



# Memorial Parkway Program – Phase II

Participant Report Back: What we Heard

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## Project overview

Over the last five years, The City of Calgary has worked on several projects in the Hillhurst-Sunnyside community. From these projects, we have gathered information regarding how participants view, work and recreate in the area. We have taken that information to update the Landscape of Memory mission and principles. This update will allow future projects to build on work being done so the experience for all users of the space is improved.

## Engagement overview

During phase one of engagement in summer 2022, we updated the Landscape of Memory mission and principles to align with what's important to Calgarians and to help guide future planning in the area.

Using the updated mission and principles, the program team identified spaces suitable for future public realm enhancements along the Sunnyside Flood Barrier. As part of our second phase of engagement in fall 2022, the program team gathered input on these public spaces as well as Calgarians' priorities and ideas for other improvements in the area. This engagement ran online from October 15 to November 4 and there were two in-person events – October 15 at the north shore of the Peace Bridge and October 16 at Poppy Plaza.

## What we asked

Participants were asked to prioritize five special places along the Memorial Parkway and rate potential improvements & opportunities that had been identified by the program team for each space. These special places include: Calgary Soldiers Memorial, Poppy Plaza, the north shore of the Peace Bridge, the 7 Street N.W. Lookout and the Prince's Island Pedestrian Bridge.

The project team also asked participants for input on potential ideas to re-use Memorial Trees that will be removed as part of the Sunnyside Flood Barrier construction. Lastly, the team asked participants to identify priority areas for potential future mobility improvements for all modes of travel along Memorial Drive.

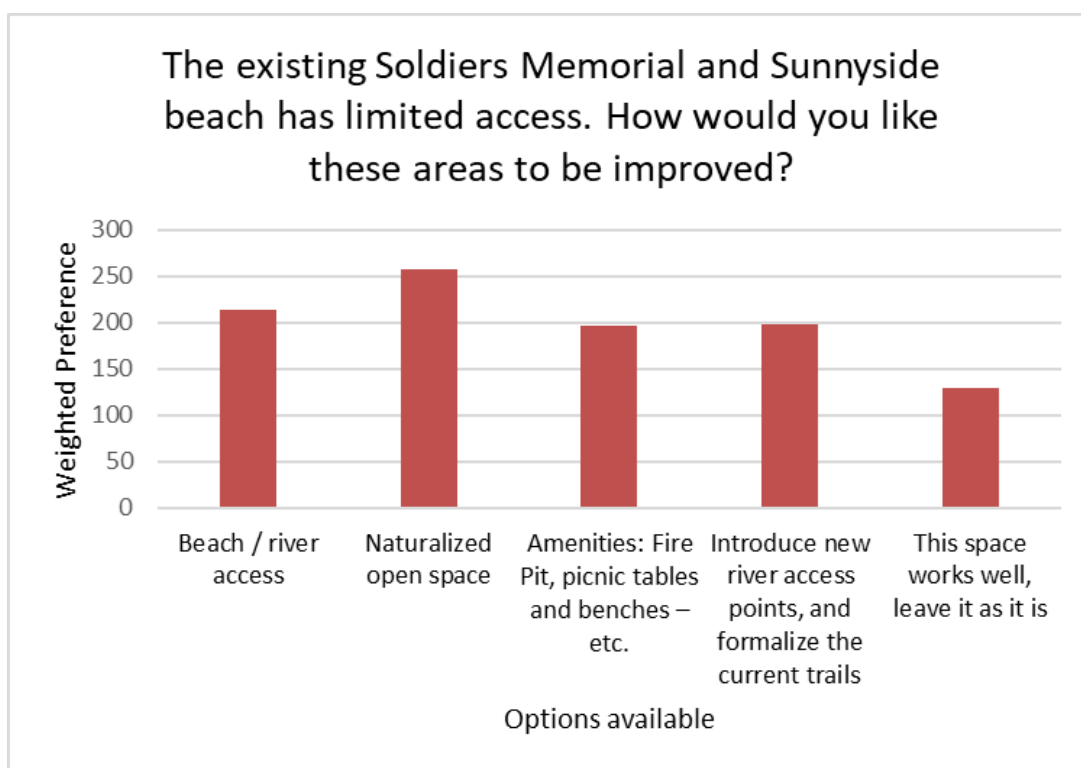
## What we heard

We had over 1000 visitors to the Engage portal page, in addition to more than 100 participants at our in-person sessions. We received 200+ submissions for ranking special places and potential improvements within the Memorial Parkway and almost 200 additional comments related to Memorial Drive mobility. Overall, two main themes emerged in the discussion regarding the parkway. The first was that the pathways should be improved to provide better separation between user groups (i.e. walkers, wheelers, mobility devices). Secondly, participants indicated that they wanted more connection with nature through added features such as more benches, improved river access or more naturalized space.

Below are graphic representations of the feedback from the questions asked, as well as the corresponding themes. Verbatim comments are included at the end of the document. The results are shown as a weighted preference to reflect the priorities participants identified more accurately.

## Memorial Parkway Special Places

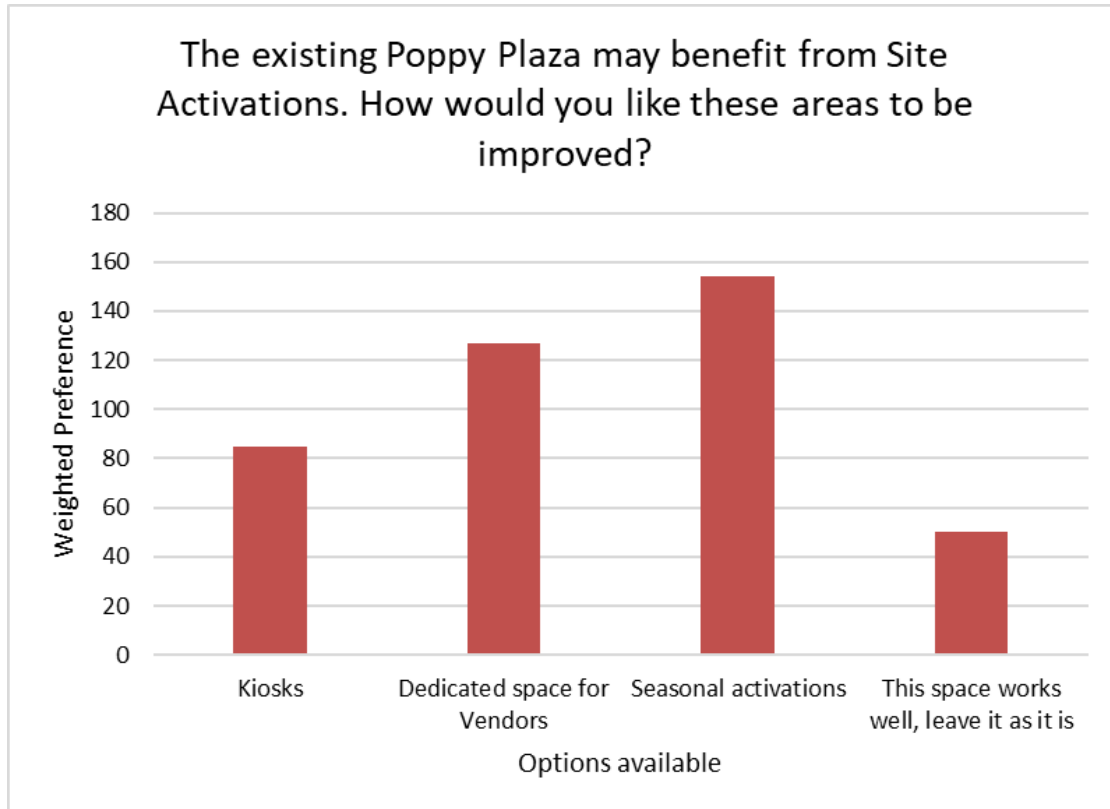
Question 1. The existing Soldiers Memorial and Sunnyside beach has limited access. How would you like these areas to be improved?



We also asked if there were other ideas we missed. The following is a sample of some of the additional verbatim commentary we received.

- Lighting for the pathway, just enough to light the path
- There's been too much hard scape added to the public spaces along the south side of the Bow River. Try to keep it natural so that there isn't increased runoff during snow and rain events. Think sponge City!
- A toilet on the western side. The nearest ones are on prince's island
- Public art, or perhaps a space for rotating public art to be shown
- A place for seasonal cafe or restaurant by the river or even on the river off of a levee.

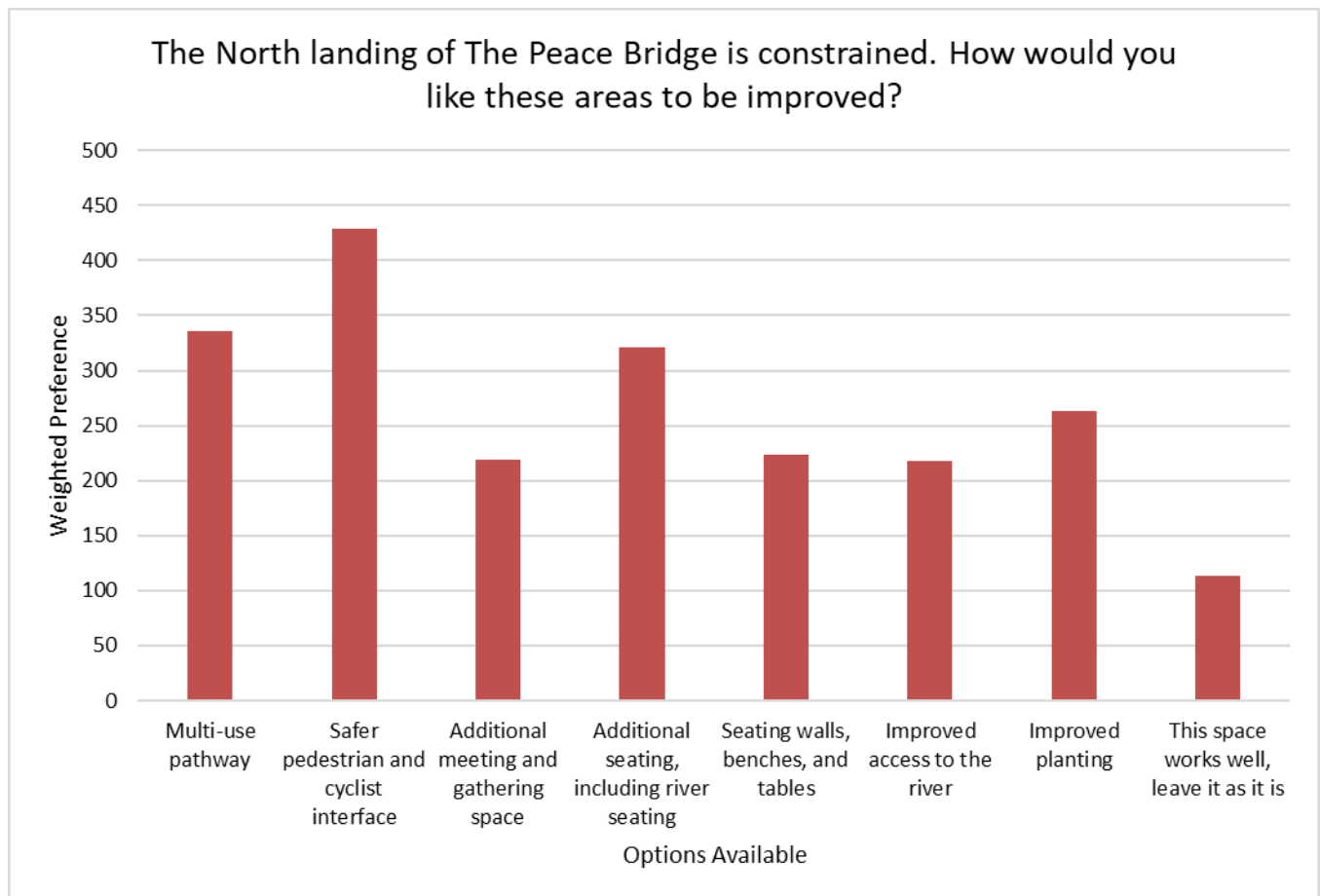
Question 2. The existing Poppy Plaza may benefit from Site Activations. How would you like these areas to be improved?



We asked what other ideas we may have missed. Below is a sample of the additional commentary we received.

- The firehall is imposing and appears to be closed 100% of the time. The area feels like a place I'm not supposed to be in. Activation would be great.
- Shade, perhaps put solar over the parking lot. It would give vendors a place to plug in too
- Improve pedestrian experience coming from Sunnyside or Hillhurst into the plaza. Current pedestrian crossing can be intimidating due to speed of vehicles and the pedestrian islands one is required to wait on. It will be hard to truly activate the space considering traffic volume and proximity.
- Public washrooms are needed here and everywhere!

