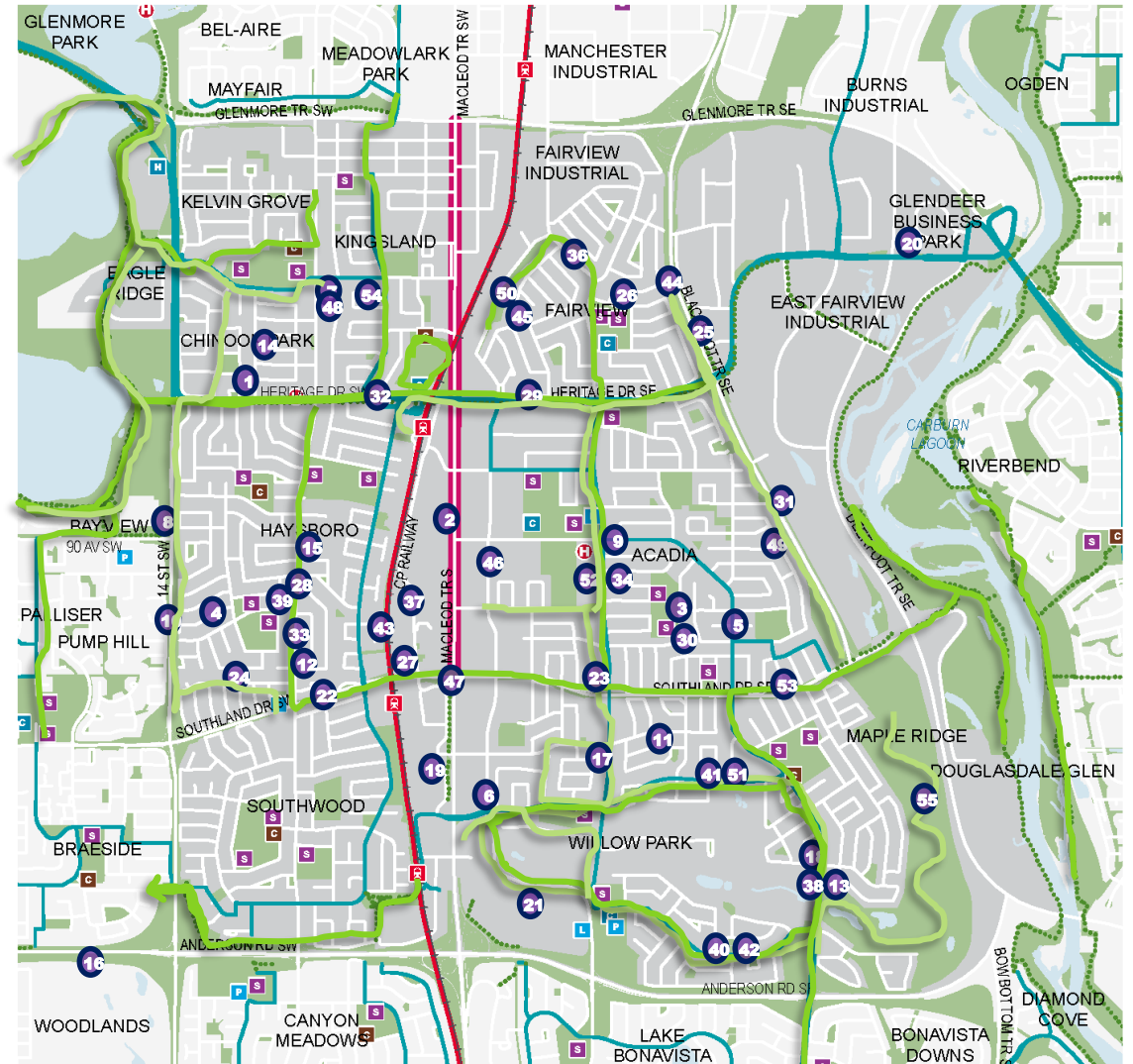
- WHAT are top 1-2 ways you get around the area? Why?
- WHAT routes do you take to get around in the area?
- WHAT are routes that you currently use to walk or bike in the area?
- WHERE are there strong transit, driving, biking, walking connections in the area?



# Session 2 Feedback – What’s Strong? (Mobility)

The following are summarized themes of what we heard at the second session for What’s Strong - Mobility

- A. Higher concentration of major vehicular thoroughfares – (Elbow, Southland, Anderson, Macleod)**
  - ‘All thoroughfares are great for vehicular movement’
  - ‘Elbow Drive is pleasant to drive’
  - ‘Issues arise during rush hour, but otherwise traffic flow is good.’
- B. Residential areas of communities are great for walking and cycling trips within a community**
  - ‘There is generally good walking in the residential areas’
  - ‘Biking around the schools is good’
- C. Side streets, and laneways are ideal for active modes of transportation**
  - ‘Side streets in this area are great to walk’
  - ‘Cut-throughs and alleyways are great for walking’
  - ‘Walk this area to get to destinations’
- D. Great natural amenities on east and west boundaries for recreational activities**
  - ‘Walk this area to get to the off-leash dog park everyday’
  - ‘This is a dog walking areas’
  - ‘This area is awesome for cross-country skiing’





# REPORT BACK: MOBILITY & CONNECTIONS – WHAT'S MISSING?

WHAT attributes, assets or qualities does the Heritage Communities area lack? WHERE would it make sense for these to be located?

Think about....**Mobility & Connections**

- WHAT are the least common ways you use to get around the area? Why?
- WHERE are there barriers to mobility and missing links?
- Are you aware of current mobility issues in the area?
- WHERE are there currently issues/opportunities for transit, driving, biking, walking connections in the area?



# Session 2 Feedback – What’s Missing? (Mobility)

The following are summarized themes of what we heard at the second session for What’s Missing - Mobility

## A. East-West Connections

- ‘Crossing Macleod – lights are very short’
- ‘LRT tracks are a problem – cut off communities’
- ‘Macleod and Elbow crossings are sketchy’

## B. Rethinking Key Thoroughfares

- ‘Speed and Volume on Fairmont and Acadia’
- ‘From Anderson Station to Southwood – walking around Elbow is scary’
- ‘Bonaventure sidewalk issues – discontinuous. More pedestrian /cycling access needed’

