



Revitalize 8 Street S.W. – Phase 1, Step 2

Report Back: Verbatim Comments

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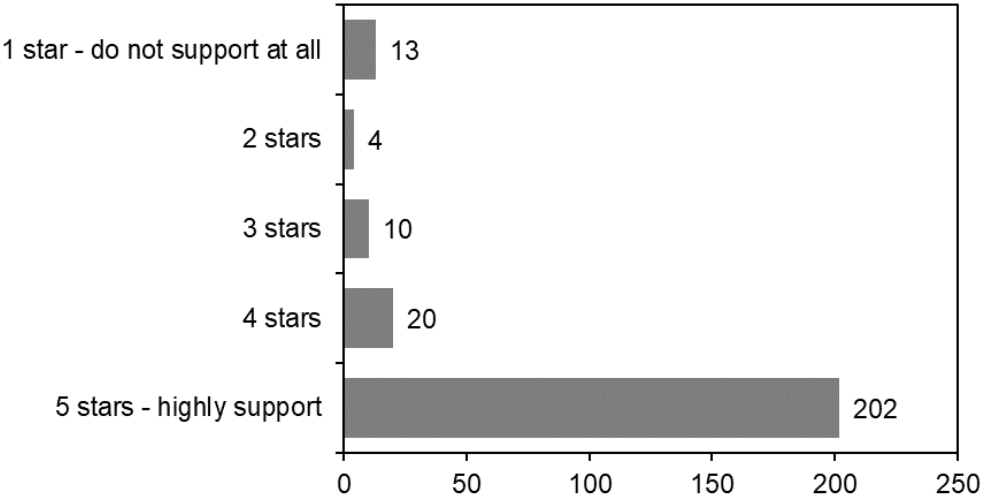
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1. Overall Proposed Concept Design for 8 Street S.W.



Rating of 8 Street S.W. Concept Design



Q1: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for 8 Street S.W.	
Comment	Rating
I walk and cycle.	5
i think a N/S bike route is essential for the inner city. if trees are planted, be sure to maintain them!	5
Giving equal focus to pedestrians, cyclists are the key to a healthy urban core. This design also adds some much-needed green space to the concrete city-scape.	5
Currently, I avoid 8th Street as I don't feel safe riding my bike on the road and the sidewalk is too narrow. It's a busy road and not very enjoyable to walk down. I can't even tell you what businesses are on 8th other than at 17th ave intersection.	5
The plan provides enhanced safety for both cyclists and pedestrians. As well, the area will be absolutely beautiful when trees are planted. wOverall....a great plan!!	5
We need more people friendly streets and less car dominant infrastructure.	5
It is more pedestrian friendly.	5
this part of downtown is basically a car-friendly void. Calgary needs more engagement with people in its downtown core. Wider sidewalks are key, as is greenery	5
Walkability in downtown Calgary leaves much room for improvement. Therefore, anything that will allow pedestrians to feel safe from vehicles, and cyclists from both vehicles and pedestrians, is a step in the right direction. Making the proposed space more esthetically appealing is a bonus.	5
8 St has great potential to become a better space for all. As it is now it's just an ugly car connector to downtown.	5
The City's proposal reflects a solid vision of the future of cities. People and ultimately pedestrians, cyclists, "wheelers", and other mobile citiezens are the heart of a city. Bringing these ideas to this new design is a great path forward for Calgary, and other cities. Progress!	5
We are frequent users of the cycle paths through downtown, whether using it to transit through or to visit a destination in the downtown. This connection will be an important link.	5

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Like the protected cycling lanes	5
Separated bike lanes, more urban greenery/trees, and more pleasant pedestrian space	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
We need more communal spaces	5
The 2023 master plan of having separated bike lanes is much better than the 2016 plan and the existing conditions. Having a bike lane all the way from the Bow River to 17th Ave would be great.	5
If nothing else but proper uniformed sidewalks come from it it will be a great improvement	5
The new plan is more user friendly to more than just cars.	5
This is great. Wider sidewalks and bicycle lanes are much needed and appreciated. It will make the street safer for people like me, who walk on this street every day.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Separated infrastructure for cyclists (from both pedestrians and vehicles) is great and provably leads to safer environment for everyone.	5
It is designed for all active transportation and will make it a safer and more comfortable street not just for cars	5
It will become more enticing for pedestrians if the area is aesthetically pleasing/inviting and functional for pedestrians. e.g. tables, chairs/benches like in Lois Szabo Commons	5
Protected bike lanes greatly help in improving the public realm	5
It will be much safer to cycle here and I love the idea of adding more vegetation.	5
Love the idea of more space for non car traffic.	5