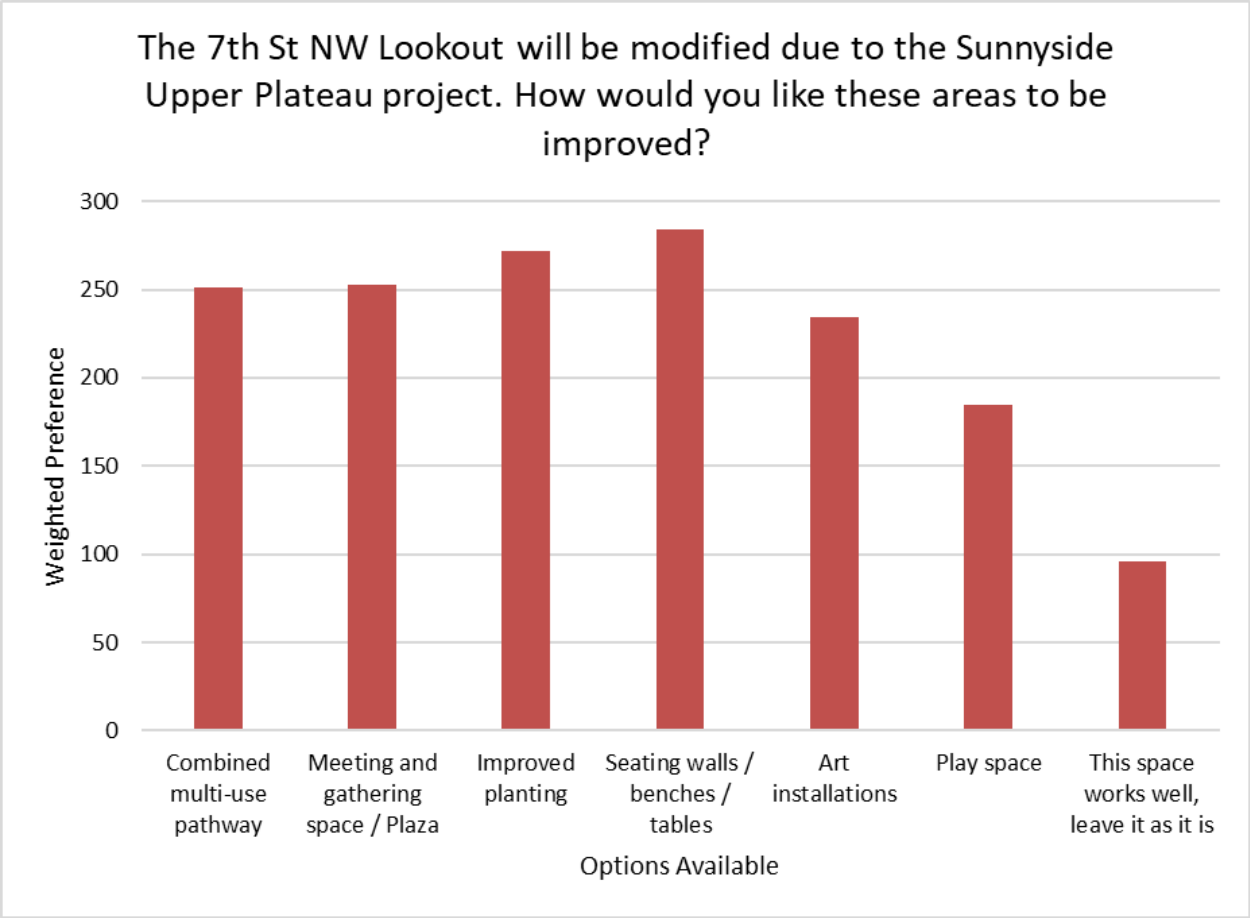
Question 3. The North landing of The Peace Bridge is constrained. How would you like these areas to be improved?



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- If you include seating include bike parking/racks
- NO more large gathering or meeting spaces please!!!! The pathway junction does need improvement as well as more setting perhaps on a natural rock setting down to the river. But no more plazas!!!!!!
- A walkway that extends out over the river edge (like the East Village) because people love taking their picture here. Have a walkway that extends out for good views
- If flood wall must be between river and pathway system please naturalize it as best as possible while also incorporating seating and viewing areas. Preferred location might be between pathway system and road as it will act as a sound barrier and allow a more human forward spaces to sit, wheel etc.

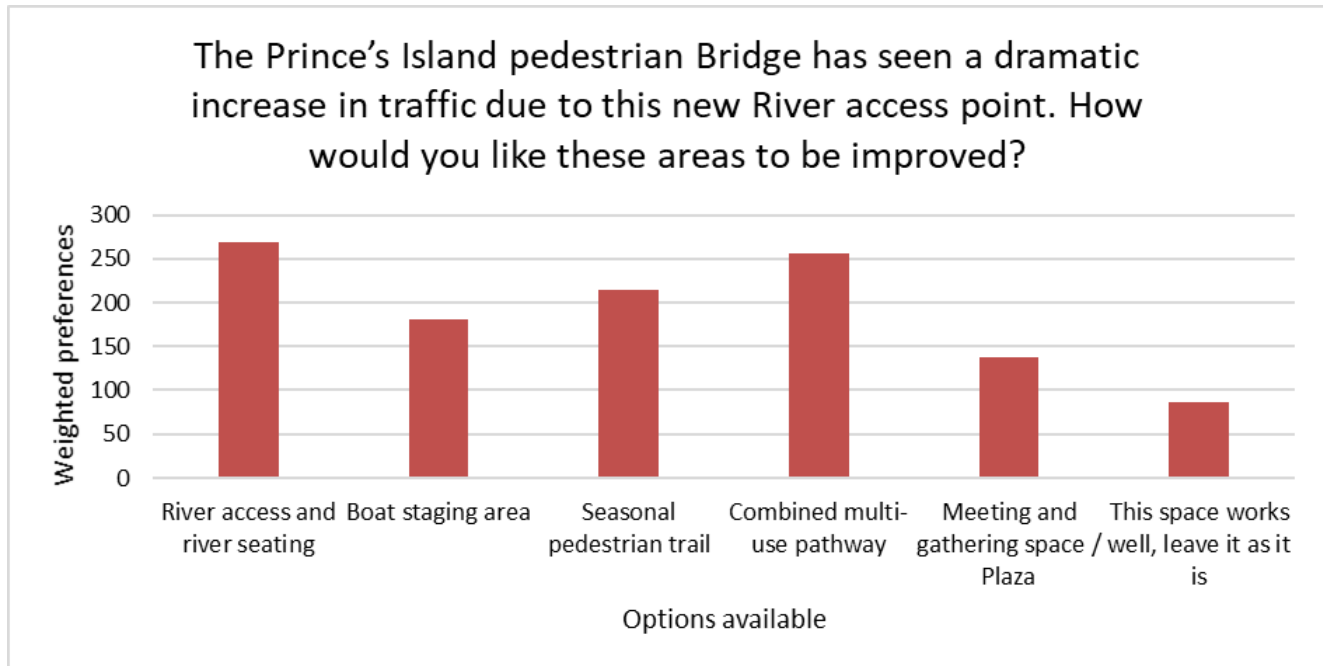
Question 4. The 7th St NW Lookout will be modified due to the Sunnyside Upper Plateau project. How would you like these areas to be improved?



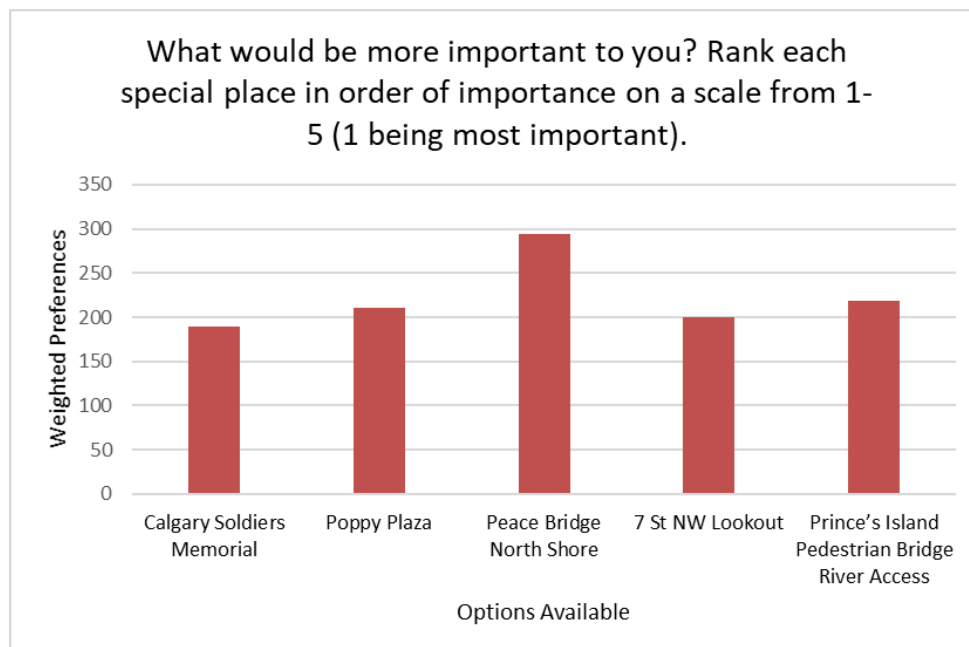
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- Maintain and improve current separated pathway system. One for pedestrians, one for wheeled vehicles. Do not create multi-use pathways as pedestrians and electrified wheeled vehicles do not mix well. Boat pull out would work well on this island with a pedestrian crossing so close.
- Build a new and expanded outlook cantilevered out over the planned Outfall B48B (Upper Plateau Separation)
- Provide access to Sunny Beach

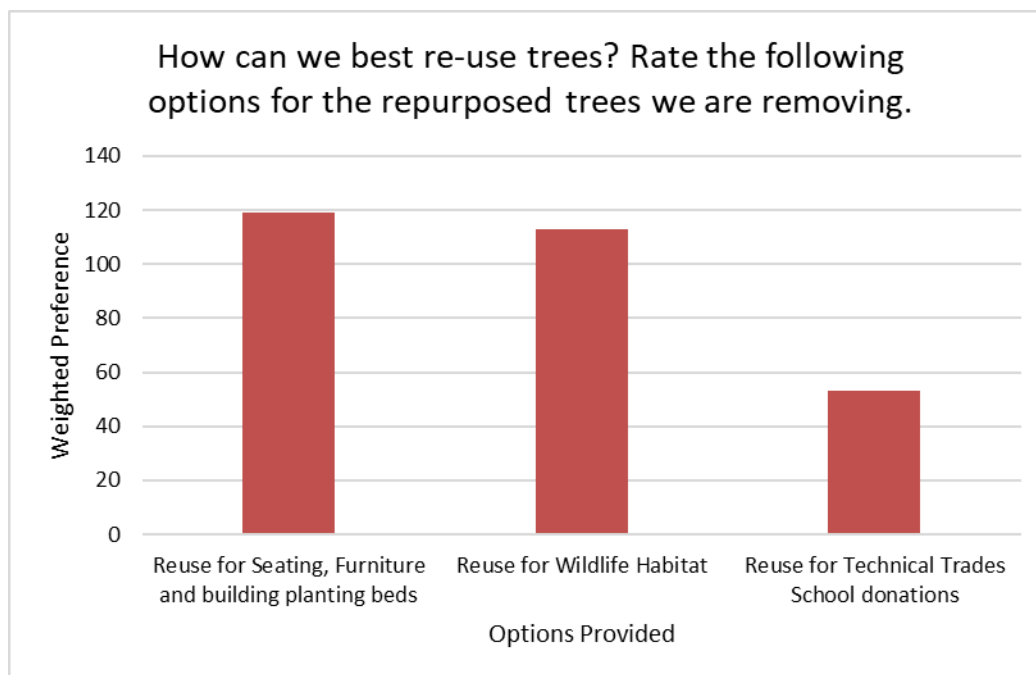
Question 5. The Prince's Island pedestrian bridge has seen a dramatic increase in traffic due to this new river access point. How would you like these areas to be improved?



Question 6. What would be more important to you? Rank each special place in order of importance on a scale from 1-5 (1 being most important).



Question 7. How can we best re-use trees? Rate the following options for the repurposed trees we are removing.



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- preserve the big trees as a priority, especially the ones closest to the river that provide shade from the hot south facing sun for all of us who walk home from downtown along this pathway.
- Creating furniture, planting beds or other items for veterans that they would value
- Please minimize any tree removal.

The following are themes of some of the commentaries we received at our in-person events.

Themes	Verbatim comments
Coordinate Pathways better for users	loved the lanes dedicated for pedestrians and cyclists (encourages active lifestyle, good for users of all abilities)
	keep trees and add bushes to separate modes
	bike parking/bike valleys and lockers to store bikes safely at poppy plaza
	emphasize poppy plaza as downtown entry point
	pedestrian crossing at LRT is awkward and needs improvement



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<b>Better activation of spaces</b>	pictures & arts at spaces along rivers edge
<b>Seating, benches, washrooms, other amenities</b>	river access and fire pits
	public washrooms
	seating areas are helpful and make people want to stop
<b>Mixed Trees/Plantings</b>	more vegetation and maintained trees are excellent and needed
	Mixed species planting in case one species doesn't do well
	big trees take decades to grow, not enough trees on the south side and they are ornamental, nothing shade

As outlined, we received several different types of comments. Many comments received at the in-person sessions overlapped with what we heard online; however, we received additional feedback regarding amenities, usage and types of trees and plantings along the pathway through online submissions. A full list of verbatim comments is at the end of the document.

### Memorial Drive Mobility – for Today and Tomorrow

For this portion of the Parkway Program, The City will examine how Memorial Drive and the adjacent public space bordering the Bow River accommodates vehicles, pedestrians, and wheelers today and going forward. It will identify short and medium-term enhancements and explore long-term mobility improvements on and across Memorial Drive. The study will focus on Memorial Drive between 14 Street N.W. and Centre Street N.

We asked participants to use a social map to indicate where they see opportunities to improve walking and wheeling (bikes, e-bikes, scooters, skateboards etc.) on and across Memorial Drive. The feedback received will be shown with maps and sample comments from participants.