## C. Connecting the River to Reservoir

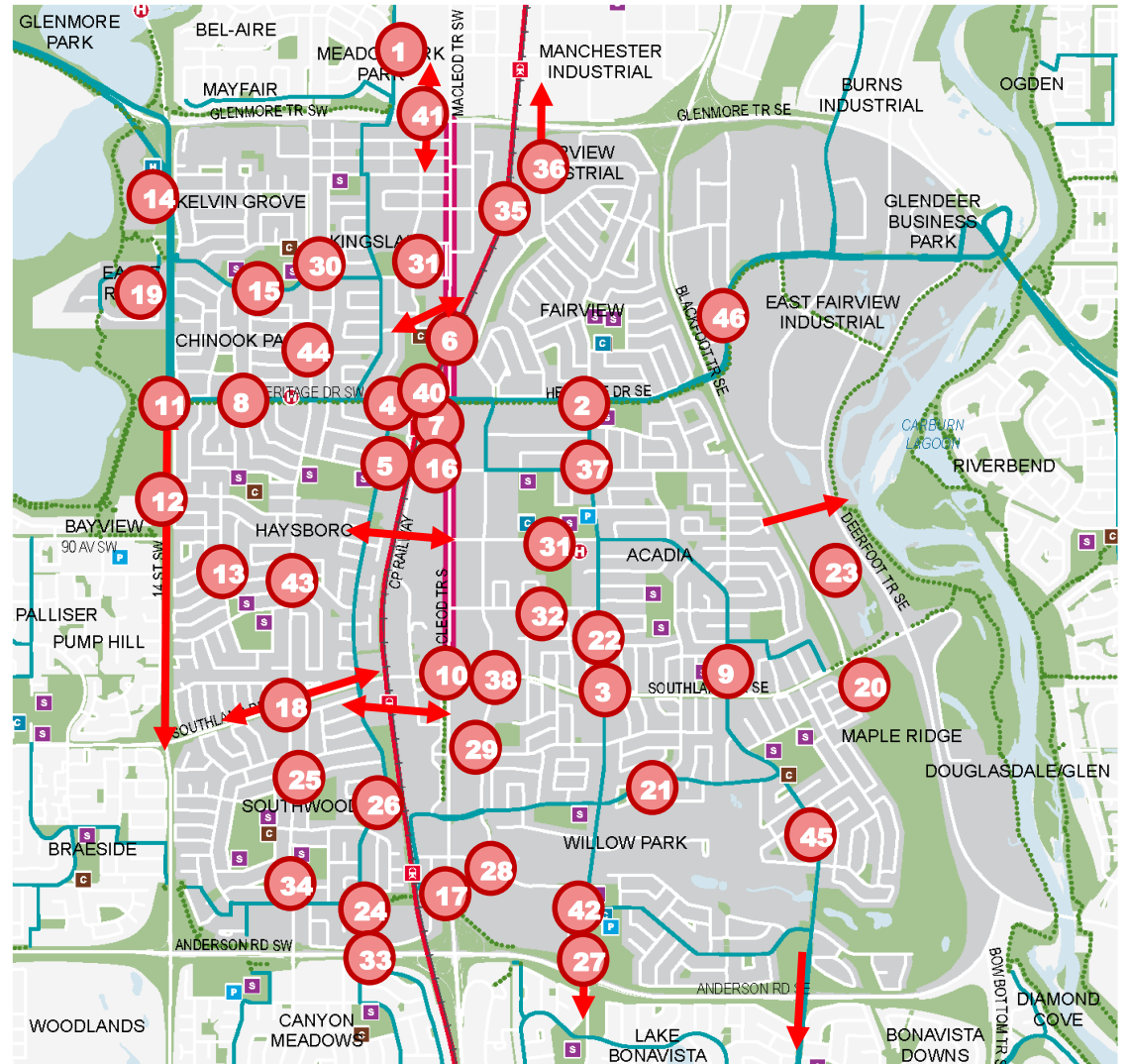
- ‘Cycling across Deerfoot to get to a park isn’t great’
- ‘Nice bike path from reservoir to the river would be nice’

## D. Connecting Across Glenmore and Anderson to Surrounding North and South Communities

- ‘No easy way to bike north from Fairview’
- ‘Pedestrian bridges over Anderson are unpleasant – scary / rusted out.’

## E. Enhanced Connections In and Around Key Amenities and LRT Stations

- ‘Crossing from Trico into Library is sketchy’



# REPORT BACK: DESTINATIONS & AMENITIES – WHAT'S STRONG?

WHAT attributes, assets or qualities does the Heritage Communities area have? WHERE are they located?

Think about....**Destinations & Amenities**

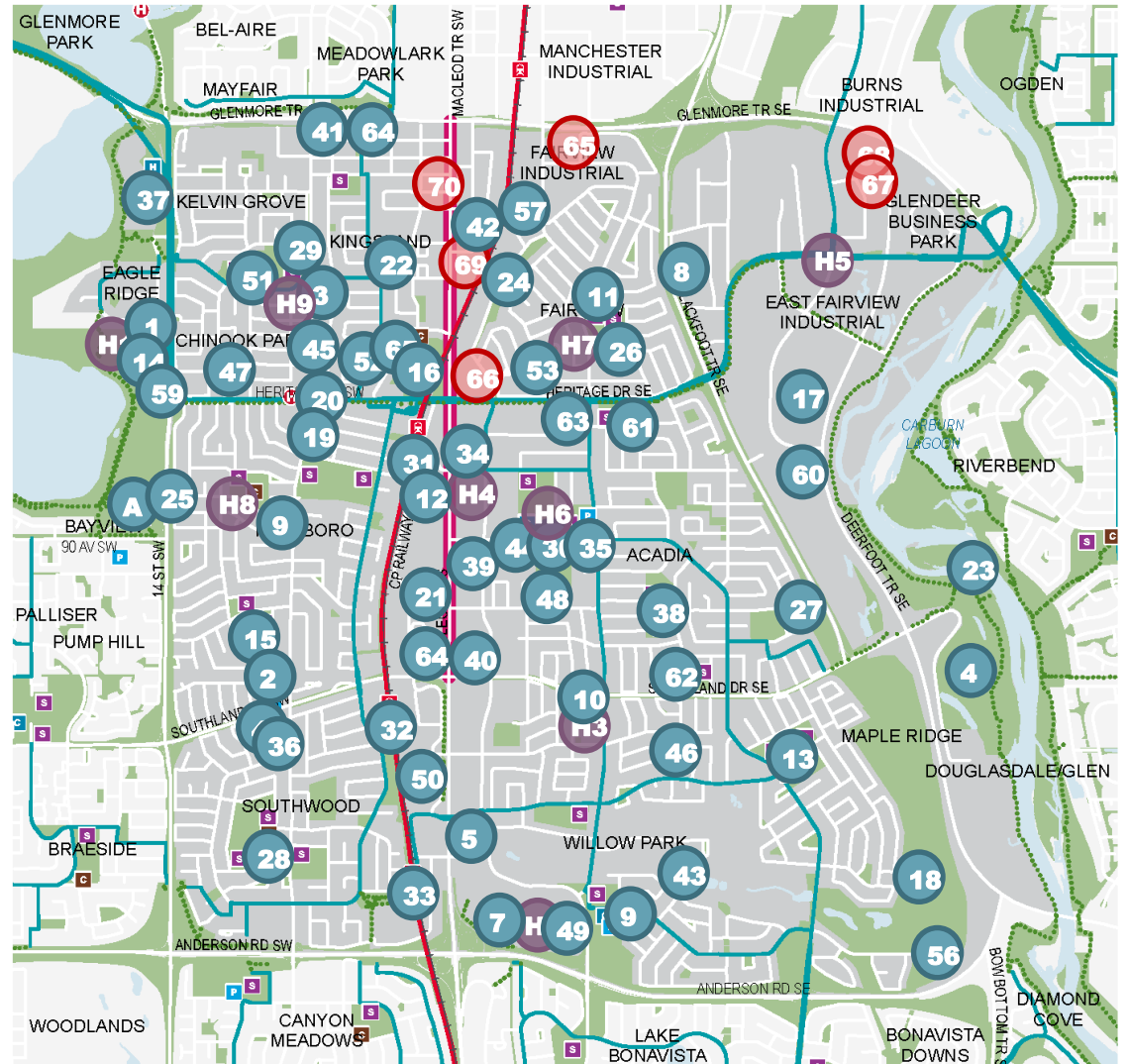
Think about the places and spaces you go in the area connected to: living, working, playing.