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Very supportive of separated bike lanes. Use this corridor quite a lot and sharing with pedestrians especially under the tracks is not ideal	5
We need more walkability. That means bringing in more flora and making it a nicer space.	5
Looks like a much nicer and safer space for walking and cycling and has more trees and vegetation.	5
It's just a nicer street. separated bike lanes, trees, wider space for pedestrians - it all increases the value of the retail on that street.	5
Enhances mobility options.	5
people over cars is the goal	5
I gave that rating largely for all the reasons outlined above. At the current design, I avoid 8th St unless necessary. I find it scary to bike along 8th St (and I'm kind of hardcore). The new design is prettier, safer, likely even better for business along and around 8th.	5
Definitely agree that the street doesn't feel inviting for pedestrian it's current state.	5
The design is 1000 times better than the current use. Reducing car-centric design and promoting greater walking and wheeling should be a primary goal.	5
Cycling infrastructure is an extremely important aspect of meeting Calgary's commitment to net-zero by 2050. I'm pleased to see it implemented on 8th St SW. I also like the 3 lane design of the road.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Active transportation, great public spaces	5
Supports safe travel by bicycle. Creates another north-south connection across the cp rail tracks. Creates an inviting place for people.	5
Bike lane must be separated so that vehicles cannot use the bike lane for deliveries/ skip/ UPS/ etc.	5
It's about time. Long overdue.	5

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Less traffic. More pedestrian-focused.	5
Focus on people and wheeled transport not cars.	5
I love the incorporation of cycle tracks! The trees are wonderful and a boon for pedestrians to give meaningful separation from car traffic.	5
Would love to see a lot more vegetation and places to sit and rest - right now this just feels like an empty thoroughfare	5
Gr8 idea :o)	5
Looks like a good mix to me: walking, biking, and driving. More greenery is good too for shade downtown	5
Proper bike infrastructure! 8th Street is a major connection across the tracks, and cyclists currently have to risk riding with traffic or infringe on the pedestrian access. Enhanced streetscape! Make room for the people who live, work, play, and travel in the area.	5
I'd be more likely to visit 8 St if this design was implemented - especially if the space was alive with greenery and people instead of parked cars. I have 2 children that I'll teach to cycle in the city and am very in favor of the addition of protected bike paths.	5
like the location for this needed addition	5
I love the street trees and separated cycle tracks. I very much appreciate that the cycle tracks have riders going in the direction of traffic along with vehicles which makes how to navigate intersections make so much more sense.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This is a step in the right direction to make Calgary more liveable and vibrant.	5
Deprioritizes cars and prioritizes people living in the area.	5
makes me think of walking in down town Chicago: a really great experience	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

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The changes will make it a space for people to move around and not just vehicles.	5
I regularly bike and walk between Kensington and 17 ave and this will greatly improve the experience.	5
I love the idea of additional "Green" spaces and providing additional pathway options for biking.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
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Currently I mostly drive down 8 Street SW. I walked there a few times and found it unpleasant and not fit for pedestrian or bike traffic. The proposed changes would make me consider walking or biking down from Mont Royal where I live, instead of driving to access local businesses and the bow river.	5
Safety and aesthetics	5
Please more greenery and trees!! No one likes to walk here	5
Much improved cyclist and pedestrian space	5
Increased greenspace has been shown to both improve health outcomes of nearby residents, but also increase property values. Improved active transportation comes with minimal loss of vehicle throughput.	5
This is a fantastic design, as someone who bikes through there regularly I will no longer have to have a very scary commute or a very long detour.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This looks like a complete plan that will improve the experience of public realm, and multiple modes of transport.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