Overall, we found that many participants want to see improvements in overall mobility through the area, with many suggestions on what could be done with Memorial Drive. We received several comments about pedestrian and cyclist safety on both the pathways and sidewalks through the area. Additionally, access to



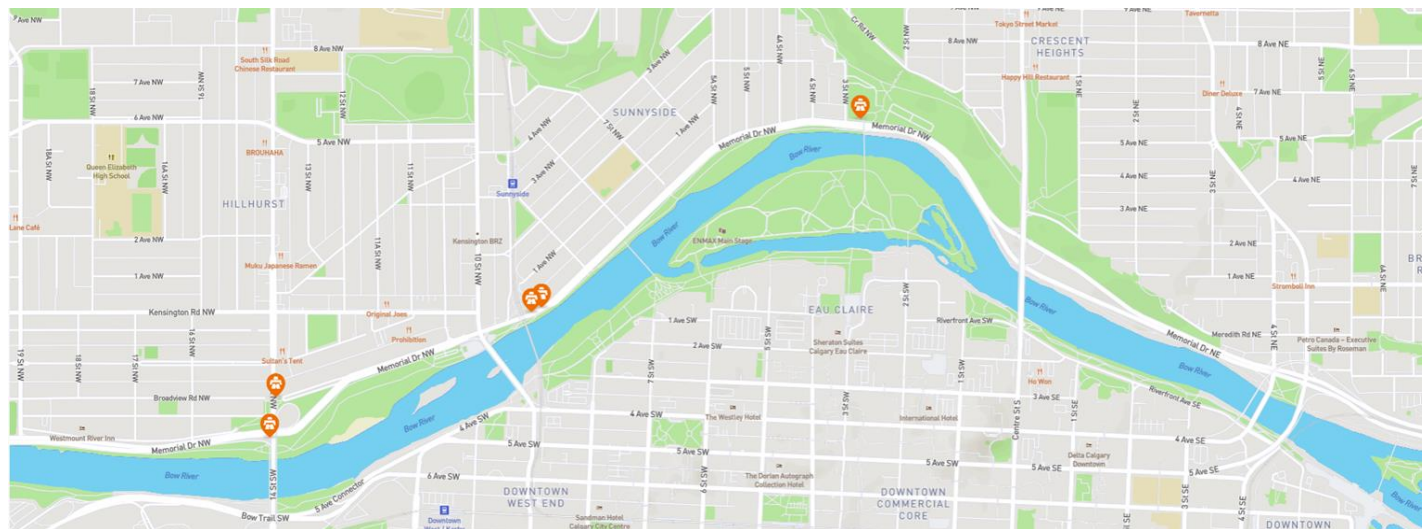
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the river and to nature, as well as including more amenities like pathway lighting and public washrooms, emerged as common themes.

Map 1 – Sidewalk locations and comments



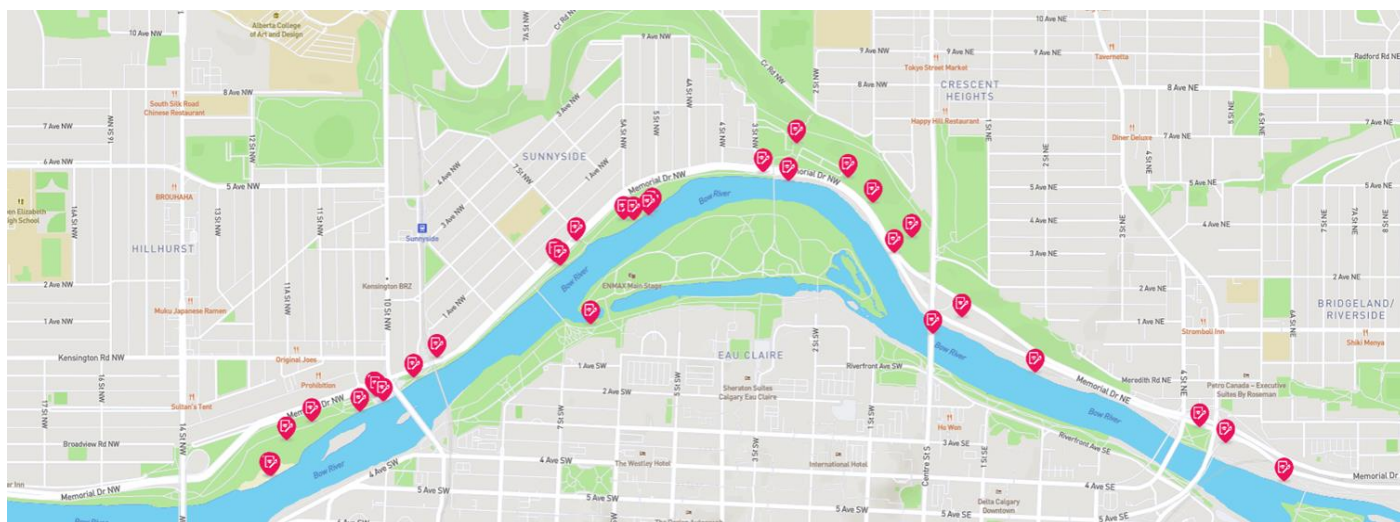
Sidewalk locations	Comment from verbatim
2q 14 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E5, Canada	The sidewalk access up 14th into Kensington is terrible and feels very dangerous. Cars are travelling very fast. This connection between Kensington and the river feels very much unfinished.
1046 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E1, Canada	The sidewalk past the community garden could be much wider and moved further from the vehicle lanes - there's a lot of grass on both sides and a very narrow concrete path.
302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada	the staircase down to the sidewalk is not particularly friendly to walk up or down, and feels a bit sketchy.

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## Map 2 – Place making and comments



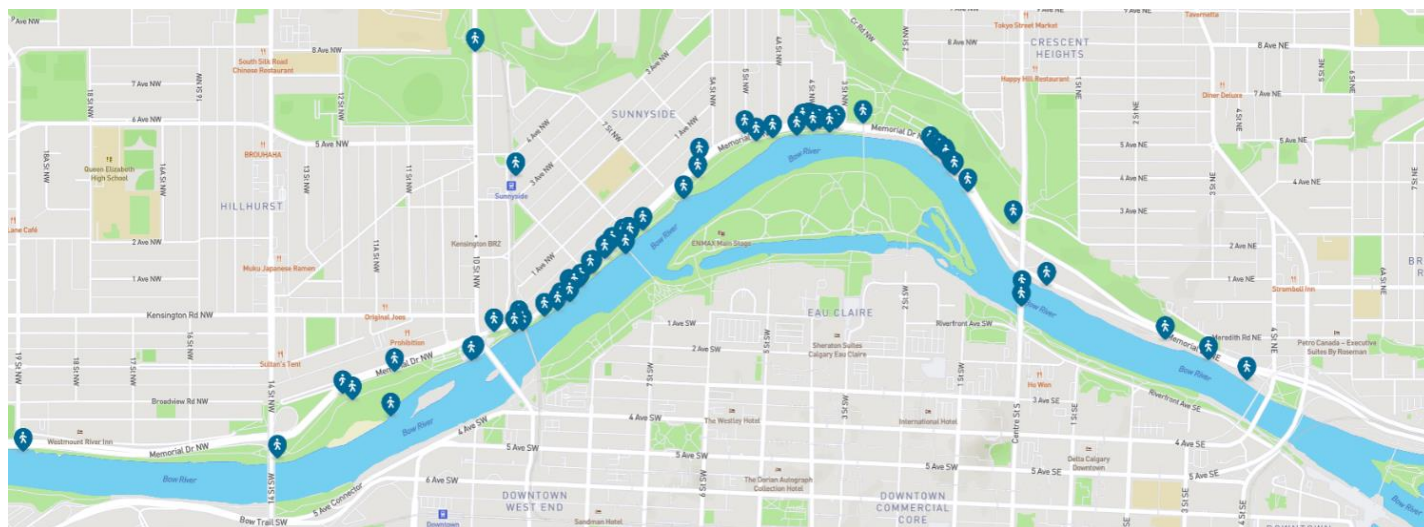
Placemaking locations	Comment from verbatim
Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada	Permanently close the lower deck to vehicle traffic. It provides a much needed and friendlier active mobility crossing.
610 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	Make Sunny Beach more accessible and friendly. The left bank of the Bow River needs better river access and this is a great location for it.
1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada	This whole area is really dark at night. The pathway lighting is inadequate. Seems a waste to improve the space when the sun will set before 6 pm for 4 months of the year and this space will be unusable for people who work during the day. Maybe the lighting could be improved.

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Map 3 – Pathway and comments



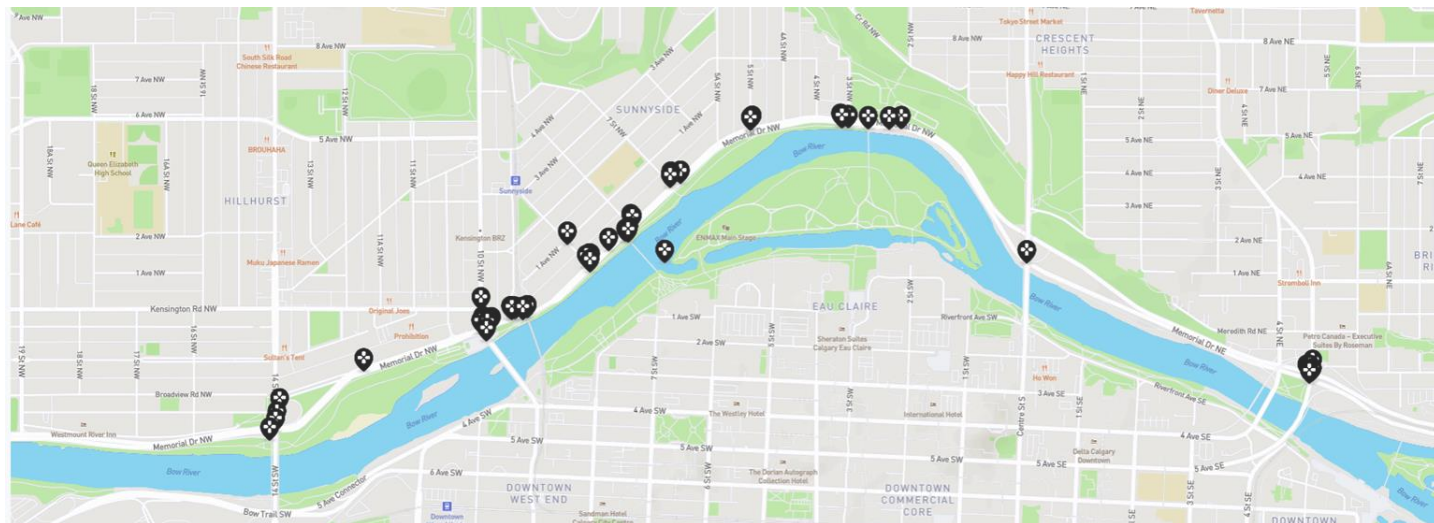
Pathway locations	Comment from verbatim
1170 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada	Move the pathways closer to the river. No one enjoys riding/walking next to traffic.
910 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	Was amazing when this was temporarily closed to cars instead of all the non-car users crowding onto the pathway next to a huge road - would love to get that back
504 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	Pathway is operating typically beyond the capacity it was designed for. Minimum one lane should be removed from 4 lanes given back to park, and active travel. Memorial closures have shown that there is a high demand for use in the area.

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Map 4 – Intersections and comments



Intersections	Comment from verbatim
102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	Eliminate slip lanes - they're incredibly dangerous for pedestrians. (While you're at it, removing right turns on red might be a good idea.)
302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	It would be nice to have a controlled intersection to access the parking lot beside the lift station. Many people park here and find it difficult to cross the bridge via the ramp or stairs. It could also be used to transport watercraft across the Memorial Drive in the summer as many people use the Sunnyside hand launch area for kayaks, tubes and rafts.
840 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	There should be a safe crossing here. People use it all the time. Make it legal and safe. Its the most direct route to the Peace Bridge.



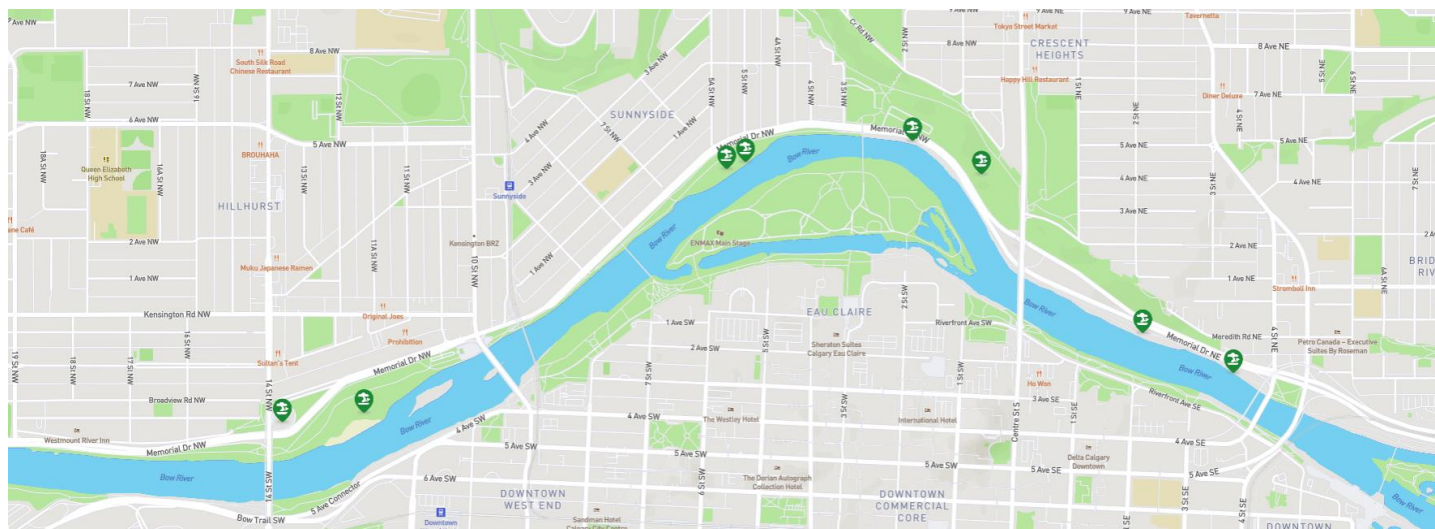


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Map 5 – Greenspace and comments