- WHAT destinations do you consider an asset within the area?
- WHERE is the heart of the community?
- WHAT destinations do you visit often?
- WHERE are the key assets, amenities, destinations located in the area?

# Session 2 Feedback – What’s Strong?

The following are summarized themes of what we heard at the second session for What’s Strong - Destinations

- A. Existing successful nodes within individual communities**
  - ‘Willow Park Village shopping area- cool boutiques’
  - ‘Italian Market – gathering place’
- B. Recreational Amenities**
  - ‘Southwood Library’
  - ‘Arts and cultural hub’ and ‘community associations’
  - ‘Trico Centre’
  - ‘Arena, outdoor sports – snow hill – toboggan hill’
  - ‘Golf courses’
- C. Natural Amenities on the edge of the Plan Area**
  - ‘Sue Higgins Park – always have to drive to get there’
  - ‘Dog park – off leash’
  - ‘Reservoir access and pathways’
- D. Commercial and Retail along Macleod Trail**
  - ‘Shops all along Macleod’
  - ‘Macleod is both a ‘heart’ and a divider – it’s the artery’
- D. Multiple LRT Stations within the Plan Area**
  - ‘LRT stations and access’



## REPORT BACK: DESTINATIONS & AMENITIES – WHAT'S MISSING?

WHAT attributes, assets or qualities does the Heritage Communities area lack? WHERE would it make sense for them to be located?

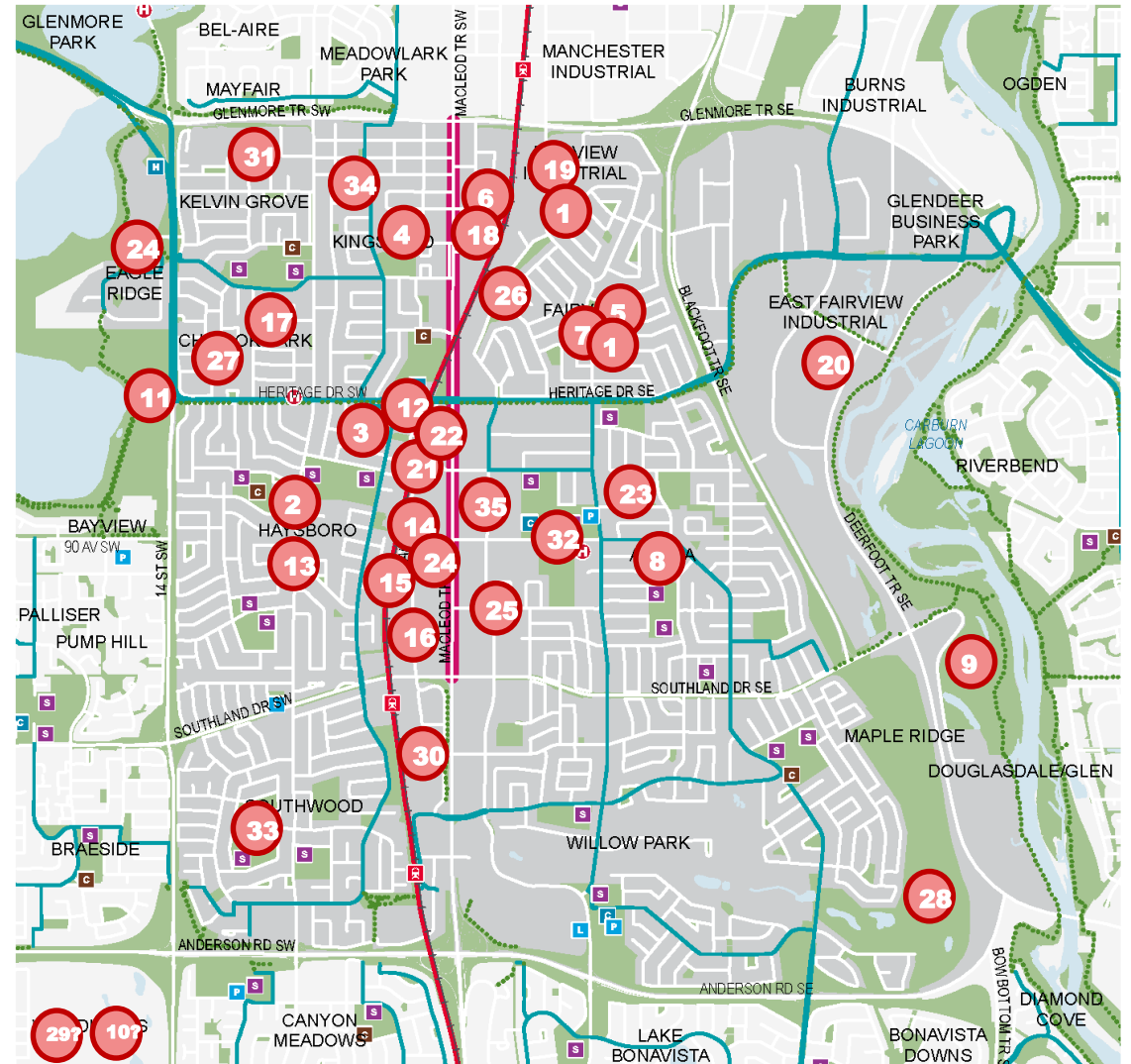
Think about....**Destinations & Amenities**

- WHAT destinations do you wish were in the area?
- WHAT destinations do you leave the area to get to?
- Think about the places and spaces you like to visit outside of the plan area.
- WHERE would it make sense for additional assets, amenities, destinations to be located in the area?

