

## **50 Avenue S.W. Corridor Study River Park Off-Leash Drop-In Event**

Report Back // What we Heard, What we Did January 31, 2016

### **Project overview**

The City of Calgary is conducting a transportation corridor study of 50 Avenue S.W., between Crowchild Trail and 14A Street S.W. In 2009, it was reclassified as a Parkway under the Calgary Transportation Plan. This corridor study will result in a new design for 50 Avenue S.W. that will support all types of transportation, improve the look of the corridor and create a plan for future construction.

### **Engagement overview**

As a part of the 50 Avenue S.W. Corridor Study Phase 1 engagement process, The City hosted a public open house and three pop-up events. In addition to the in-person events, an online survey and mapping tool were provided on the project website to gather input.

This report reflects What We Heard at the pop-up event held at the River Park off-leash area on Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Approximately 85 people stopped by to talk to the project team.

#### What we asked

Participants were asked to identify their ideas and concerns with 50 Avenue S.W. by writing on Post-it notes and placing them on a map of the corridor.

Participants were also directed to the City's website to fill out the online survey if they wanted to provide additional feedback at a later time.

#### What we heard

Feedback and input collected from the Post-it notes was transcribed and organized into the following themes: traffic congestion/flow/speed/calming; bike facilities; pathways/sidewalks; pedestrian safety; aesthetics; and intersection design.

- For a detailed summary of the input that was provided, please see the **Summary of Input** section.
- For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided, please see the Verbatim Responses section.

### What we are doing

We are currently planning the upcoming Phase 2 engagement opportunities and creating preliminary design options for the 50 Avenue S.W. corridor. Both the engagement opportunities and the preliminary design options will be based on the feedback and input received during the Phase 1 engagement opportunities.



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### **Next steps**

The feedback collected from the in-person events and online activities in Phase 1 will be used to develop potential design concepts. Potential design concepts will be evaluated with the public during Phase 2 in spring 2016.

### **Summary of Input**

Participants were asked to share their concerns about 50 Avenue S.W., as well as suggestions for improvements. Participant comments reflected ideas and concerns in the following areas: traffic congestion/flow/speed/calming; bike facilities; pathways/sidewalks; pedestrian safety; aesthetics; and intersection design.

The most common comments that were provided include:

- Add a bike lane to the south side of the road (5 comments)
- Speeding is an issue along the corridor (4 comments)
- Add a pathway to the south side of the road (2 comments)
- Add lighting and a crosswalk at 19 Street S.W. (2 comments)





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### **Verbatim Comments**

### **Map Activity**

Attendees were asked to place Post-it notes on a map of the area, identifying their ideas and concerns with 50 Avenue S.W.

Comments (22 in total)	Number of times mentioned
Traffic congestion/flow/speed/calming	
Speeding on 16 Street S.W. to water treatment plant.	
Hybrid of expressway and parkway. Corridor should be structured.	
Speed bumps at the intersections to slow traffic and force people to pay attention.	2
Lots of traffic at 20 Street S.W. during rush hour.	2
Speeding on 22 Street S.W. a concern.	
Uninterrupted line of sight along 50 Avenue S.W. promotes speeding.	
Bike facilities	
Bike lane and no parking on south side.	2
Bike lane on south side of road.	3
Pathways/sidewalks	
Pathway on south side of road.	2
Not comfortable running on the pathways because of the bikes.	
Pedestrian safety	
Pedestrian signs at 19 Street S.W.	
Crosswalk and lighting at 19 Street S.W.	2
Aesthetics	
Lighting at 20 Street S.W.	
Intersection design/concerns	
Better line of sight needed at 22 Street S.W. (centre section)	
Good line of sight at 20 Street S.W. intersection	