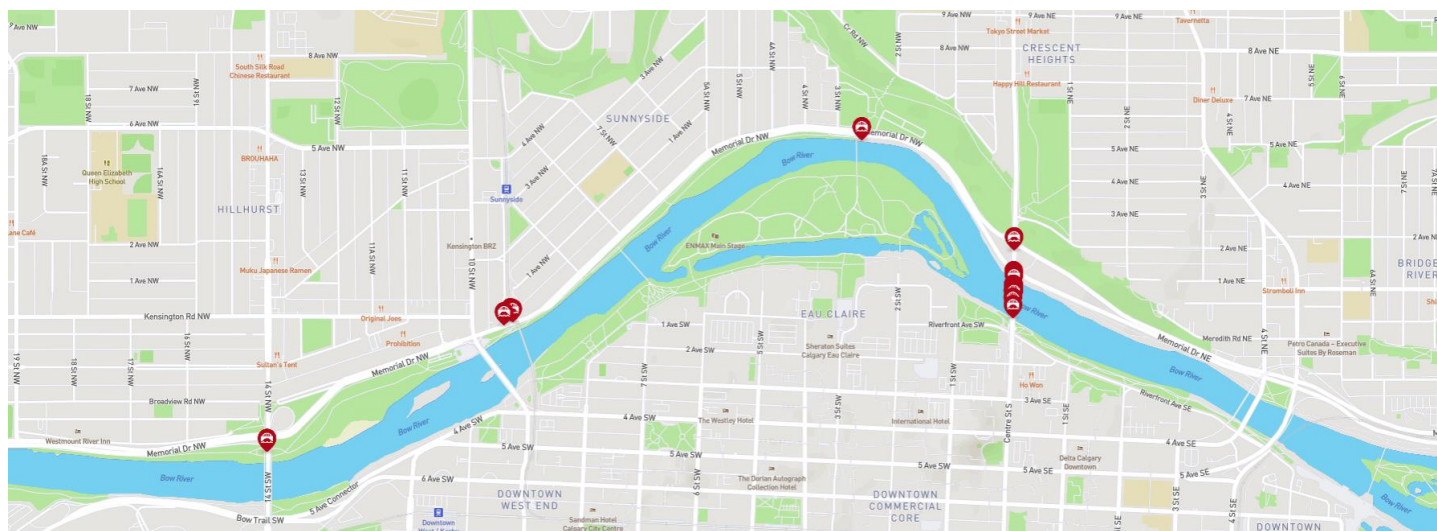
Greenspace	Comment from verbatim
1458 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E5, Canada	I love the naturalization project here. Please do this in more intersections!
220 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada	This linear space would be great for a pump track if field of crosses moved further west where there is more space.
606 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada	Make this forested greenspace more accessible (with steps down the embankment to a nature trail or something similar).

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Map 6 – Bridges and comments



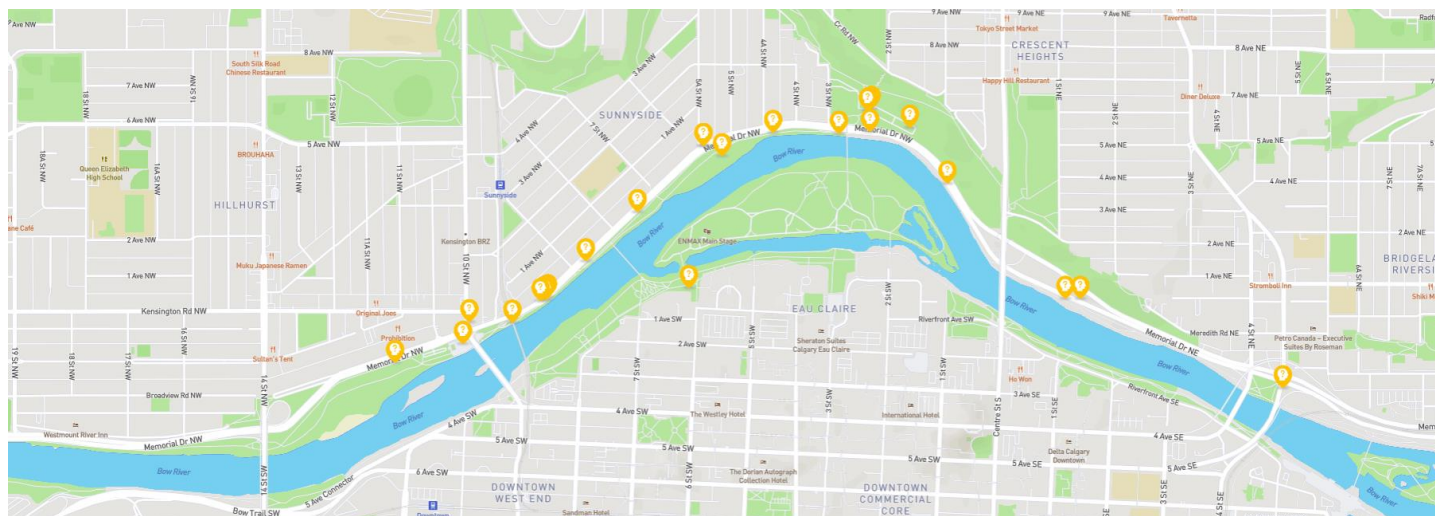
Bridges	Comment from verbatim
1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 0A7, Canada	this pedestrian Bridge over Memorial Drive is not current best practices. When this infrastructure gets to the end of its life span get rid of it. Make an at grade crossing instead.
Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2G 0B2, Canada	The lower deck should be permanently closed to motorized vehicles and open to people walking & wheeling.
113 Centre Street N, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada	This bridge is impossible to access by bike with a carriage or a cargo bike. This heavily restricts it as a crossing for families with young children who can't ride on their own yet.

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## Map 7 – Other comments



Other	Comment from verbatim
102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada	Public toilets are needed everywhere. This seems like an easy win in adding to the much needed toilets.
612 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C6, Canada	Traffic cutting through Sunnyside from Memorial is already a problem. Disrupting or slowing traffic on Memorial will exacerbate this problem. Design is needed to discourage traffic from cutting through Sunnyside.
101 6 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 5G8, Canada	Allow more than one vendor to set up shop here, possibly taking turns. It seems unfair to give a contract to one party all summer. I don't mean that several vendors should be granted permits at the same time.

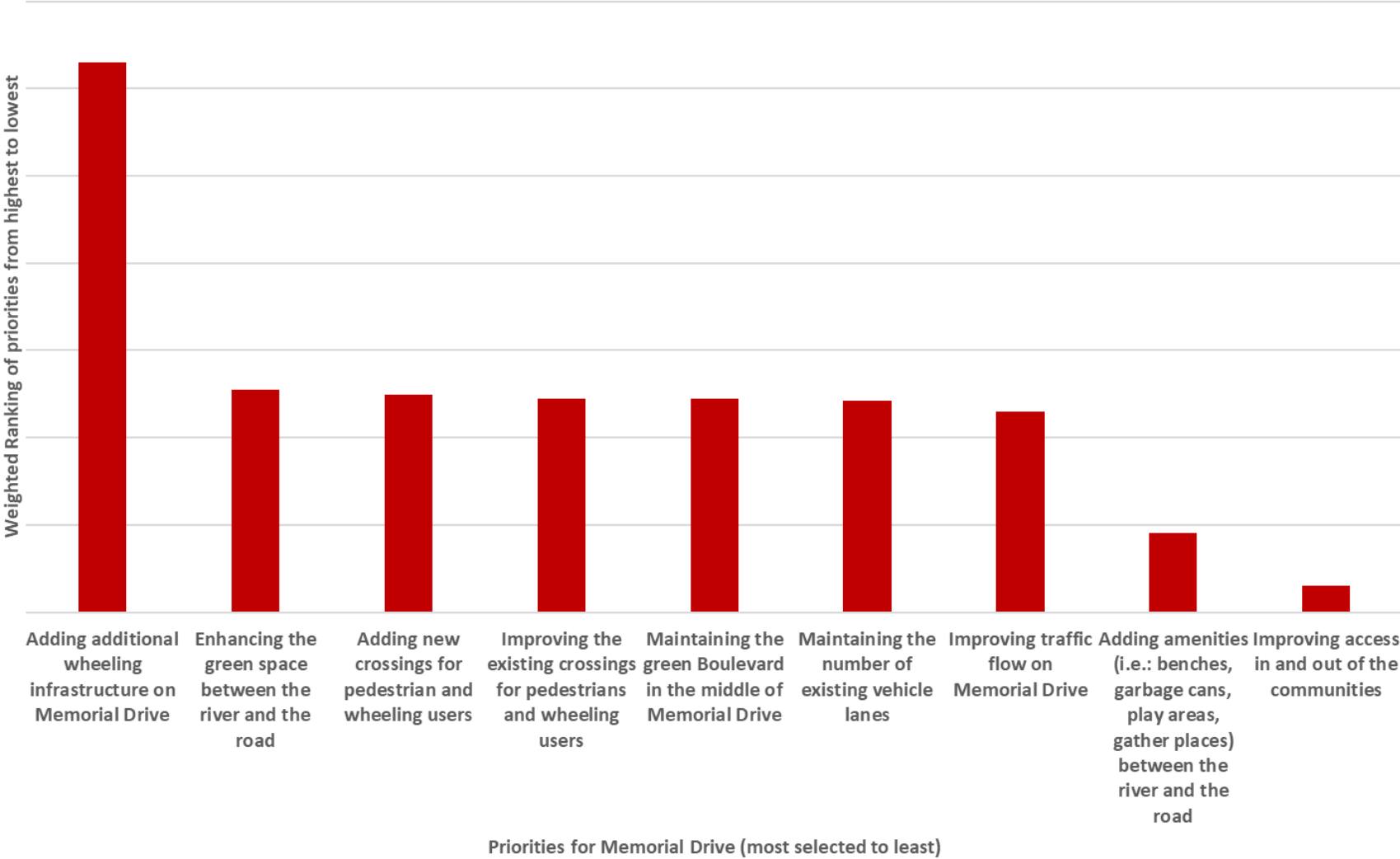
## Memorial Drive Mobility – For Today and Tomorrow

In addition to the social map, participants were also asked the following question: “We are looking for your input to help prioritize where improvements can be made on and across Memorial Drive and where to allocate funds when they become available.” Participants were asked to select their top three priorities most important to them from a list of potential improvements. The graph on the following page outlines what we heard from participants, with the data organized by highest to lowest rated priorities.

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We are looking for your input to help prioritize where improvements can be made on and across Memorial Drive, and where to allocate funds when they become available.  
Please select the top three priorities that are most important to you.







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### Next steps

- Who will see the input and what will they do with it?
  - The information we received has been shared with the project and consultant team
  - The information we received will be used to help inform the next projects within the Memorial Parkway Program in 2023.
- Communications about the Memorial Parkway Program will be ongoing for the length of the program



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## Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to Project Teams to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have also been removed from participant submissions.

Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remains. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers.

## Memorial Parkway Special Places Feedback

### Special Places Feedback

#### IN PERSON COMMENTS

- More woodland species
- shift pathway when they do barriers
- liked closure of Memorial Drive on holidays
- Mixed species planting in case one species doesn't do well
- more pedestrian lights to cross street
- Do most around 7th lookout area - relandscape/rework lanes
- poppy plaza activation needed - too loud & noisy
- emphasize poppy plaza as downtown entry point
- changes to road needed by poppy plaza to encourage more people
- open upstairs at poppy plaza for NGO meetings or community meetings
- details on pathway - it's tough and angular
- Passive spaces to enjoy
- Places to enjoy rivers edge
- need to remove road, turn it into a park
- peace bridge and poppy plaza - put in tunnels under river and turbines
- Flood mitigation is a priority
- useable island clean it up and keep camps out
- ride equity and spaces for relax
- visits for photo spots
- spaces for photos



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- space at peace bridge to keep flow
- buffer noise
- focus on peace - 7 st - prince's island, need more spaces soldier memorial and poppy plaza have enough room
- Memorial Drive speed too fast
- Concern where pathway is right beside road
- go down to two lanes on memorial
- big trees = more shade in these warming planet times, no small trees planted in their place
- leave memorial at 4 lanes
- Include picnic tables at poppy plaza like East Village
- Would like to have a pint by the river like Cold Garden
- bike parking/bike valleys and lockers to store bikes safely at poppy plaza
- better pedestrian crossings at peace bridge less stops for cars
- west end events, something to stay for (music, markets, buskers)
- cycle delivery
- infrastructure is good
- Prince's Island - riding by roadway is a concern, concrete barrier needed
- people cross at peace bridge - put in a crosswalk
- peace bridge, pathway is so busy, shared is issue, widen and separate it
- keep community connetions - riley community plans, B2B, this is a gateway to our community, be sensitive
- Do not tear down big shade providing trees for more cement! Especially from south facing sun
- separated pathways but maintain speed limit and keep bikes on bike path
- disconnect between poppy plaza and field of crosses
- more education
- more trees
- try new species of urban materials
- don't want trees taken down like Eau claire where is a concrete desert
- big trees take decades to grow, not enough trees on the south side and they are ornamental, nothing shade
- vote to cancel this project! There is enough flood mitigation done already, this parkway is beautiful as is
- police the green spaces (remove the camps)
- pedestrian crossing at LRT is awkward and needs improvement
- these trees provide shade and are memorials for soldiers
- maintain wide pathways
- pictures & arts at spaces along rivers edge
- food trucks at 7th St
- preserve memorial trees
- vendors and food
- bike skills park