# Session 2 Feedback – What’s Missing?

The following are summarized themes of what we heard at the second session for What’s Missing – Destinations

- A. Arts and culture spaces are deficient.**
  - Desire for performance spaces, theatre.
  - Need places with heart.
- B. Shopping** provides what people need but not necessarily what they want.
  - There are few owner-operated restaurants and upscale grocers / farmer’s markets. Popup retail.
- C. Open space and recreation** has issues.
  - Sports facilities are seen as deficient both in offerings and upkeep.
  - Access to Sue Higgins problematic.
  - Playgrounds need better upkeep.
  - Toboggan hills needed.
- D. Gathering spaces** are needed to provide the place for community interaction.
  - Spaces for seniors and for youth.
  - Some areas lack a local destination. A place to meet.
- E. Many areas are seen as under-developed.**
  - Areas around LRT stations.
  - Cleaner industrial areas.
  - Housing lacks diversity.
  - Macleod is underdeveloped.
  - Destination areas like Britannia are desirable.



# REPORT BACK: FUTURE OPPORTUNITY AREAS / FOCUS AREAS

**Transit-Oriented  
Development**



**Main Streets**



**Major Activity  
Centres**



**Gateway Sites**



**Community Activity  
Centres**



**Neighbourhood  
Activity Centres**



**Established Areas**





# Session 2 Feedback – Future Opportunities & Focus Areas

The following are summarized themes of what we heard at the second session for Focus Areas

**A. Transit Oriented Development:**

- All LRT station areas are opportunities.
- Some BRT station areas.

**B. East-West Corridors:**

- Heritage and Southland – all along, but especially near to Macleod.
- Not mentioned: Glenmore and Anderson.

**C. North-South Corridors:**

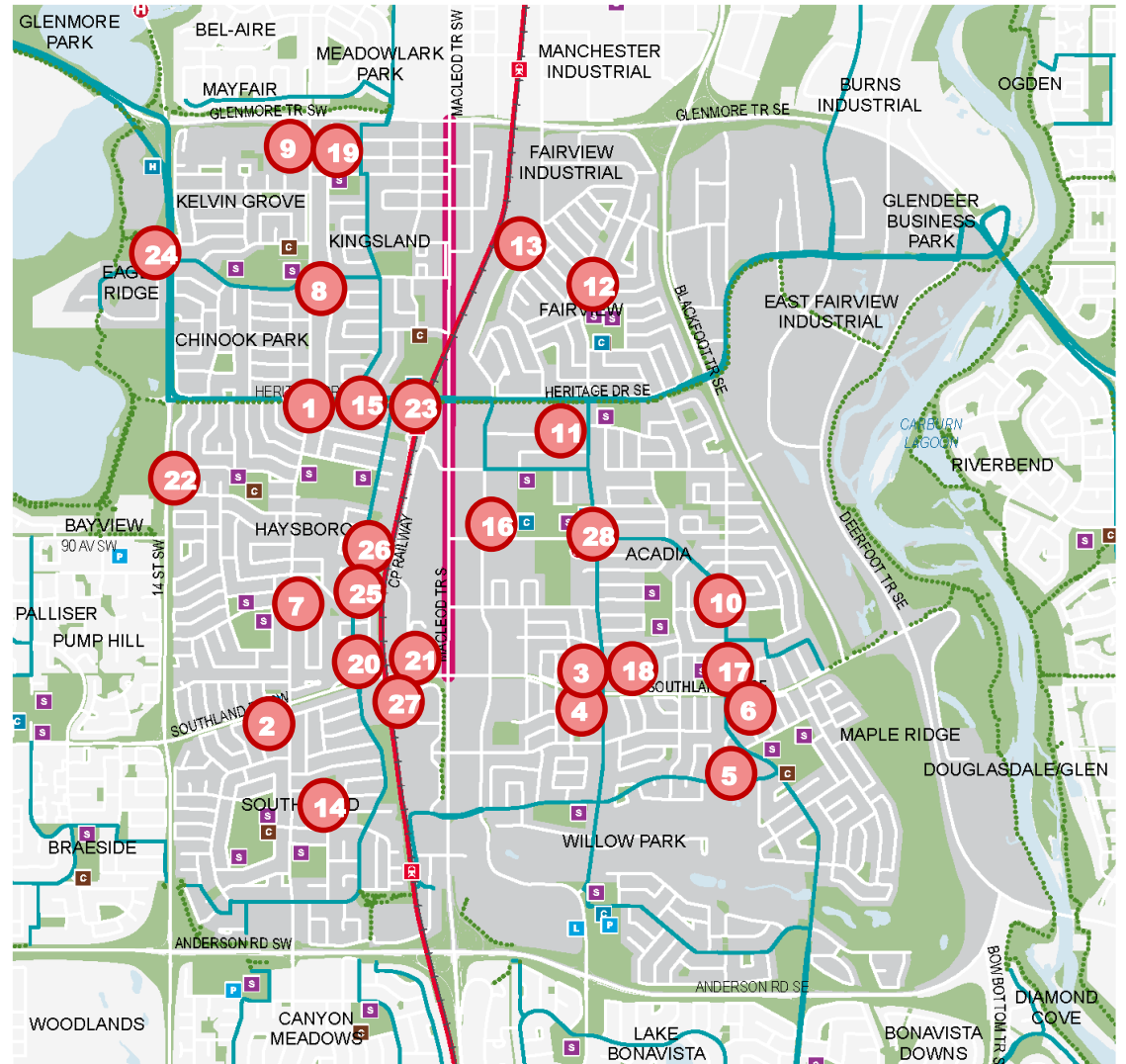
- Macleod Backstreets: Bonaventure, Haddon, Sacramento, Horton.
- Mid-community: Elbow & Fairmont.
- Not mentioned: Macleod, Deerfoot & 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

**D. Nodes (Activity Centres):**

- Most of the intersections of major streets and a few places in between.
- Not mentioned: Deerfoot Meadows.

**E. Gateways:**

- Southland. - Heritage at 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Not mentioned: Macleod at Glenmore / Anderson.
- Deerfoot and connections west. 14<sup>th</sup> & east.