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Our downtown and connector routes need to invite people to move through, stop and enjoy, visit etc. 8th street badly needs this upgrading. Love the plan.	5
Could deliver additional protection for bikes with continuous protection along the route. Otherwise I really like it.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Much more people oriented and friendly. Good changes	5
The concept meets my expectations for a 21st century city in which people don't just live, they thrive. The built environment affects productive output, and its clear that this new design will contribute to a physically and mentally healthy population.	5
I cycle on 8 street often and highly support anything that will make that a safer and more comfortable experience.	5
trees trees and more trees please and space	5
I support any improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in the downtown. This looks like a good design.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Thank you for your focus on this. As a regular pedestrian from the trains to 17th ave, this road is totally unpleasant and borderline hostile with the traffic noise and big trucks whipping around. The proposal is a big step in the right direction allowing more modes of getting around without fear.	5
8th street is remarkably unpleasant to walk on currently. The proposed changes would transform it. In fact, any plan that includes uniform sidewalk design throughout would be transformative.	5
Safer for all users.	5
I'm in favour of the protected bike lanes and the increased green cover	5
huge improvement	5
Highly support a cycle track to promote commuting by bike in a safe way. Also really like larger and healthier trees.	5

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Looks nicer	5
I often walk along 8 st to get to the river pathways. Seeing more trees and plants will make my walk more enjoyable. I am looking forward to these changes.	5
Promotion of active forms of transportation and additional greenery will increase property values, provide safer transportation methods and reduce vehicle traffic.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Green space, pedestrian walkways and bike paths are all important developments for active, vibrant and exciting urban areas.	5
8 Street SW currently allocates excessive space for cars at the expensive of space for people, active modes, and greenery. The proposed concept strikes the right balance and will be beneficial for residents, visitors and businesses!	5
It is very unpleasant to walk in so many places downtown, and this will cut down on the sound of traffic/car dominance and focus more on pedestrian safety and comfortability. Great!	5
More of a place vs a zoom through for cars. Many people walk and LIVE here and we need to have pedestrians prioritized.	5
This area is a blight on 8th street and I feel bad for all the folks living in that area as their is a high concentration of apartments.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
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I have lived at 8 St & 14 Ave SW for 35+ years. This is a very convenient centrally located community for many reasons. However, 8 St is uninviting, traffic is heavy and noisy, sidewalks poorly designed and frequently closed for construction. A humanscale is badly needed.	5
The reduction of vehicle lanes to 2+1 from 4 is amazing and a huge step forward for downtown Calgary especially considering 8 Street is not a quiet street by any	5

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means. The focus on healthy, large trees is a great move. Could consider bollards for buffer zone between cycle track and roadway?	
8 Street is in desperate need of a face lift, I live in the area and walking towards the River is not a enjoyable experience.	5
Love greenery and designated bike paths on 8 st	5
Right now it's ugly and dirty. I walk this at least 4 times a week. Love to walk and bike.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Feels more inviting. Gives more equal space to various modes.	5
Will radically improve NS cycling access. This is crucial for improving the flow of traffic in Calgary. We can't widen the streets, so we need to explore transportation solutions that are most space effective.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
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For more safety and convenience for diver and people is good idea	5
4* for the narrowing of the road and widening of bike/sidewalk. Extra star only if you plant and maintain those trees.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks much safer for all users.	5
Bike lanes, wider sidewalks, more trees. Excellent plan! I anticipate that this will greatly improve the vibrancy and sense of place in the western Beltline/downtown area.	5
This part of 8th street is unsavory and requires a plan to bring people back into the area. Most people try to avoid this area. The sidewalks are in poor shape and crowded around the Tim Horton's and bus stop.	5