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- bike park, informal pathways
- pipes to imagine water works
- more trees preferred
- bike paths
- new vendors on 7th
- bike locker and bike trails on island
- more consistent pathway experience, separation for cyclists and walkers
- less action on memorial or closures
- just temporary closures on memorial
- access points to water
- keep paths together for families to use multiple ways to travel (walking, biking, skateboarding)
- photo spots
- Trees - cannot detract design
- bike path by river
- more separate spaces for bikes vs pedestrians
- trees after flood protection
- natural fire pits
- patios on rivers edge
- river access and fire pits
- pockets of nature
- like what they're doing at prince's island with repurposing trees
- peace bridge landing too congested and should be bigger
- would like adaptive road made permanent
- put commuter bikes and scooters closer to memorial drive and more recreational users to the berm
- local arts work and a graffiti wall
- separation between bikes and pedestrians
- public washrooms
- the more trees the better
- love all the parks and pathways in Calgary
- pop up skate parks
- pop up play parks
- businesses on river side, cafes, etc
- Parks expansion on the island
- River access at west end
- more separation of pathway by centre street (barriers etc), dangerous because it's so close to the road
- flood mitigation is paramount importance to sunnyside & Kensington business district
- better circulation around the LRT bridge pathway connection
- consideration for a break in noise due to construction
- strict rules on construction hours - what's the chain of command?
- safety concerns with rivers edge encampments



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- beach is not a good idea - sediment in the water
- poppy plaza is an underutilized space
- abrupt stoppage of vehicles for pedestrians a safety concern on memorial
- plaques being stolen at hungary memorial across the street
- motorized vehicles on paths are an issues (scooters etc)
- construction management has been well done so far, keep it up
- ditches and water drainage - encampment risk
- sunny beach needs to be developed
- during concerts on Prince's Island address jaywalking across from peace bridge
- develop poppy plaza
- Access to beach
- more trees
- beach access
- better security and lighting like southside of river
- I love it the way it is
- safety and more police presence
- overpass for pedestrians to sunnyside so to not slow traffic
- It feels open. I love it
- preserve trees/ensure tree protection
- congestion and jay-walking at peace bridge. Deter that access
- separation of active modes
- public restroom needed
- seating areas are helpful and make people want to stop
- run ins with cyclists and pedestrians
- connections to sunnyside
- road closure on memorial provides a great programming opportunity
- material choices
- space for runners (fast path/slow path)
- wood mix, less concrete
- love all the parks Love and pathways in Calgary
- love adaptive roadway for active modes
- Dangerous pathway - cyclist and pedestrians on the wrong sides, lots of near misses
- really like the current pedestrian bridges. Please do not move or change
- more vegetation and maintained trees are excellent and needed
- dangerous conditions for cycling by the pathway dipping down, better signage and redesign needed
- sculpture in water, swimming dinosaur
- it's already good, no change needed
- linear farmers market
- make benches from removed trees
- loved the lanes dedicated for pedestrians and cyclists (encourages active lifestyle, good for users of all abilities)



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- different kinds of memorials for people to learn more about
- safety for kids. Nice to see flexible use lanes to improve safety
- Benefits business, makes it a destination
- explore other areas of the city, encourage us to do more biking, so many amenities you can get to
- more benches more often
- liked shutting down lanes on memorial
- weekend/summer memorial drive closures for community events and programming opportunities
- pathway past 14th St in bad condition (needs repair/paving:)
- activities for all senses (re. 21 swings Montreal, motion/light/music)
- assurance of adherence to construction timelines
- integrate buy-a-brick program
- it's great seeing places for people and I'm glad that you are thinking about this human sized hubs
- better access to river
- love all the pathways
- separation of active modes for entire study area
- more public washrooms
- vertical playgrounds to use space like Paris by the Seine
- get rid of the cars next to the river.
- bigger bike paths
- more garbage receptacles and waste management
- the rive gauche in Paris is know for its eclectic and bohemian characteristics. Pick up on this for Calgary's own rive guache (fits with the characteristics of Sunnyside)
- build the flood protection barrier now. I've waited long enough
- lots of flowering plants. Take advantage of the left bank being the sunny side of the bow river (even sunnier with fewer trees
- make the centre street bridge not for cars all the time
- outdoor theatre space at field of crosses
- plant trees and have people sponsor them in the peace garden (personal to people)
- if we can get rid of cars, would like berm/ barrier be with cars and green space
- sun views and shade views
- be cautious with new materials
- bike /pedestrian zone are a safety issue
- more seating and lighting
- keep trees and add bushes to separate modes
- having little spaces for homeless people are important too
- what about hiring night watch people for the peace bridge? i.e. London does this with seniors
- why is pipe lying out for so long?
- recreation enhancements, adult fitness equipment and enhanced park space
- positives - peace by design, flood mitigation
- snow and ice removal
- maintain what it represents (memorial)



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- Bold colours and choices
- Ensure better grading for cyclists and scooters
- More lighting
- close memorial drive weekends in the summer (flexible use of road)
- beach, trees, art
- Plan for tree replacement removal is critical
- 5 big things - focus on space
- places for all people - homeless need places to live too
- Gardens, natural furniture
- Places to buy things

### Online Comments

- Homelessness! Not a safe space due to transient camps in the area. Pedestrian path upgrade.
- Formalize MMIW memorial as well. Consider how unhoused use the area - washroom facilities would be good.
- "This greenspace has potential to be a great gathering space
- Alternatively, you could build a sports or play area - a really good playground, basketball court, or workout equipment could all be useful and accessible right along the river pathway."
- A toilet on the western side. The nearest ones are on prince's island
- There are often people encamped in the woods near the beach here. Public bathroom facilities either here or poppy plaza would likely help to improve with the amount of litter in the area.
- The sun sets early for much of the year, lighting is inadequate in this area which could be used year-round. Improve lighting to allow for safe usage year-round.
- There's been too much hard scape added to the public spaces along the south side of the Bow River. Try to keep it natural so that there isn't increased runoff during snow and rain events. Think sponge City!
- Amenities need to include public washrooms - Calgarians deserve clean, safe washroom facilities at frequent intervals along the river paths.
- Plant more trees and plants to support pollinators
- This would be a great place for a urban beach.
- Who is going to maintain the "natural area" that despite "natural" is riddled with targets? I support a low-maintenance grass/plant palette that is still mowed at reduced frequency and trees actively pruned. Follow the design elements of St Patrick's island for fire pit/picnic table design/layout
- Lighting for the pathway, just enough to light the path
- Please leave this space as it is. It is a very simple, stunning memorial and does not need any changes. We definitely do not need any more fire pits, formal gathering spaces, etc. The green, natural area perfectly suits the memorial. Keep it simple !!!!!
- Widen existing bike paths or convert the south lane of Memorial Drive into a permanent bike lane.
- Close half of Memorial to cars as often as possible
- Public art, or perhaps a space for rotating public art to be shown

- Increase public parking at 10th ST and Memorial
- "Viewing/photo spaces - as I walk/bike along the trail I've noticed a large number of people looking for the perfect photo op, and I think we could do a better job of encouraging that in a safe way.
- This area does attract quite a few homeless encampments, so please keep clean up/safety in mind."
- Re-surface and widen pedestrian and multi-use pathways.
- This area is pretty spacious and honestly is fine just how it is. No change needed.
- Create an off leash dog park in the green space south of the bike path from the 14th street bridge to poppy plaza. Include the River in the park similar to the bowmont dog park. Clear out the trees near the river and open this space up so there will be less camps
- A place for seasonal cafe or restaurant by the river or even on the river off of a levee.
- Close Peace Bridge at night
- Double wide Separated bike lanes from waking paths
- Make the existing fire pit between the monument and the river permanent with picnic table and benches.
- Remove cars from the adjacent lane on Memorial Drive
- Close a lane along the south boundary of memorial parkway permanently.
- Homelessness.... Parking....
- Restaurant/cafe, bike repair. Consider how unhoused use the area - washroom facilities would be good.
- public bathrooms
- The firehall is imposing and appears to be closed 100% of the time. The area feels like a place I'm not supposed to be in. Activation would be great.
- None of the above.
- Amenities need to include public washrooms - Calgarians deserve clean, safe washroom facilities at frequent intervals along the river paths.
- Get rid of that parking lot
- The old fire hall should be activated. Would make a great restaurant or cafe.
- Parking here is terrible. The access is a nightmare. Would be great as a hub for ride-sharing bike/scoot whatever if connected to the pathway. Would also have been great as a bus/ride share delivery-point but the access is beyond terrible. Brutal parking design. What's up with the parks building?
- Shade, perhaps put solar over the parking lot. It would give vendors a place to plug in too
- I would like to see some music events here on occasion as well as washrooms in the brick building, possibly an ice cream or refreshment outlet.
- Perhaps opportunities to use the parking lot beyond just parking. Also, does this design consider the stormwater improvements in Kensington and potential changes (e.g. pumping) to the storm pipe under the parking lot?
- The plaza area is used to access the pathway from 10 St NW. If you're going to have events there, offer a better pathway access for all users (especially those on wheels).
- Remove parking lot. More bike racks (maybe covered / secured cages for bikes).
- I always thought this would be a great busking spot. Add a power drop!



- Public washrooms are needed here and everywhere!
- Live music stage. Dedicated busker area?
- Move Plaza down to soldiers memorial
- This site would benefit from the removal of the parking lot and the slip lane from Memorial Drive eastbound to 10th Street southbound. Firehall #6 should be opened to a vendor(s) such as a coffee shop.
- Improve pedestrian experience coming from Sunnyside or Hillhurst into the plaza. Current pedestrian crossing can be intimidating due to speed of vehicles and the pedestrian islands one is required to wait on. It will be hard to truly activate the space considering traffic volume and proximity.
- This space is annoyingly loud from all the traffic because of the city's inaction of doing anything about modified mufflers and excessive noise from cars and trucks.
- Ice skating rink
- The parking lot is an eye sore. That would be space better dedicated to small businesses who would benefit from the increased pedestrian traffic.
- An indoor unmanned secure place to store bikes while in the area. They have something similar near the Stadium downtown Vancouver.
- The parking lot seems like a big waste of space. I would love to see the area expanded into the parking lot for all of these ideas.
- More shade/cover. It's too hot to use in summer and freezing in winter
- Put something great in the firehall building! Cafe, community space, arts, .... That building is a treasure that we should embrace.
- Remove cars from the adjacent lanes on Memorial Drive. The noise and smell makes this space unpleasant.
- Building needs a tenant.
- Don't really understand the difference between kiosks on dedicated space for vendors, both sound good to me. Is the old building going to become a cafe or something?
- Separate pedestrians and cyclists/scooters to allow for cycling infrastructure as transportation rather than recreation, e.g., cargo bikes, ebikes. Include different coloured pavement to clarify distinction between pathway types.
- "It's a bit chaotic with people and bikes swapping places though the divided pathway works well.
- The sitting steps going down to the river in the photo below would be incredible - they would be a great gathering place for the community."
- "Very popular area that is busy with people and also commuters cycling and walking. Need much more space - i.e. PLEASE CLOSE TWO LANES OF MEMORIAL. It's a high conflict area and simply needs more asphalt for non-cars.
- Adding river seating would be INCREDIBLE! South facing! Love the idea!!"
- Avoid adding more hard scape. There's already too much
- "The experiment with closing vehicle lanes and designating them for pedestrian use has shown that Calgarians want wider pedestrian and cycling paths along Memorial Drive. I would like to see a permanent widening of the path to promote non-vehicle use.

- As well, public washrooms."
- reduce memorial drive to 1 vehicle lane per direction, covert the south lanes into park space. The Peace Bridge needs a connection across Memorial Drive, it is unreasonable to expect people to walk to the existing intersections to the East/West and someone is going to get killed here.
- This area gets really congested, but is a natural stopping point.
- Pedestrian path east of the Peace bridge is far too narrow.
- Would like to see actual concepts of what a safer interface would look like. Overall this site isn't that bad. Planting build was poor so might as well replace it. Remove the drip line irrigation and the bad plant design. Replace with a native species palette. Memorial medians are worse tho.
- If you include seating include bike parking/racks
- NO more large gathering or meeting spaces please!!!! The pathway junction does need improvement as well as more setting perhaps on a natural rock setting down to the river. But no more plazas!!!!!!
- Is there an opportunity to reconfigure the pedestrian ramps to the lights at 7 ST NW as part of safer pedestrian and cyclist interface?
- Do not clutter up this area with benches or more plants: it's too congested already!
- Interface at George C King north side works much better. Conflict would be reduced if memorial dr were reduced to 2-3 lanes at this location and current EB lanes were used to bypass.
- More vendor space
- A walkway that extends out over the river edge (like the East Village) because people love taking their picture here. Have a walkway that extends out for good views
- CROSS WALK AT THE PEACE BRIDGE!
- Remove lights at 8th ST and fence roadway off between 10th St and lights at approx 4 th ST. Too many jay walkers, and potential accidents on a four lane major thoroughfare that is well used by cars.
- Repurpose the eastbound lanes of Memorial Drive to create more space for people. The Eastbound lanes of Memorial could be repurposed as a bike pathway.
- Extremely congested area, any gathering areas should be kept contained/separate from the cycling path
- better street crossing access
- If flood wall must be between river and pathway system please naturalize it as best as possible while also incorporating seating and viewing areas. Preferred location might be between pathway system and road as it will act as a sound barrier and allow a more human forward spaces to sit, wheel etc.
- This landing area on North Side is way too tight. It needs to expand and it should integrate into a proper crosswalk at this spot. So many people cross here anyway its such a safety hazard.
- There is only so much space to work with to make it safe for everyone and by adding more gathering areas just increases the chance for a collision. Cyclist do not observe any signage that requires them to dismount, reduce speed and heed to the walking pedestrian.
- "The road is an eye sore. That space would better contribute to a lively pedestrian friendly area.