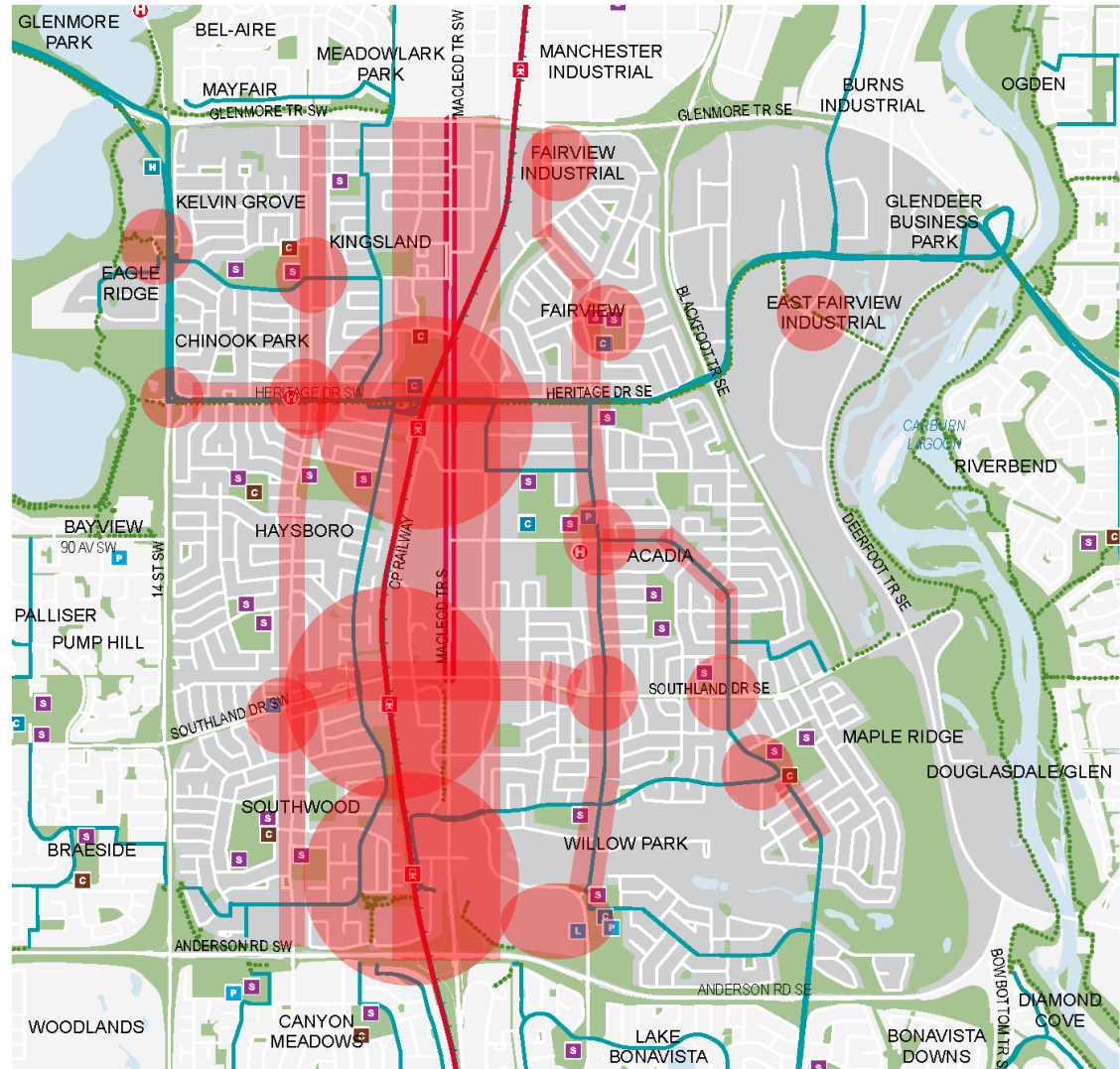




# Session 2 Synthesis – Areas of Interest Map

The following is a synthesized map of all of the areas of interest heard at session two.

- A. Transit Oriented Development
- B. East-West Corridors
- C. North-South Corridors
- D. Activity Centres





# ACTIVITY LEVELS & ATTRIBUTES OVERVIEW

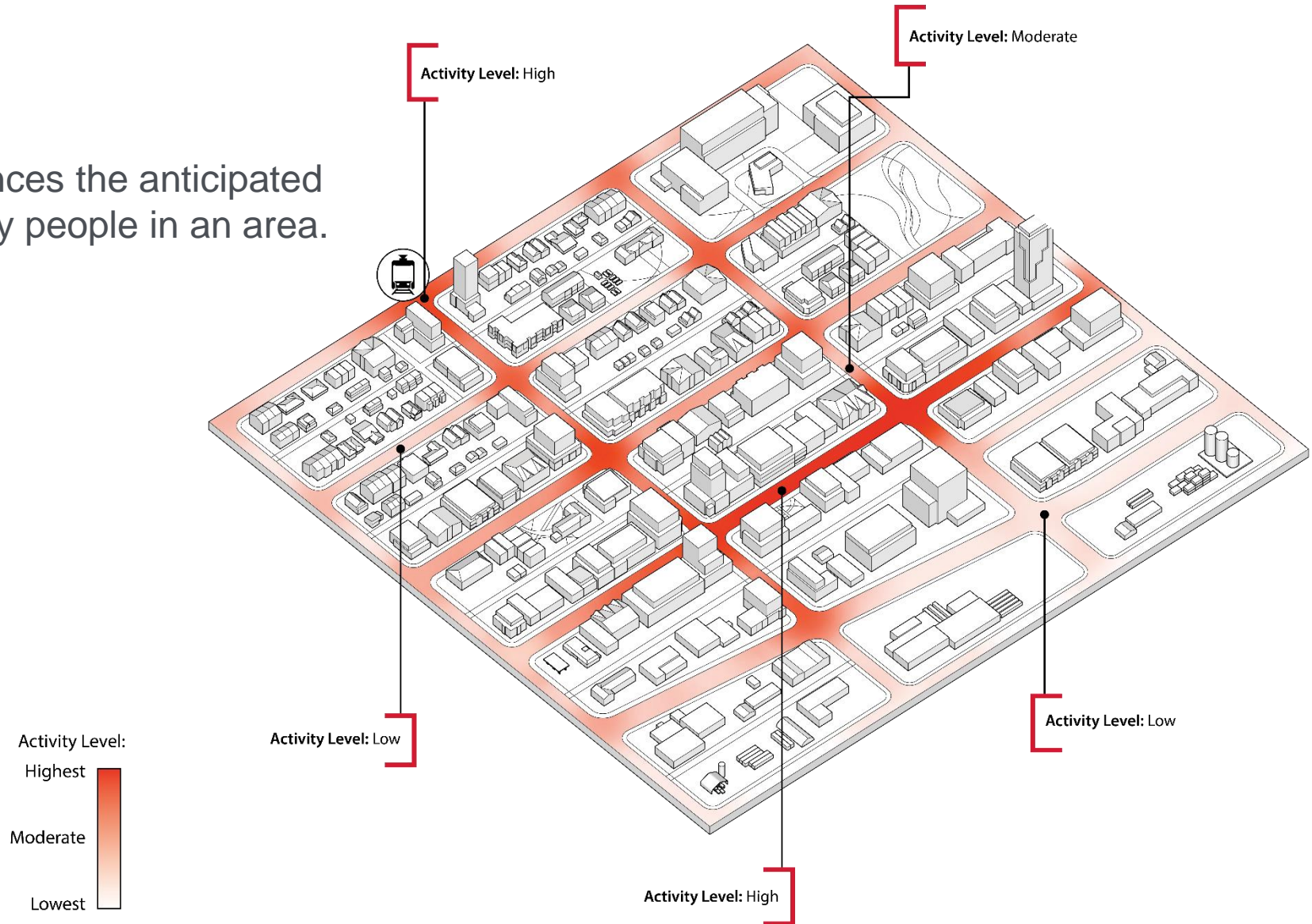


# PERSONAL MAP



# Activity Levels

Activity level references the anticipated activity generated by people in an area.