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good idea to plant more trees and make it more pedestrian and bike-friendly	5
The street currently is not bike friendly at all, and the pedestrian experience is mediocre at best. Despite that, it is a heavily trafficked corridor for pedestrians. This is a huge improvement for residents and visitors to move about the city.	5
I walk this barren street often. I could be improved so much.	5
Love walkability	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Yes to bike lanes	5
Separate wheeling lane. Fewer cars. More room for pedestrians.	5
I like the pedestrian focus with the cycling track .	5
Love the separated cycle tracks and addition of street trees. This road is rarely congested and supports tons of pedestrian traffic so emphasizes non-auto uses is welcome	5
I love that the space for cars has been decreased. It would be great to see this materialize and for the corridor to become a complete street as always envisioned.	5
Why is this still in public consultation? I've lived in four cities since I was part of the original focus groups on 8 St SW... less consultation was needed for that appalling highway.	5
Nice and green, reducing concrete and giving shade.	5
This looks great. More welcoming, fresher. It was very gritty before even though it's a well used connection to the river. Love the raised bike lane	5
The inclusion of dedicated bike lanes and increased potential for tree canopy cover are great ideas to link the beltline with the downtown core and the river walk.	5

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I love the addition of greenery and improved pedestrian experience.	5
As long as there is clear safe passage on the cycle track. If not cars will park there.	5
Separated walking, wheeling and motor vehicle lanes. Greenpeace!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Finally prioritizes tree canopy as well as all sustainable mobility goals.	5
This is a very good start at transforming 8 St SW into a pedestrian- and bike-friendly corridor.	5
Human centred, accessible, safe.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Pedestrians and cyclists need corridors like this to travel safely.	5
More sidewalk space for people	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I feel like much of the street rehabilitation has been all over the place in terms of scope, and often feels like a "test" which can easily be converted back to "normal" so as to not offend vehicle drivers. This proposal actually feels like a committed effort towards something good for all	5
Improving safe walkability and green space, will encourage more people to walk this stretch, and be more likely to frequent businesses along the way.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
We need more of this.	5
Love the separated bike lane from street and sidewalk, glad to see greenery and seating incorporated	5
The street currently prioritizes vehicular traffic at the expense of all other modes of transport. Anything that makes it easier to be a pedestrian or cyclist / wheeler is a	5

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win. I wander around the area while my kids are at ballet and the public realm feels hostile to me as a pedestrian.	
Love the safe biking and wheeling opportunities, more greenery, more safe pedestrian places..	5
The intentional design of pedestrian friendly infrastructure, separated bike lanes, and traffic calming measures will greatly improve the 8th St experience. Widening of the sidewalk and improving transit waiting areas is also greatly needed, as is improved accessibility.	5
More bike and pedestrian space	5
Love the idea of improving pedestrian and bike travel, and I love the increased amount of natural space.	5
Safe bike lanes for all ages is my priority.	5
Awesome design. Get rid of the parking lot in front of crack macs and Mac Donald's.	5
This is a great alternative the the existing conditions, and should be replicated along the length of 17th avenue, as well.	5
Bike lanes!	5
This just makes so much sense. Makes this space people-oriented, rather than the current hostile environment that it gives off. I'm a big fan of the road diet, which opens up ROW for bike lanes, green boulevards, and more inviting sidewalks. Absolute beauty transformation.	5
Protected bike lanes, wider sidewalks, trees & greenery.	5
Wider sidewalks, more trees and cycle tracks are desperately needed. Most importantly is wider sidewalks. It is congested a lot.	5
Great (and equitable) allocation of space for pedestrians and cyclists. Bike lanes the entire length of the corridor providing bike access between Downtown and Beltline is important and needed.	5