- I'd also like to point out that in your instructions here, you say ""1 being least and 5 being most important"". In the previous questions, 1 is the most important. This will result in flawed feedback."
- better security needed from police
- Hard close on Peace Bridge between 9pm-5am
- Wider bike lanes. Clearer marking so peds stop walking on the bike path.
- Remove cars from the adjacent lane on Memorial Drive
- Pathways and plantings are in very poor shape. Regardless of design, better quality assurance than last time is needed. Need separated pathways to reduce conflicts.
- Utilize the existing green space east of the Peace Bridge for a gathering, recreational space.
- This question is confusing. Does multi use pathway mean eliminate the separation between Wheeling & walking. That's not a good idea. We need to have separate or at least delineated/wide paths as much as possible.

## Memorial Drive Mobility – for Today and Tomorrow Feedback

### Map 1 – Sidewalk

Make this area more pedestrian friendly - widen the sidewalk / make it easier to access the pathway.	1458 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3J1, Canada
The sidewalk access up 14th into Kensington is terrible and feels very dangerous. Cars are travelling very fast. This connection between Kensington and the river feels very much unfinished.	2q 14 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E5, Canada
The sidewalk past the community garden could be much wider and moved further from the vehicle lanes - there's a lot of grass on both sides and a very narrow concrete path.	1046 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E1, Canada
Sidewalk is extremely narrow with no protection from car traffic - consider adding barrier like the one across the street	1044 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E1, Canada
the staircase down to the sidewalk is not particularly friendly to walk up or down, and feels a bit sketchy.	302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada

### Map 2 – Placemaking

Great place for a public downtown urban beach.	1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
This would be a great spot for an urban beach! Too rocky now. But imagine laying on this expansive south facing beach on a hot summer day? Ideal!!	1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
This is where Field of crosses makes sense. Lots of space, next to the memorial.	1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada

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This whole area is really dark at night. The pathway lighting is inadequate. Seems a waste to improve the space when the sun will set before 6 pm for 4 months of the year and this space will be unusable for people who work during the day. Maybe the lighting could be improved.	1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
River access for rafts, SUPs, and kayaks near Lot 23 would be excellent	1101 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
get programming (e.g. art workshop, gallery) or a business (e.g. cafe/restaurant) into the old firehall. The building has been ready to go for 7 years now.	1111 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Whatever leasing efforts the City has made for the firehall have not worked. The terms offered to vendors need to be improved so this beautiful space is activated.	1111 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
2 of the 3 flights of stairs here are closed for the entire winter. This means you can't even use them to sit on like I'm sure they were designed. They could be closed at the top to prevent use as stairs (snow clearing budget cuts?) but open at the bottom so at least we can sit on them when its +13 in a chinook.	1111 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Add this section of the road to the road closures	1056 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The big Bow to Bluff swings are a fantastic addition. I'd love to seem them at more locations along the river. It would be much nicer to swing and watch the river than Memorial Drive.	1046 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E1, Canada
Memorial is a congested car sewer. Let's cut our losses and reduce the road to 3 lanes total. Use the space for the overly busy river pathway and returning to nature	822 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This would be a great location for people to gather, for example at picnic tables. The theme could be "Rive Gauche" reflecting that the values of Sunnyside are similar to those for which the left bank in Paris is known for. (And after all this is the left bank of the Bow River.)	822 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
No thru road, traffic can use 16th, if must have cars, 15kph so people feel safe to move and be in this memorial space	802 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Consider barring buskers and community groups from using amplification for music and otherwise. It is very overbearing, especially when the area is crowded, and really carries across the water.	Prince's Island Park Lagoon, Prince's Island, Calgary, Alberta T2P 5G8, Canada
Would love to see some picnic tables here. Something people can sit and enjoy the riverfront.	722 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
There is no place on the north shore of the river for people to hang out by the river. There needs to be some sort of river access, and an urban beach would be a fantastic addition to downtown.	708 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This is a beautiful sand beach. It should be more accessible to the public.	610 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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Make Sunny Beach more accessible and friendly. The left bank of the Bow River needs better river access and this is a great location for it.	610 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The south side of Memorial should be closed permanently. We proved that there was more than enough demand for it and the city didn't fall apart. Stop prioritizing vehicles all the time in this city.	306 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This would be a great spot for a small seating/viewpoint area or steps down to the river.	302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
I hope to see this fitness area open soon.	The Stairs, 720 3rd street nw, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A3, Canada
the MMIW red ribbons could be given greater prominence / memorialised in a more concrete manner. Perhaps a sculpture could be commissioned.	200 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
formalise separation of the road and the field of crosses area. It always feels a bit sketchy and looks half-baked when the crosses go up and the temporary fencing also goes up to separate the area off from cars.	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Please continue long weekend closures - has been a major boon to handling the increased usage of the pathway.	220 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
How cool would it be to take this natural bowl shape and build an amphitheater.	220 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Permanently close the lower deck to vehicle traffic. It provides a much needed and friendlier active mobility crossing.	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
This is a lot of empty space given over to cars. Removing the south branch could turn this into a vibrant area.	422 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Lovely viewpoint and space here could be better used	416 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
formalise separation between this park area and the roadway. This park does not feel very well-loved with the cars zooming by.  For having a kinda cool monument you have to work hard and get dirty trekking through grass and mud to get to it. There's no seating or anything around it either.	Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 3R5, Canada
Let's face it - this is the least-loved part of downtown, mostly because it's a high speed car sewer (similar to the area where Macleod emerges from downtown to the west) with a lot of unwelcoming concrete / steel at ground level. If it were possible, I'd bury the flyover in a tunnel, and have it emerge much further east where it connects to Deerfoot, and rethink all the surface level roads here as traffic-calmed, people-first / bike-first level crossings.	Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Z7, Canada
There are often rough-looking potentially-dangerous individuals sitting along this area. Security is an important consideration in this area.	Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Z7, Canada



## Map 3 – Pathway

Riding next to the road is awful. Close the south lanes please.	Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3J1, Canada
Can the City widen the underpass on the north side of the river under 14?	2 14 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Repave the bike pathway from here and further west. It's brutal.	1410 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
I refer to this stretch of pathway as "the ankle breaker". Massive bumps, super narrow, and it has a killer cross slope that makes it an inevitability that someone will seriously hurt themselves on this path. I hope it is relocated as part of this project.	1402 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Repave and widen this pathway, it is the worst pathway section in the city	1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Move the pathways closer to the river. No one enjoys riding/walking next to traffic.	1170 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
I wish I could love this area but can't. It's at the bottom of a hill causing people to bike faster but there's no sight lines coming out of the stairs. The bench on the river side of the pathway is a nice touch but this leads to narrowing the safe area to ride or scoot, and the space becomes one to congregate in and I have had numerous conflicts just trying to get through.	1111 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
The Bow River Pathway along the area where the stairs from Old Firehall #6 come down to the river is very dangerous! This seems to be a shared bikeway and pedestrian pathway, but there is no signage for pedestrians to know there are bikes and also either side of the stairway blocks any incoming bikes from the view of pedestrians. This is also where there is a steep slope both ways so bikes are coming in already speeded up from the downward slope. Please REMOVE the bikeway from this shared path and put the bikeway on top, level with and parallel to the main road, where pedestrians and cyclists can see each other easily. Please make it a DEDICATED bikeway - shared paths have so much risk!	Louise Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
A pedestrian crossing is needed at 10th St and 8th Ave	836 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1W4, Canada
Memorial Drive from 10 Street NW to Edmonton Trail should have time-based lane openings for active modes the same way there are automatic lane-reversals for cars. During the summer months and on weekends during the winter the pathways are overcrowded and the road is under capacity. Opening the road for active mode users would solve this problem and make Memorial Drive more enjoyable for citizens.	1056 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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All the pathway hills, turns, and junctions here are crazy! Would be better if they could be bypassed using what are currently vehicle lanes on Memorial.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Cycling connections around Sunnyside station are difficult, with the metal gates at the south and pedestrian interaction on the east of the station.	420 9a Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 0J7, Canada
This overpass feels dangerous on a bike or scooter. Too wide and sharp corners with low fences.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This black-diamond slalom course needs to be greatly simplified. View it from the eyes of a 5-year-old on a bike and make it navigable and comfortable for them. Same with a wheelchair user. And all other pathway users!	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Very uncomfortable intersection to use as a cyclist.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The stretch of pathway between 10th and the Peace Bridge is one of the busiest in the area. More dedicated space for higher and lower speed movement would help reduce conflicts for people walking and wheeling	1046 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Wheelers and walkers need separate pathways/spaces to reduce conflicts. It's so busy here and other spots with only 1 pathway.	1032 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This is currently a dual pathway. Is that changing with the current flood mitigation? If not, please maintain a dual pathway in this area.	1020 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Shared single pathway can be very busy, using current Memorial drive traffic lanes for active modes would be better.	1010 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Need to separate walk and bike pathways for reduced conflicts. Can be done more effectively by reducing one lane of Memorial Drive.	1022 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Shared pedestrian and wheeling space is too crowded and chaotic - make space for separated paths	1010 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Separate pedestrians and cyclists on this busy stretch of the pathway.	1006 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Every day I see potential for collision between walkers and wheelers at this intersection as they enter or leave the pathway.	940 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
A bit hectic trying to cross this pathway as a pedestrian.	940 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Memorial Drive is listed as the poster-child example of a "Parkway". On a Parkway, "walking and cycling modes are given highest priority". 16 Ave N, 4 Ave S, 5 Ave S, and 6 Ave S are all nearby options for cars. The south two lanes of Memorial should be permanently closed.	926 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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do not block any lanes on Memorial Dr. this is a main traffic artery in Calgary. there is more than enough room for people on existing pathway or on other side of river. it was designed to move traffic and should stay as such. If you want people to come to downtown, the traffic needs to move.	922 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Was amazing when this was temporarily closed to cars instead of all the non-car users crowding onto the pathway next to a huge road - would love to get that back	910 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Lots of conflict between different modes of transport here. Need better pathways or a way for cyclists passing through to just use Memorial (also, take a lane off Memorial)	908 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Close a lane or 2 of Memorial drive so this area is less packed. Create more public space here.	908 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
A ridiculous amount of the time I come across large groups of pedestrians on the no walking pathway cutting to jaywalk to 8th st or to the 7th st lights. This wouldn't be an issue if Memorial drive had lanes converted to multi use pathway.	904 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Pathway for pedestrians is too narrow east of the Peace Bridge. The pathways here are not sufficient enough to handle the regular usage of Calgarians from all over the city. Suggest also utilizing regular lane closures on Memorial Drive for active modes.	904 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Separated walking and wheeling infrastructure. Cyclists use this as a main road, which is great, but mixing with pedestrians can be frustrating for both parties.	834 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Provide access down to Sunny Beach at this location (approx 7th Street) (one of two access points)	746 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Access to this beautiful green space is needed.	726 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Separate biking and walking lanes so that bikes can safely go quickly	722 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
close a lane of Memorial to allow for more space for movement that is not cars	
A new pedestrian crossing is needed here (Memorial Drive at 5th St). When access to Sunny Beach is improved there will be demand for a Memorial Drive crossing from the community and visitors to the community. This should be far enough away from the 7th crossing to be feasible, and perhaps some interlock/synchronization is possible. The new crossing cannot be further east because of the terrain on the south side of Memorial.	604 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C6, Canada
Provide access down to Sunny Beach at this location (approx 5th Street) (one of two access points)	534 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This pathway is too narrow to use safely on even moderately busy days. We should repurpose Memorial Drive lanes to allow more space for people.	526 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada





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This part of the pathway is far too narrow for walking and wheeling to share	510 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Pathway is operating typically beyond the capacity it was designed for. Minimum one lane should be removed from 4 lanes given back to park, and active travel. Memorial closures have shown that there is a high demand for use in the area.	504 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Keep the closed lane on memorial as a bike lane and let the pedestrians have the greenway path. It worked very well and reduced conflict	502 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This pathway is dangerous. With cyclists, pedestrians, families, dog walkers, people carrying rafts, strollers, rollerbladers, scooters, it's way too congested. People are passing on blind corners on bikes. We need a separated bike lane from 14th St NW to the Zoo.	440 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Single pathway is far too narrow for the traffic it gets for most of the year. EB lanes of Memorial should be repurposed here for active transport.	440 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Opening up Memorial Drive to walkers and wheelers in 2020 was a huge success. It added so much vibrancy to the area. Memorial Drive should be reduced and pedestrians and wheelers prioritized.	440 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Rafts often create conflict with heavy pathway traffic here. Memorial drive should have reduced vehicle lanes to allow bikes and scooters to avoid this tight spot.	430 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This intersection with the ramp up to the bridge is a terrible design	426 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
It would be nice to have the pathway and bridge around the Sunnyside Hand Launch widened to accommodate all traffic. In the summer it becomes congested with users wanting access to the bridge to and from Prince's Island. This would allow ample space for cyclists, walkers, runners, strollers, kayakers, etc... to use this valuable bridge.	302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Pathway is too close to road without protection. This can be fixed by reducing one lane of Memorial Drive.	200 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Shared pathway next to traffic is totally unsafe and unpleasant. EB lanes should absolutely be closed to vehicles here!	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Need much stronger physical and acoustic separation between the pathway and the road	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Needs physical barrier from road and widening of pathway. Dangerous spot especially for kids biking.	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Separate cars, pedestrians, and cyclists for greater safety. Priority should be the active modes.	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
A gate or fence is needed between the path and the roadway for safety	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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This pathway feels totally unsafe to be on. Why am I forced to walk in the clear zone of the roadway (0.5 m behind a barrier curb @ 50 km/h)? It's too dangerous to put a road sign in this place, but the City feels its OK to ask me to walk here? The south two lanes of traffic should be reclaimed from cars.	213 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Scary riding here, unpleasant to walk along because cars are too close. Closing the south lanes of Memorial drive permanently would fix this.	220 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Connect the stairs from the center street bridge to a pathway here, pave it and link it to the north side of memorial	113 Centre Street N, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Lower deck should be dedicated for active modes at all times.	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Keep this car-free	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Conflict section could be avoided by closing EB lanes to vehicles	422 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Memorial Drive between 10 ST NW and Edmonton Trail should have regular lane reconfigurations for active modes users the same way it already has time-based lane reversals. The pathways are regularly overcrowded meanwhile the road is rarely at capacity.	414 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Awful narrow, curvy, hilly section unbecoming of the pathway. Previous Memorial lane closures did not bypass this but should in future.	412 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Challenging section of poor visibility and insufficient space for cyclists to pass each other or pedestrians safely, leading to conflict sometimes where the path forks by the bridge	410 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada