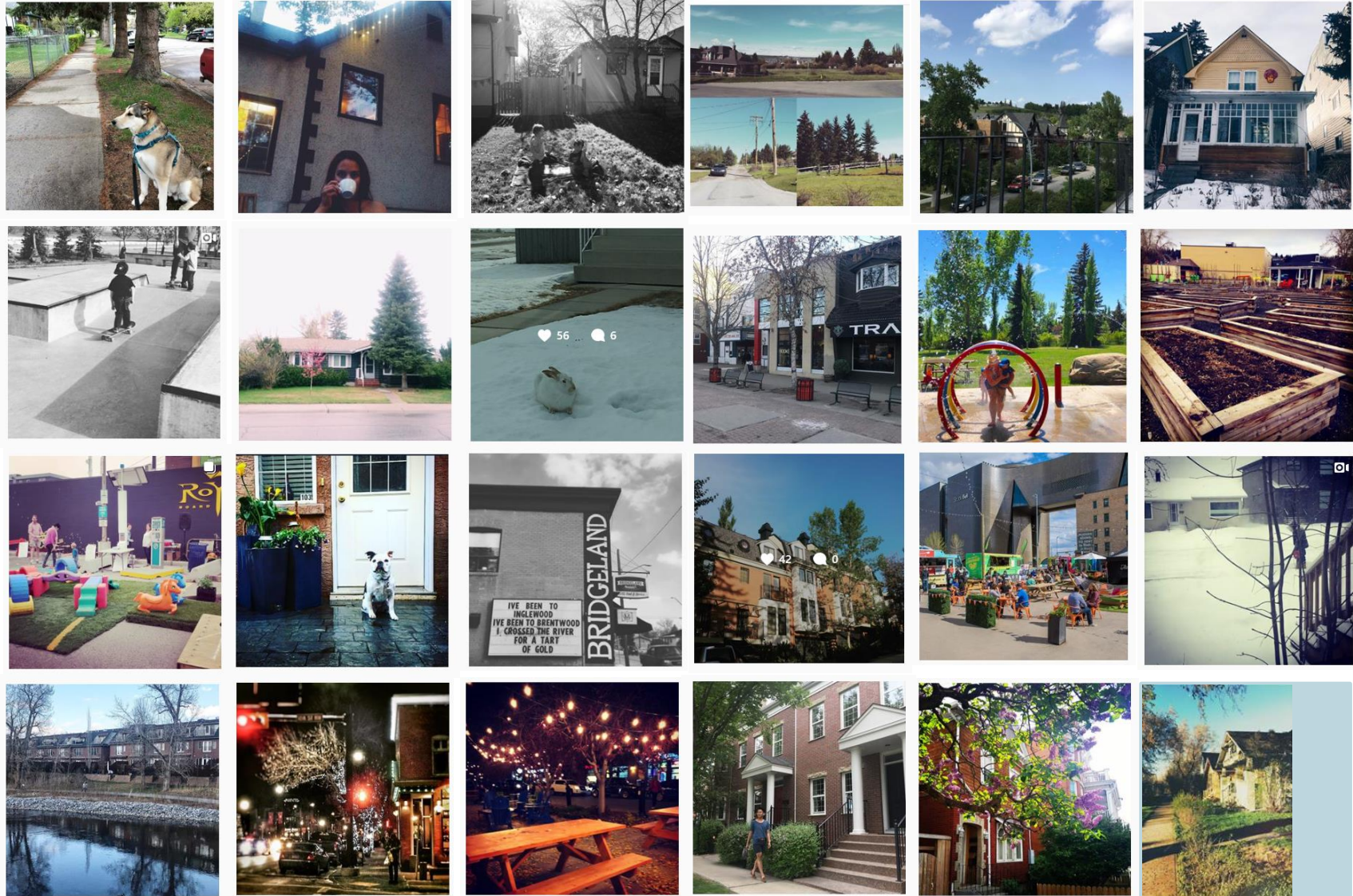
# ACTIVITY LEVEL

Activity is generated by people gathering in spaces, moving in-and-out of buildings and interacting along the street.

The street and buildings should be designed to enhance the at-grade experience in a manner that appropriately responds to the activity level.