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Yes, absolutely build this! 4 to 3 conversion is an excellent way to add safe space for wheeling while providing acceptable levels of automobile capacity. It can even improve congestion by giving dedicated turn lanes instead of mixed turn/through lanes. Quality sidewalks & tree plantings. Great job!	5
Love the addition of cycle paths as it will be very necessary and help encourage cyclists quite a bit! My only concern might be that seating and social areas may spill over onto the bike lanes and impede travel, though again if there is a consistent stream of cyclists this is not as big of an issue	5
Very nice bike lanes, safely separating vehicles and pedestrians from bikes/wheeling (please ensure bike lanes are separated from vehicles with a physical barrier, i.e. curb). Great to see greenery/trees along the street. Perhaps also include opportunities to sit?	5
It will allow people outside of their car the opportunity to use and access this area.	5
Love it. This looks like a much safer, more comfortable, and pleasant street to get around on and to linger on rather than rush through as quickly as possible on foot - and now I'll be able to bike safely.	5
Greater downtown is in need of more N/S wheeling lanes that are safe and separated and traverse the CP corridor. This design recognizes that need as well as the fact 8 St is an extremely popular corridor for pedestrians and is lacking in greenery.	5
This is so much better than what was previously proposed! I love the road diet, the separated Uni-directional wheeling lanes, and the greenery.	5
This is a super busy pedestrian corridor already, badly needs the space reallocation and improvements. And it's a badly needed 5A wheeling connector - we only have 1 5A crossing of the CPR tracks in Centre City, and this would be another one, at least until 4 St SE is fully rebuilt/reopened.	5
We desperately need trees to help cool our city. Bike paths and reduces space for cars will cut down on noise and pollution.	5
I walk, bike, and scoot on this street. I like that your concept will help me be safer from crashes with drivers and enjoy my journey more.	5

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Love the addition of the cycle track, trees, social spaces, greenery, and ample walking space. Well done!	5
The bike lane is MUCH needed as it connects directly to the bow River path and allows cyclists to get there safely.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This is what every street needs. Lose a lane, slow traffic to comfortable and safe speeds. Increase space for pedestrians and provide a great north south bike route that actually goes places you want to go to like by a grocery store	5
Raised cycling lanes along the entire corridor is very important.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I bike lots!	5
Protected bike lane, road diet, more greenery, sitting areas. Finally the car is secondary to people.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
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<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Expanding sidewalks, narrowing streets, dedicated mobility lanes, and more vegetation is near perfect.	5
Increases safety, pleasure, travel mode choices - what's not to like?	5
I like that green space will not just be trees and grass that will have a tough time surviving.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks amazing!	5

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I like the reallocation of space away from vehicles - the sidewalks are the biggest priority and should be wider and more consistent everywhere. Addition of trees and cycling facility is a nice benefit too.	5
This separates different modes of transportation, making it safer for everyone and adds features like trees to make it more welcoming and calming for traffic speed	5
Exactly the kind of changes we need on 8th st sw.	5
Separate raised bike lane safer for riders. More greenery. Better sidewalk space for pedestrians, away from cars	5
More space/encouragement of patio café options. Love it!	5
Fantastic redesign! Make sure there is a clear differentiation between pedestrian and cycle infrastructure (as shown in example photos) using different paving materials, seating/furniture, planters.	5
I really appreciate the proposed cycle track and expanded pedestrian space to change the speed of flow through this area, to build a community space. A low barrier between cycle track and roadway would help with safety and increase use of cycle track.	5
Some of the narrowest sidewalks are between 10 Av & 12 Av. Raising the proposed cycle/mobility track in-line with the widened sidewalks and planting buffer will certainly help during peak periods (lunch & dinner rush)	5
I <u>love</u> everything about this concept and design, it will improve our neighbourhood <u>immensely</u> . I welcome the peace and quiet it will provide and our property values will increase.	5
Cycle track the entire length is fantastic. Was not aware of how much parking existed, over 5000 spaces! Way too many.	5
I love the prospect of this becoming a safe N/S cycling option. Concerns about traffic light timing and cycle prioritization at 12 Ave, 8 St	5
The sidewalks, esp. on one side, look very narrow, smaller than what currently is there. Passing a person while carrying a duffel bag or something similar appears	4