### Map 4 – Intersections

As a short-term fix for this intersection, this crosswalk should be raised. Drivers consistently stop on the crosswalk, making it unusable.	815 14 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3J1, Canada
This intersection should be at grade. Navigating it outside of a vehicle is dangerous and extremely unpleasant. Until it is changed to at-grade, some short-term improvements can be made (see my other comments here).	1458 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3J1, Canada
Awful spot for biking northbound - have to come to a full stop to look behind you to seek if a car is coming before crossing	2q 14 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E5, Canada

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As a short-term improvement to this intersection, this crosswalk should be raised. Drivers regularly speed around the loop from 14 St to Memorial Drive.	2q 14 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E5, Canada
This intersection is hostile to anyone not in a vehicle. It needs to be re-worked.	11 Edmonton Trail NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 3R5, Canada
the SE pedestrian corner is not particularly inviting or safe feeling.	Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Z7, Canada
This place is a deathtrap as a pedestrian. Please reduce the number of cars or introduce traffic-calming measures	11 Edmonton Trail NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 3R5, Canada
This is an intersection that has been dangerous for decades and the only remediation it's had is to increase the amount of vehicles using it. This intersection needs to be redesigned for pedestrian safety, it's criminal that our road engineers are creating a system that puts public safety in danger. Nobody should feel unsafe crossing a street.	11 Edmonton Trail NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 3R5, Canada
Get rid of the 3rd lane. Give bikes and pedestrians priority access and stop attempting to murder citizens with bad design.	11 Edmonton Trail NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Z7, Canada
There needs to be a way to cross Memorial Drive between 10 St and 14 St - too long of a stretch with no crossing	1224 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
The ability to cross Memorial in order to access the Kensington shops as a pedestrian / cyclist can be improved. As a cyclist it is awkward to get onto 10th Street northbound from the path along the river - you have to merge into traffic from the crosswalk which is difficult when busy with cars and other pedestrians/bikes. Also, the pedestrian islands are small and can get crowded.	102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Eliminate slip lanes - they're incredibly dangerous for pedestrians. (While you're at it, removing right turns on red might be a good idea.)	102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Slip lanes are dangerous. What about a scramble cross walk and get rid of the slip lanes?	1110 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Not enough room here for active modes users waiting at the light. Suggest removing the slip lane.	102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This whole intersection needs to be re-worked in favour of the safety and comfort of people not in vehicles. Eliminate slip lanes. Improve access between the pathway and 10 St. Re-prioritize signal timings.	102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The slip lane from northbound 10th st to eastbound memorial should be removed so pedestrians can safely cross Memorial without fearing for high speed cars taking the sharp downhill turn	1110 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Not an expert on what changes are needed, but such an unpleasant intersection as a pedestrian (tiny islands to stand on, long waits) and impossible to safely navigate on a bike to access Kensington. This area with nice shopping streets and a river pathway should be a gem and people-friendly, not a car sewer.	102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Seconding the call for slip lane removal. They are very dangerous for pedestrians.	1056 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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This high-traffic intersection would be the best place to model a Dutch-style raised intersection with sidewalk-level crossings and smart / dynamic signaling.	1110 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1V3, Canada
The ramp dumps cyclists into a pedestrian area with little visibility and tight corners. An at-grade crossing would improve access for cycling as transportation as well as safety for pedestrians and people with mobility challenges.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The overpass is only usable for confident cyclists and the hairpin turn to get on and off the ramp on the north side is stressful, as is running the gauntlet of the new popular skate park - too much crammed in one space	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Yes to at-grade crossings! The current access to 9A St is convoluted and impractical.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
When the pedestrian bridge is demolished, consider installing a level crossing here.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E2, Canada
This intersection is a bit frightening as a pedestrian. Wheel users come from so many directions and the pathway here is very narrow. Simplify the pathways in this area and create space for all transportation modes.	1046 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This needs to be a pedestrian scramble intersection. Far too many pedestrians to not give them safe crossing options.	108 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1V3, Canada
Flood mitigation is top priority. Placemaking is nice to have. The City does a great job of placemaking. Keep all 4 lanes of Memorial Drive open to vehicle traffic between 14th Street NW and Centre St. For communities next to Memorial Dr. it is our main access out of our neighbourhood and an essential emergency vehicle access way. When evacuation was required during the 2013 flood, Sunnyside streets were like a parking lot with vehicles trying to exit the community. We must keep Memorial Drive vehicle access at all times. With only 2 lanes open, it gets really backed up. This is a major thoroughfare; keep it safe and efficient, but keep it open.	1004 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Add a crosswalk on the SW side of this intersection so pedestrians don't need to cross 9th st to access the Bow River Path westbound	1004 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C6, Canada
When Memorial drive is reduced to 1 lane each direction (and it should be) a turning lane should be provided for EB vehicles entering Sunnyside via 9th st.	101 9 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This traffic light needs a red light camera. Drivers run reds on a regular basis here.	101 9 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C6, Canada
An advanced green light would be helpful here for those turning left onto 9 St. , especially during rush hour.	101 9 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Getting around existing bridge piers is tight and blind, terrible to get onto the lower deck. It's much easier and safer to get on and off from the roadway. Move all vehicles to the tunnel lanes!	Centre Street Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada

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Make Memorial Drive NW stretch between Centre St and Louise Bridge 30km/h = more space for pedestrians and bikes, less space for cars.	Peace Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2P 5G8, Canada
2 lanes of memorial drive is enough, close the south lanes permanently. It will reduce noise and pollution.	922 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Stop the dangerous short cutters in this neighborhood	121 9 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1T1, Canada
Congestion and confusion reign on nice days. This intersection is too tight and too unclear to navigate (unlike similar space on north side of George C King bridge) and would be much better if EB lanes of Memorial were converted for people to use outside of cars.	908 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This is a very popular area that doesn't have enough maneuvering space allocated. Much more space is required to allow commuters to whiz safely by while allowing people enjoying the space to feel safe and comfortable. The area should expand into the two south lanes of Memorial, which should be closed to car traffic.	908 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Improve separation of pedestrians and cyclists; plan for cycling as transportation rather than recreation	908 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
There should be a safe crossing here. People use it all the time. Make it legal and safe. Its the most direct route to the Peace Bridge.	840 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
A crosswalk here would be great! It's frustrating to be able to see the Peace Bridge from here but have to go a block in either direction to cross Memorial. I've seen people cross here unsafely.	109 8 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
There are constantly families literally running across Memorial in the dark at this intersection. The Sunnyside School area has the most convenient free parking to access the north side of the Peace Bridge, so people want to cross at 8th st. Close 8 St NW to through traffic and add a crosswalk with a traffic light, just like the 7 St NW crossing.	109 8 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This crossing lights for active modes is good, but should prioritize those modes rather than cars. The default should allow people to cross Memorial. When cars are present, it can turn green for them.	802 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
7th St and Memorial - pave the area immediately beside the push button so cyclists can reach the button without riding on the grass/mud	802 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C8, Canada
Make this stretch of road 30km/hr	746 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Memorial Parkway acts as a liner barrier between the community and the river. There needs to be so much more permeability between the community and the river.	709 5 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada



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It would be nice to have a controlled intersection to access the parking lot beside the lift station. Many people park here and find it difficult to cross the bridge via the ramp or stairs. It could also be used to transport watercraft across the Memorial Drive in the summer as many people use the Sunnyside hand launch area for kayaks, tubes and rafts.	302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Much too narrow a space to be moving rafts and people in. Memorial dr EB lanes should be repurposed for active transport.	304 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Stop Memorial Drive here. Do not have it connect to anything east and create an awesome park next to the river.	302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
A new walk/bike crossing is warranted here. It would bridge the gap between 7 St and the Prince's Island Bridge. Memorial Drive is a parkway classification street, which means it should prioritise walk/bike connectivity over driving capacity.	536 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C5, Canada
This intersection needs to be redesigned. Pedestrians, wheelers and watercraft often interact here. Clear signage and more space to maneuver are necessary. Widen ramp and install different level surfaces similar to Peace Bridge indicating wheeling and walking surfaces. Install signage indicating this is a high traffic, mixed use area.	424 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This intersection is too tight. Closing the south lanes of Memorial drive would be great, If not that what about a traffic circle for pedestrians, cyclists, water crafts?	424 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This intersection is really dangerous. The fence at the bottom of the steep incline feels a bit wile-e-coyote. Bottom of a ramp doesn't seem like a great place to put a massive barrier. The area to maneuver needs to be massively increased to allow all the different modes and directions to interact safely. Suggest the City could use the south two lanes of Memorial Drive to improve safety for pathway users here.	426 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

### Map 5 – Greenspace

I love the naturalization project here. Please do this in more intersections!	1458 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E5, Canada
This is an increasingly popular spot for encampments. Please do not enable encampments.	1209 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
This is an increasingly popular spot for encampments. Please do not enable encampments.	410 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
This is an increasingly popular spot for encampments. Please do not enable encampments.	416 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
This linear space would be great for a pump track if field of crosses moved further west where there is more space.	220 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Please address the issue of homeless encampments in this greenspace.	612 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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Make this forested greenspace more accessible (with steps down the embankment to a nature trail or something similar).	606 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The road should be open to walking and wheeling only (no dangerous drivers) .. create a south facing "beach" where people can walk or take some sun and maybe hold events.	200 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

### Map 6 – Bridge

A jeep flipped onto the pedestrian walkway here on August 31, 2019. The flimsy aluminum barricades are constantly being hit by vehicles. The City refuses to spend \$2,500 to put in 5 m of concrete barrier here to protect pedestrians. Maybe this project could fix this issue.	2 14 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3J1, Canada
Just to counter all the at-grade crossing advocates: this is a busy road and adding in yet another at-level pedestrian crossing is not appropriate. Upgrade the pedestrian bridge when necessary.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 0A7, Canada
this pedestrian Bridge over Memorial Drive is not current best practices. When this infrastructure gets to the end of its life span get rid of it. Make an at grade crossing instead.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 0A7, Canada
Why do active modes have to travel all that extra distance just to cross the road? This should be an at grade crossing.	1052 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 0A7, Canada
This bridge is difficult to access for a cyclist, especially when you're carting around children.	304 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The Centre Street Lower Deck should be re-opened for vehicles. It is narrow, so perhaps one way south before noon and one way north after noon.	Centre Street Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Keep the lower deck open for peds and bikes full time.	Centre Street Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
The lower deck should be permanently closed to motorized vehicles and open to people walking & wheeling.	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2G 0B2, Canada
Use the lower deck for active modes	Centre Street Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Keep this open to bikes and pedestrians permanently, it has been a big success and the cars have enough ways to get into downtown already	Centre Street Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Make this space for people only no cars!	Centre Street Bridge, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Lower deck is way too narrow for vehicular traffic, don't know how we ever managed it! Keep it open for peds and cyclists. Space is much better with railings now.	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
I like using the lower level for running, but appreciate that vehicle traffic may benefit from the resource during certain times of day.	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada

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Lower deck for walking/wheeling only	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
The upper deck of this bridge is not suitable for biking. Needs revamping.	Centre Street Bridge Lower Deck, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
This bridge is impossible to access by bike with a carriage or a cargo bike. This heavily restricts it as a crossing for families with young children who can't ride on their own yet.	113 Centre Street N, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada

## Map 7 – Other comments

Opening the roadway may delay traffic somewhat but will drastically increase usage and sustainability factors for all other movers. I believe all decisions ought to be made with the triple bottom line of good for our health, our environment, our finances.	11 Edmonton Trail NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Z7, Canada
Car traffic should be reduced in this area since it detracts from the pedestrian/riverside experience. I am in favor of removing or narrowing the car lanes.	1162 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
Public toilets are needed everywhere. This seems like an easy win in addition to the much needed toilets.	102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3E4, Canada
This area is terrific as it is. Please keep my beloved Peace Bridge pathways recognizable!	1046 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
STOP IT.... you are (as usual) making a mess where it isn't needed.	Lot 102, 102 10 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1V3, Canada
Close the south lanes of Memorial to cars from here to east of Centre St bridge, making room for bikes, pedestrians, the flood barrier, and trees.	1032 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Please continue to allow traffic across Memorial Drive (save for special events and possibly summer weekends), to allow for emergency vehicles and traffic flow.	1020 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
A streetcar light transit, or another Max line, stretching the entire length of Memorial would improve connectivity and reduce traffic on the important traffic corridor, it could go from Calloway park and Springbank airport, to Easthills, or even Chestermere. Memorial needs traffic reduction adding in a high volume streetcar without removing road would be best	422 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
I agree with others. Close the south side of memorial to vehicles for good. Stop building Calgary for cars. Electric vehicles still take up the same space as a gas car. We need to plan for the future now.	1020 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
We need open streets on memorial all the time. Stop building for cars - build for people. If people want to drive they can go up to 16th. We don't need two lanes each direction.	416 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4Y7, Canada
Close the south branch of Memorial here and expand the riverfront / widen sidewalks / provide protected bike lanes.	1026 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada



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Allow more than one vendor to set up shop here, possibly taking turns. It seems unfair to give a contract to one party all summer. I don't mean that several vendors should be granted permits at the same time.	101 6 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 5G8, Canada
Cars will be an essential mode of transport in Calgary for decades to come. Memorial Drive must remain as an important roadway. Any narrowing of Memorial Drive should be done as part of a complete rebuilding and redesign to maintain vehicle capacity. Simply closing the two existing eastbound lanes is not an answer and would lead to congestion and increased cut-through traffic in Sunnyside (unless downtown is to be closed, such as on weekends or during COVID).	924 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
This is a major roadway in YYC. Keep it as 4 lanes - its a major emergency vehicle route as well.	822 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Prioritize people! Make space for walking, wheeling. The current design has too many hazardous interactions between cars, wheelers, and walkers. Especially with e-bikes and scooters, we need to make safe space for pedestrians. Set a lower, consistent speed limit from Edmonton Trail to 14 St, and design the streets to support it. This 50/70/50 speed is not safe, and is ignored by most anyway. 40 km/h would have minimal effect on drive time, but huge improvement in public safety.	220 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
The first priority must be to build the promised flood protection. This must be done now, without waiting for other aspects of the program.	610 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Traffic cutting through Sunnyside from Memorial is already a problem. Disrupting or slowing traffic on Memorial will exacerbate this problem. Design is needed to discourage traffic from cutting through Sunnyside.	612 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C6, Canada
Cut through traffic from westbound Memorial through Sunnyside to northbound 10 St is a daily problem. This cannot be fixed by adding more capacity to Memorial. Induced demand means any capacity or throughput increases will be wasted. Such a costly expense would also not be aligned with City policy for a parkway classification street. The only solution is adding diverters inside Sunnyside or barriers at streets intersecting with Memorial to prevent this cut through movement. This can be done in a way that supports walk and bike travel, and maintains emergency egress in a flood, via filtered permeability. Other cities do this all over.	612 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C6, Canada
I am a daily pathways user but don't support closing Memorial to vehicle traffic permanently (2 or 4 lanes), because I've seen how difficult it can be for emergency vehicles to get through the vehicle lanes while I've had enormous amounts of room to my pedestrian self on the adaptively closed lanes.	304 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada

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Improving safety in the interaction of pedestrians, bikes, and cars is indeed important. However, this is a KEY east west road in our city and we who live nearby do need routes out of our neighbourhoods. If the traffic capacity is lowered here, it will lead to worse traffic elsewhere - traffic doesn't magically disappear. So please, work on solutions like attractive fences along the road in key spots, properly enforced 50 km/h limit, clearly marked bike and pedestrian paths throughout the length of the parkway, etc. rather than removing capacity from our route to Deerfoot.	512 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Driving on Memorial can't be improved, and City policy for a Parkway already says driving is a lower priority, so that shouldn't be pursued. Adding more lanes only creates induced demand at significant cost with no longer term benefits. Reducing signalised crossings would de-prioritize walking and cycling, which is against City policy.	302 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 4A1, Canada
Does this parking lot ever reach full capacity? Could it be used for something better? Park space, exercise equipment, vendors market, etc...	200 Memorial Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Find a way to open and keep open these public washrooms.	113 Centre St NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Public washrooms don't help anyone if they are always closed. Please keep these open!	113 Centre St NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada
Seconding the comment to keep public washrooms open all hours and all seasons	The Stairs, 720 3rd street nw, Calgary, Alberta T2N 3C2, Canada

### Additional Feedback received

**Comment for Ward:** Ward 7 - Terry Wong

**Nature of Request:** Comments or concerns related to Planning and Development applications

**Subject:** Memorial Parkway project - they aren't listening

**Comments:** I was just at the public engagement on the Memorial Parkway project. I spoke to the project manager Dan England. Each concern I raised was met with "well we will have to agree to disagree", "not sure how I can convince you" and other comments like this in a very condescending tone of voice. This conversation left me feeling the city is not really wanting to hear our concerns to incorporate them, they are just looking to convince us to get onboard with their plan, just checking the public engagement box. Here are the concerns I raised: Don't want to see huge areas of grass, bushes and trees, especially the big ones which provide much needed shade in our ever-warming climate destroyed in favor of more cement. I saw several other people express the same thing on the post-it notes on the board. • Take a walk down the parkway, hundreds of trees already have an orange dot on them, targeted for removal. Dan says they are targeted for "assessment" but I don't believe him. • Dan was also the project manager for the area on the south side of the Peace bridge. A huge swath of cement with no shade whatsoever which is like walking through a desert on the way home from downtown each day, especially this past summer when we had more days with heat warnings than without. I don't want to see what happened there happen along the Memorial Parkway. • Planting 2 or 3 small trees in place of big, huge trees that have taken decades to grow is not ok. • The city did not plant the 3 promised trees for every big tree they destroyed on the south side project. Dan says they did, but in other areas, again not ok. • These small trees not only don't provide shade for many years, I don't see any birds or squirrels in them at all. They clearly prefer and need larger trees. The beautiful hawks and eagles that frequent the



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parkway only land on very tall trees – will we lose them if these big trees come down? I think yes. • On flood mitigation, quoted as the reason for this project, I feel we have done enough good flood mitigation to address the problem with flooding in Sunnyside already. Certainly enough to justify cancelling this project and leaving ALL these beautiful big trees in place. I have lived in Sunnyside for 25 years and was here during the flood in 2013. It doesn't take a scientist to know trees, grass and bushes absorb water and cement does not! • Last but not least, these trees have been planted in memory of soldiers who gave their lives for this country. Tearing them down is completely unacceptable. My Dad was a veteran and before he passed away last year he was very upset about the thought of these trees being destroyed. Terry, I hope by writing this you will take the city to task on this project – hold them accountable to really listen to what we want.

### Climate Hub

Prioritize cycling for transportation over cycling for recreation or car traffic.

1. Future-proof for increased e-bike commuters with wider pathways
2. Eliminate shared multi-modal pathways and replace with dedicated cycling/scooter pathways with pedestrian and bike pavement in distinct colours. On-ground painted icons at intersections is not enough. (See the Netherlands and Germany for examples)
3. Revise the ramp to pathway intersection on the north bank of the Bow at the LRT bridge. This is very narrow and a sharp turn that dumps cyclists into a pedestrian area with poor visibility
4. Provide clearly separated bike and pedestrian infrastructure at bridges, including Poppy Plaza, Peace Bridge, and Prince's Island Bridge
5. Improve Ramp Access @ LRT Bridge and along Memorial Park
6. Salvage materials – Tree & other items found on site.
7. Edible / foraging options in the planting plan
8. Garden associations / Taking care of the spaces
9. Mental health – <redacted due to personal information> (Calgary Homeless Foundation)

Consider adding space for transit stops along Memorial Drive.

Retain natural surfaces as much as possible on the riverbank to withstand flooding (Willow plantings survived better than gravel/hard surfaces in previous floods.)

Use removed trees for wildlife habitat

Improved access to the river will be increasingly important during extreme heat events; provide shade structures or tree canopy for all playgrounds and picnic tables.

### Calgary Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping

- <redacted due to personal information>
- Need eyes on the site at Poppy Plaza
- The soldiers memorial is not a World War II memorial. It is an all of southern Alberta soldier memorial for all wars.



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- Our role is that the living memorial is one that take precedent
- Wheelchair access is important
- Memorial drive is emblazoned on a veterans mind
- Access
- No stairs! Ramps
- You have to understand distance
- You need to have space for soldiers to form up
- Sunrise or sunset ceremonies. Go to them.
- Peacekeepers remembrance on nov 1. 8:38 sunrise. Blue jackets and Barrett's
- From soldiers memorial they will march from mewata
- Nov 1- nov 10 . First 3 days and then every 2nd day is dedicated to some group in particular
- Guard of honour from 285
- Places for not only vets, but the younger vets from 1996 and their families and children
- Like the idea of a one, two, three event in a specific location.
- Soldiers memorial has enough for a soldiers formation
- Add a tot lot between the river and path?!
- Need to update the memorial from 2010 onwards. Commander 41 CBG, in the old Currie barracks. Patricia building?! <redacted due to personal information>
- <redacted due to personal information> if you want to go to peacekeepers park
- maybe 18-20 names are missing
- Two rows of trees to connect this space across the river to mewata
- Connect that with vegetation
- Delineate the space with a pathway on the west end, to allow roof for the formation and to delineate the space
- Like designs in squares and rectangle

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Barriers they face to get to and around the program area..

How often do you visit the parkway?

- Maybe once in a while – warmer days more often – it's not a good place, old bridges and don't spend a lot of time in the area. Walking some areas – used to use the area a long time ago – cycle the areas once in a while. I have spent several times in the area, when you walk, you get to see the City, the downtown and I like that walkway on the one side you can see the old houses and the new bridge, but it seems that it's been vandalized, which is silly. So without that bridge how do people get across the river?
- I want to encourage people to get down there, it's a very powerful place. So when I was first married and moved to Calgary, so why don't I just bike, I worked in the SW and lived in the NE. I rode my bike and loved the river. At the time it didn't feel far, but it is far. The police stopped her one time

and asked if they have a license for the bike, apparently you needed one and the officer waived the ticket. When family visits, I like to take them down there and show off the area, the paths, the shops.

- How easy is to access the river?
- Need steps down to the river
- Do you feel safe in the parkway area?
- Hard to be there with no washrooms, benches are not shaded
- Constantly looking over my shoulder as I can't hear the bikes – it's not safe and bikes and walkers need to be kept separate.

Are there any challenges to access the river promenade?

- Are there stairs?
- Poppy Plaza towards Peace Bridge:
- Difficult to find a public washroom and difficult to find a place to fill your water bottle. There is not place to fill your water bottle in the public space. All of the washrooms are locked, they locked them to keep the homeless out, but it limits people. IF the bathroom is closed then fewer people will want to go. There could be patrols so that people could go to the bathroom.
- In Banff, they have blocked the road off and they have public washrooms outside of the locked off area.
- Where the benches are for sitting, there is no shade. You are in direct sunlight – there is very few shaded areas to sit and enjoy the space (like Prince's Island)
- Need places to scoot/roller blading
- Places to put bags for the dog poop along the pathway.
- North side of Peace Bridge:
- More seating along the pathway to relax and watch the river flow, especially if you want seniors
- I like to walk, my brother doesn't, so we need to stop more frequently and so we need more seating along the space if I want to spend time with him on the pathway.

## 7<sup>th</sup> ST outlook

### Prince's Island Pedestrian Bridge

- No recognition of any Indigenous history anywhere along the pathway so that people can understand and appreciate it
- Make sure all the wayfinding is user friendly – some people can't afford data plans, some do not speak English (need ESL and ASL for the wayfinding)
- That's new to me to be able to see a translation on an app.
- Not everyone knows what a QR code is.
- It would be nice if there was a way to be able to cross all directions like Banff – at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Memorial. That's easier for people who are Deaf. People speed in that area – there needs to be something to reduce speed in the area. You can rent the scooters and just drop them and that's difficult to navigate and there has to be some way to make people put them away and not leave them on the pathway.

- Because there is a time limit, people just park the scooters when their time runs out.
- AS long as my two feet keep me moving, I'm ok.
- Is there anything that is close to the area that is water proof and will stay safe.
- Can we put more rocks in the river bank? What sort of flood barrier will it look like?
- So it will look like Holland – the same idea? They have done some wonderful dams and have done a lot of work on them.
- When the flood happens – in this area here (Poppy Plaza) if it was water proof it would save the city money.
- What does 1:100 mean? It doesn't always mean 1 to 100
- And Springbank building that dam, will that help?
- If it floods, is there a lighting system there to warn pedestrians – others can hear a warning system, but we can't hear them. Some places have posts that light up if there's a disaster (flood etc).
- It's a good thing CEMA is coming November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the community survey.
- It's not outrageous technology find something similar for those who are deaf as those who can hear.
- Confederation Park – there was a bridge there and someone had a picture of a 16yr old boy who was killed when they were struck by a bicycle – this needs to be dealt with – people are speeding along, scooting, skateboarding – it's dangerous for those who cant' hear people coming behind them.
- Cars have to be patient, they can wait while people cross.
- I am looking around the bridge – if there could be a pedestrian overpass at the Peace Bridge. I think that would be better so that you can cross over onto the street.
- A place where kids can have water fights. Where are people going to park if they want to go to the beach? Along this pathway – more public art – we need way more public art – something that gives the variety, some of the other cities in other countries have very unique public art which prompts conversation.
- More lighting – on Canada Day and in the late afternoon in mid afternoon it can be a bit dark and in terms of safety it needs to be a bit more light – to sign to communicate and if they need to be able to see.
- What about sensors that would come on if you just come through the area. People can use their lights on the bikes/scooters.
- It would be nice if we had sensor lights along the pathway.
- Are we thinking about a beach parkade for the beach?
- All the garbage that will come if we have fire pits along the area – people aren't careful about cleaning up after themselves.
- When people talk about bench seating – would we add shade to some/all of the benches? If we get stuck in the rain with kids, where can we go to be protected?
- No seating anywhere else along the pathway. While it is better than it was, there is still a lack of seating along the pathway.
- Nice to have water fountains to fill your water bottles if you're walking/biking. Something as well to ensure people and pets have access to water while they are on the pathway.



## Memorial Parkway Program – Phase II

Participant Report Back: What we Heard

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- On youtube – in England where they have a bathroom, so you are cordoned off and you walk in and the bathroom is portioned off. You can't poop in them though.
- The doors will close as soon as you go in and then when you go to leave the doors open. I'm sure it's expensive. So many good design ideas on youtube – it would be nice if our city was better than some of the other cities.
- Does the barrier go all the way to Bowness?
- Are you allowed to use paddle boards in this area and where are there resting areas for paddleboarding