# ATTRIBUTES...what we experience

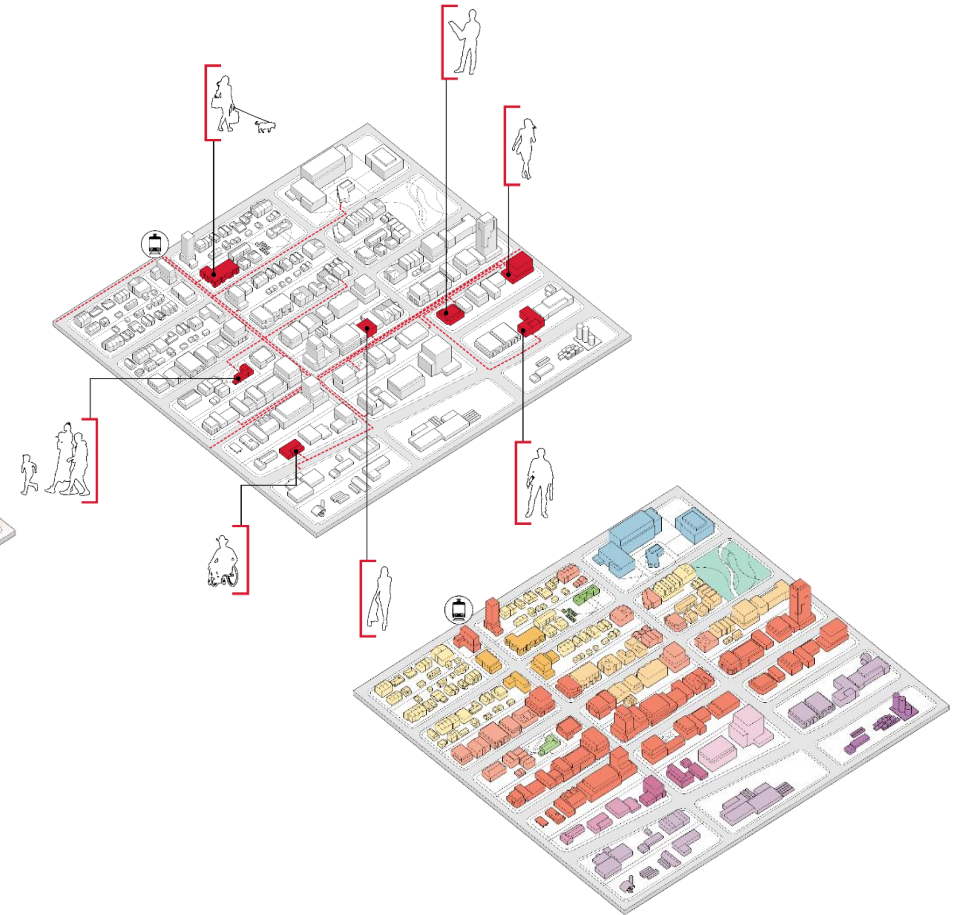
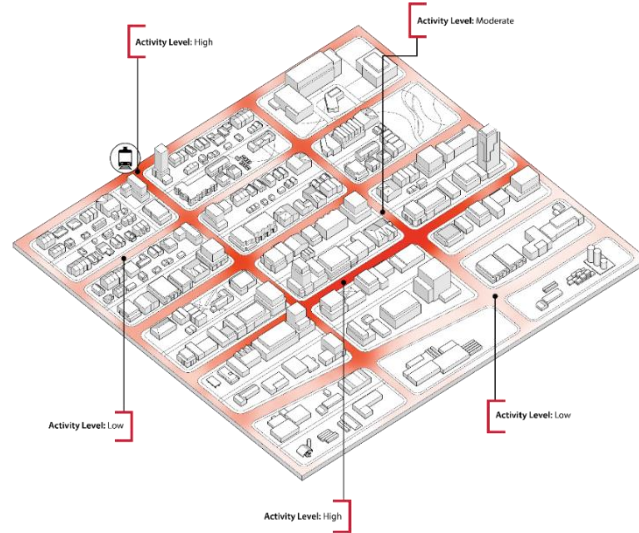
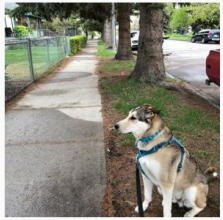


People experience their communities (and capture it) like this...

Instagram

#yycneighbourhoods

# CREATING GREAT COMMUNITIES





# EXERCISE 1: ACTIVITY LEVELS





## ACTIVITY LEVELS

Assign levels of future activity through the Heritage Communities area.



