



17 AVE SE BRT Project

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Project overview

City Council approved a Transportation Planning Study for 17 Avenue S.E. between Downtown and Stoney Trail East in July 2010 and a complementary land use concept for the 17 Avenue S.E. corridor. From November to December 2015 the City of Calgary hosted a storefront office and held an evening open house to introduce the project to businesses and residents in the area. The team was available for eight days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at a storefront office to allow the public, local businesses, and property owners in the area the opportunity to learn about the project and have individual discussions about potential property impacts. A public open house was also held for members of the community.

Timeline overview:

- **August 2015:** GlobalFrest booth to promo “What is a Transitway?” and raise awareness that the 17 ave SE Transitway project is coming to the area
- **September-November 2015:** Meetings with Community Associations, and Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ) organization to introduce the project and discuss concerns
- **November 2015:** Presentations to Community Presidents with Cllr. Chabot, and formal presentation to Business Revitalization Zone organization members
- **November-December 2015:** Public open house and storefront office

Event summary

Event	Date	Attendees	Number of Participants
Drop-in Storefront at ArtBox	November 25-27	Residents and businesses	38
Open House	December 2, 2015	Residents and businesses	25
Drop-in Storefront at ArtBox	December 7-11, 2015	Residents and businesses	95
GlobalFest	August 20, 25, 27, 29, 2015	Residents and businesses	~400 interactions



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Event	Date	Attendees	Number of Participants
Community Association President's Meeting	November 24, 2015	Residents	20
International Avenue BRZ Annual General Meeting	November 24, 2015	Businesses	50

What we asked

The purpose of these sessions was to share information about the process, to discuss tentative timelines, the long-term vision, and to share information about potential property impacts with residents and businesses in the area. Items open for engagement included:

- Discussion of additional parking locations to make up for potentially impacted parking lots
- Discussion of where to best locate pedestrian crossing locations
- Discussion of potential neighbourhood traffic impacts
- Discussions with directly impacted business owners regarding access and other direct impacts

What we heard

From the events we heard comments and questions about the following themes. For verbatim comments shared by participants see pages 4-5.

Themes:

- Participants expressed the desire for the route to connect to major shopping centres (Wal-Mart, Costco) and to Chestermere.
- individual properties and business shared concerns about parking for both businesses and residences, specifically:
 - Tim Horton's
 - Angled street parking on 42 St.
 - Limit options for condo parking
 - Open up slip lanes at 34 St.
- Paving back alleys between 33 St. & 36 St.
- Access to 17 Ave. from side streets
- Construction impacts
- Sidewalk widths
- Snow clearing and maintenance
- Pedestrian safety (one person spoke particularly about the 26 St. and 17 Ave. SE intersection)

- Loading zones (one person noted that some businesses do not have a back access, and thus loading zones will be important)
- Bus service, frequency
- Left turn lanes
- Light timing

Next steps

- ▶ Engagement is under way for the project and all feedback received will be themed in a What We Heard report. The What We Heard reports include comments and feedback received.



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Verbatim comments

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Send email updates (when materials online). Interested in old Taco Bell site.
Looking forward to the detailed plan. Staff at location (art box) are very pleasant.
I hope done good job soon. If city can build the transit too connect to shopping Walmart, Costco .vv... Or Chestermere city too
Good job it will be nice to see it completed!
As a business as well as a property owner that been in the area for over 25 years really looking forward to the real changes in the area. Also, really would like to see that access to our property as well as to our businesses would improve by opening 34th Street. Please keep me informed about it if there is anything we as business owner and/or a property owner should or could about it.
Has a DP with city for site for 711 and gas bar. Seemed ok with property requirements.
Never soon enough!!!! Long over due!!!!
Need parking solution Angled street parking along 42nd street may work Our property land use has been changed to higher density mixed use so providing parking in this area would make sense. Consideration should be give to these areas.
I would like to be informed along the way and be part of any design committees if possible.
A good step forward - looking forward to it
Positive development for the community
Work with CNS - community social worker Forest Lawn. Thanks for the open house. Glad to get connected and to share the info with the residents groups I work with here in GFL.
Developing for future LRT is a great idea! The NE line is usually busy well into the night. I would expect a 17 Ave SE LRT to be just as busy if not busier.
So pleased it is happening soon!
Parking, sidewalk widths and snow clearing, pedestrian safety, loading zone
Would consider moving back to area in future
Bus service frequency/service, left turn lanes, light timing
wanted to know about potential impacts to specific property



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Access to 17th from side streets, construction impacts

6220 17th ave SE access, condos and parking limit options (merge with previous record)

Open up access at 34 Street, parking - provide as much as possible

Please look into improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of 26st and 17 ave SE

Need parking bay out front to be designated as loading zone to accommodate loading and unloading. No back access.