



Green Line North

Station Area Workshop: 96 Avenue and North Pointe
July 7, 2016

Event Summary

Date: Aril 27, 2016

Location: Harvest Hills Church

Topic: Station Area Workshop for 96 Avenue and North Pointe

Attendees: 83

Working in small groups with a facilitator, participants were asked to provide information on where they lived; how they would get to the station (by walking, cycling, transit or vehicle); what were the key community destinations or features; what were community opportunities and constraints; and to mark their preferred routes to these destinations. Two maps were available for reference: a station area map, showing the location of the LRT alignment and platforms, and a community connectivity map, illustrating the station site in a larger community context. Any additional concerns that were raised outside of the scope of the exercises described were also recorded directly on the maps over the course of the session.

Generally participants at this workshop brought up issues around traffic and how to make getting to the stations easier and more enjoyable. There was also some discussion around the location of the 96 Avenue station and whether or not its current proposed location was best.

Summary of feedback

Throughout the session main themes were identified based on local issues and opportunities, including:

Traffic

The neighbourhoods around these stations are the outermost and least dense along the Green Line North. While there is already high transit ridership in this area, many who attended the workshop felt they would still be somewhat dependent on their vehicle and are concerned about traffic with the introduction of the Green Line.

- Requests were made for traffic improvements on the stretch of Harvest Hills Boulevard near the future North Pointe Station. As this is already a busy area, ideas like dual left turn lanes were suggested to help deal with the influx of vehicular traffic turning into the transit facility.
- The intersection of Harvest Hills Boulevard and Country Hills Boulevard was brought up in conversation as an existing area with heavy traffic congestion. Consideration of grade separation in this area was recommended to prevent traffic from getting worse when the Green Line is implemented.



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- Illegal U-turns in the area near the proposed 96 Avenue station location were brought up as a concern. Harvest Hill Boulevard intersects with few cross streets making U-turns frequent. It was suggested that these movements be addressed or legalized to make theme safer and reduce incidents.

Pedestrian safety and multi-use pathways

Due to high volumes of vehicular traffic there are many areas residents were able to point out where pedestrian safety could be improved.

- Areas along Harvest Hills Boulevard where major commercial or community centres are located were of greatest concern for participants.
- Most participants agreed that because the car was necessary, but because pedestrian safety was very important to them, requests for signalized pedestrian crossings were made.
- The community has a good network of multi-use pathways already, however residents felt like there are some gaps in the network. They would like to see more direct routes to commercial areas in the community.
- Requests for connections to the Nose Hill pathways were requested.
- Requests were made for better snow clearing of area pathways in the winter to make them more attractive to use.

96 Avenue station

During discussion about this station there was some concern expressed about the capacity of a future park and ride facility. There was also some concern around the proposed station location and alternative suggestions were made on where the station could go including:

- slightly north along Harvest Hills Boulevard N to pull it away from the busy intersection, or
- on the west side of Harvest Hills Boulevard N to place it adjacent to the bus terminal and Park & Ride, and to reduce community access impacts farther north along the alignment, or
- in the median of Harvest Hills Boulevard N to reduce traffic impacts and to keep the platform equidistant to the communities to the east and west.

North Pointe

Conversation on this station tended to focus on where the station should be located on the road and how people in the area would be able to best access it.

- There was debate over whether or not the station should be located in the centre of the street or on the east side of Harvest Hills Boulevard. The project team is still evaluating both options.
- Pedestrian bridges were requested to help people cross Harvest Hills Boulevard mid-block to access the station.



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- Residents requested a large station to accommodate the many people who will be using the planned transit terminal as well as to provide a lot of protection from the elements.
- Participants were favourable towards development around the stations but were concerned about how it would impact traffic and hoped it would be street-facing to encourage walking.