= HIGH ACTIVITY LEVEL

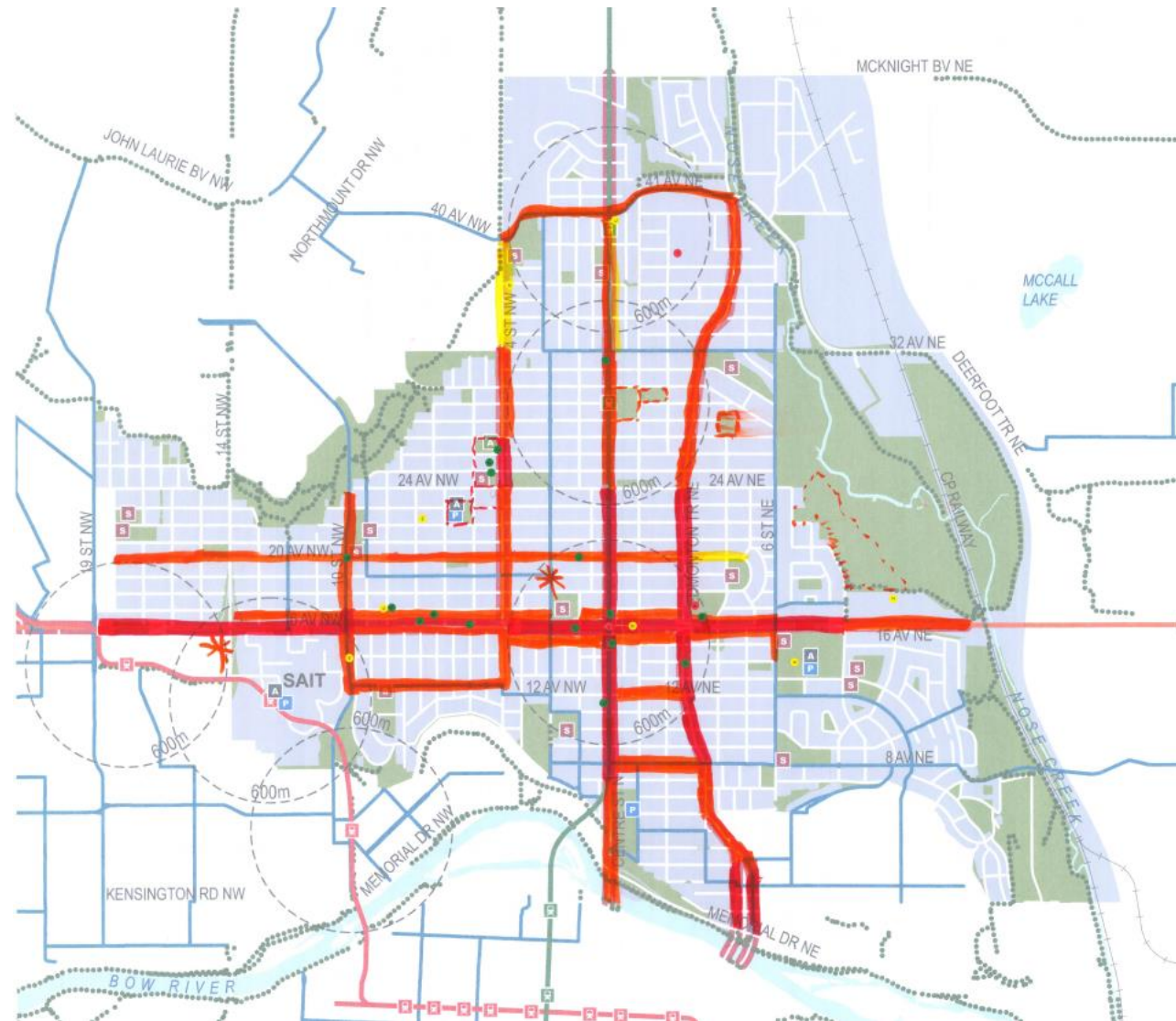


= MEDIUM / MODERATE ACTIVITY LEVEL

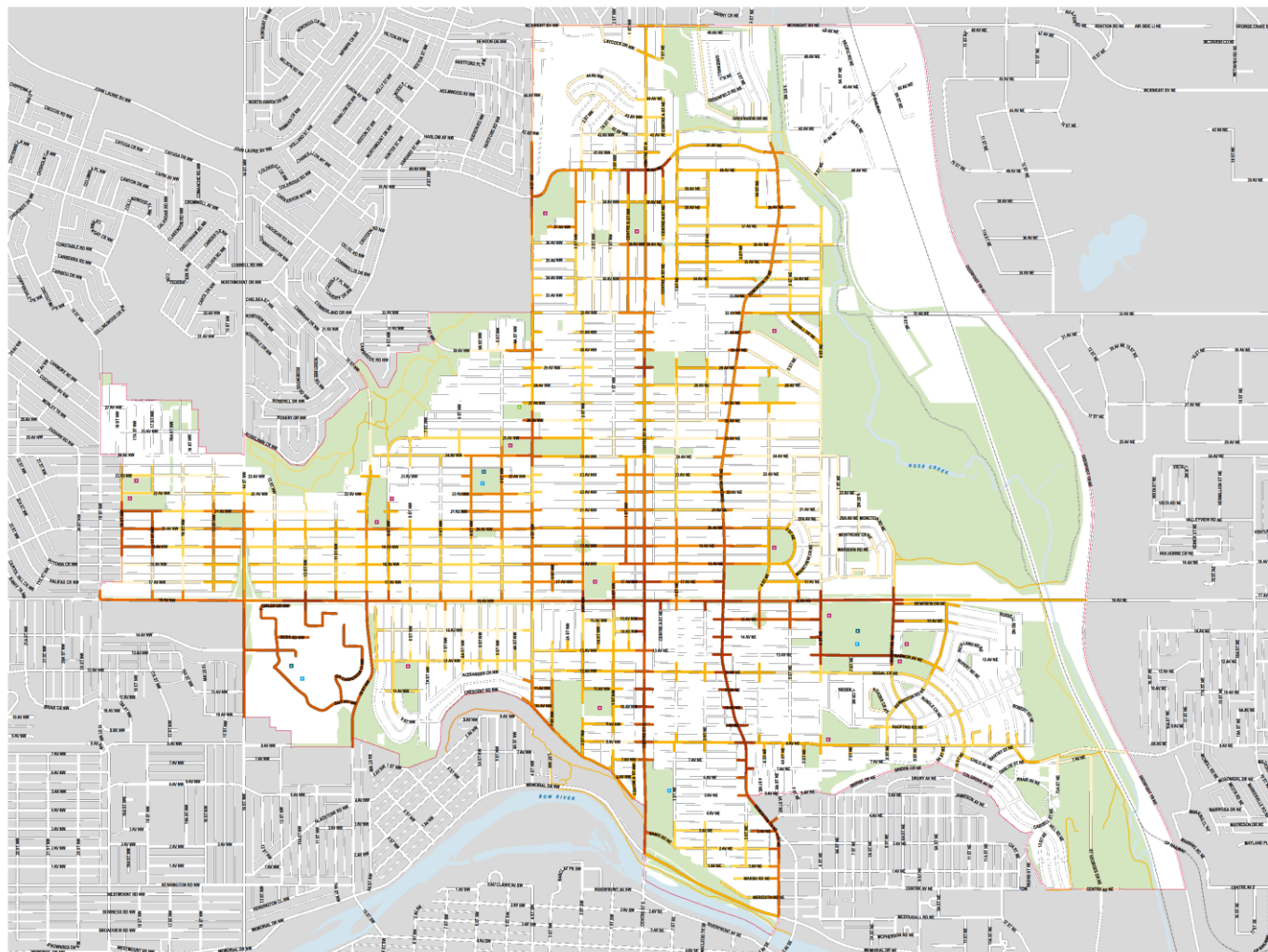


= LOW ACTIVITY LEVEL

# ACTIVITY LEVEL – SAMPLE MAP



# ACTIVITY LEVEL – SAMPLE COMPOSITE MAP





# EXERCISE 2: ACTIVITY AREA ATTRIBUTES



# ACTIVITY AREA ATTRIBUTES

Identifying specific activities, attributes, opportunities and ideas that might happen within specific activity areas.

## THINK ABOUT

- How will these areas change?
- How do these areas look and feel?
- What kind of things will people do here?
- Who will come here and why?
- What's missing and needs to change?

## SHOW US

- Using the pictures, show us how you envision the specific activity areas you have identified.

## TELL US

- Using sticky notes, tell us what is it about these pictures that you like, why did you choose the specific picture and what is important for us to note?













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# NEXT STEPS



# NEXT SESSION

## Working Group Session #4: Function & Scale

Date: Tuesday, January 21

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

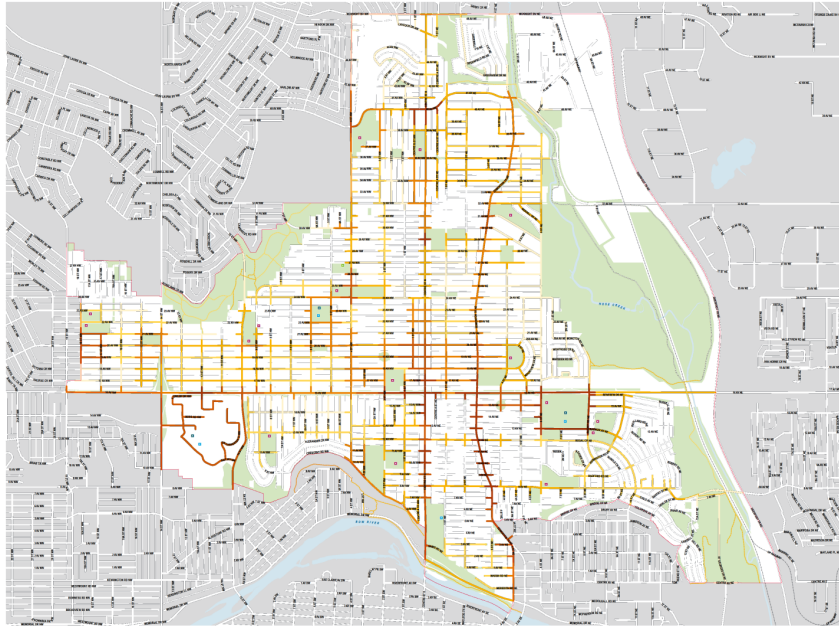
Location: Willow Ridge Community Association (680 Acadia Dr SE)

## HOMEWORK

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!



# SESSION 4: FUNCTION & SCALE





THANK YOU!