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like it would be a tight squeeze, especially if two people are traveling abreast coming the other way. Still, a massive improvement!	
I support the current proposed concept with upgrades to integrate trees & greenery, multiple modes of active transportation (i.e. protected bike lanes) and more spaces for pedestrian.	4
Its nice but could use more greenery/trees	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
8th st gets a lot of foot traffic despite it not being a very pleasant street to walk. The way it currently feels is like a feeder into downtown that local residents are not welcome on. (I live 1.5 blocks from 8th St, in Beltline) The changes will make it a lot better.	4
Great concept but more needs to be done to get bicycles and scooters into their designated lanes and off the sidewalks. Two bike lanes on 8th Ave and they are still using the sidewalks!!!!	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
I like the concept and the future plan is definitely better than how currently street looks like. I really like the bike lanes and trees. My main concern is that there are often homeless people sitting in underpathes and I don't feel safe as a woman walking there alone especially when it's dark.	4
Looks Cleaner and more inviting.	4
I like the reduced lanes and addition of a cycle lane in each direction. We lack a good N/S cycle lane west of 5th St. I'm not thrilled with the landscaping - trees are great (if the city invests in keeping them alive for more than two years) but I'd hate to see grass.	4
The cycle paths should be grade separated from the car traffic for it to be truly useful. I would propose adding a grade separation across the entirety of the cycle path, forcing cars to slow down should they attempt to cross the path, forcing the drivers to be acutely aware of their surroundings.	4

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I like everything in the concept except for large trees, as I'd be concerned of them blocking light.	4
More inviting and safe for public with shared lanes and trees	4
We need more wheeling infra and greenery, which this addresses. I like that the trees are co-planted with other species (can have water & nutrient retention benefits if you pick the right ones). I'd be ok giving one more lane to greenery, but assume the turn lane improves travel time for cars?	4
With the reduction of driving lanes, there will be an increase of traffic congestion, however, it would be a more desirable place to walk and bike.	4
Trees and dedicated spaces for walking/wheeling are greatly appreciated, especially being protected infrastructure. However, there's still that unprotected section with the parking bay that would be better if the bike lane were routed behind it with continued protection	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Great ideas, but there should be more physical barriers separating the bike lanes from the sidewalk to protect pedestrians.	4
Make 8th & 8th a ped scramble. Drivers turning right can block the intersection if there's a steady flow of cyclists & pedestrians. New design is good but it will need intelligent lights to deconflict right turns.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Don't take away a car lane. Yes people walk & bike but we also live here & need to drive. Rush hour traffic would be even worse - scary. Only do 1 bikelane that goes in both directions (think 12th ave) & make the planting zone smaller on 1 side. Then you keep the car lane & I love the plan!!	3
I used to live here and I still walk and cycle this area. This feels immediately more welcoming. I would like to see wider walking areas -- seating areas, while pleasant, mean the sidewalk is much narrower than it should be, and this is a busy pedestrian corridor.	3

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I love the idea of cleaning up 8th street and making it more pedestrian friendly but I'm concerned traffic flow out of the area will be even more of a congested nightmare.	3
Concern about traffic congestion	3
Not addressing snow storage space... or agreed operationally to remove?	3
As a resident that uses the alley to go to work in Airdrie, this would be SO bad for traffic in rush hour. Maybe reduce to 3 lanes instead of 2 and even adding a loading/unloading dock in front of Calgary place to aid with congestion. Do this without making our (the residents') lives harder.	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
While I like the design, am broadly not in favor of reducing capacity for vehicles - it increases traffic congestion and traffic jams. I drive down 8th St daily. Reducing lanes will cause a lot of traffic backup. Calgary has 6 months of winter, lots of -30 weeks - streets should be usable year round	3
Only criticism would be is that the intersections are not bike friendly	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
If you remove a lane of vehicle traffic it will inevitably result in vehicles speeding and taking the side streets. You're not solving a problem just diverting it.	2
Not sure how Amazon, Purolator or commercial delivery trucks would be able to stop and do deliveries on the proposed North bound single lane with causing traffic to back up or vehicles trying to go around the stopped delivery vehicle.	2
As an adjacent business owner, I think the reduced lanes and the furnishings are both a mistake. Congestion (especially at peak hours with the train) is a significant challenge as is, and the new Century Gardens should be celebrated with furnishings rather than drawing people to the adjacent street	2
Like the ideas designed but scope needs revisiting. 8th plays major role getting in/out of DT. Your approach sees 8th like normal street & DT like an island w/ high density. We live in beltline & walk tons. Improvements possible w/o reducing to 3 lanes. Depending on cycling & scooters not realistic.	2

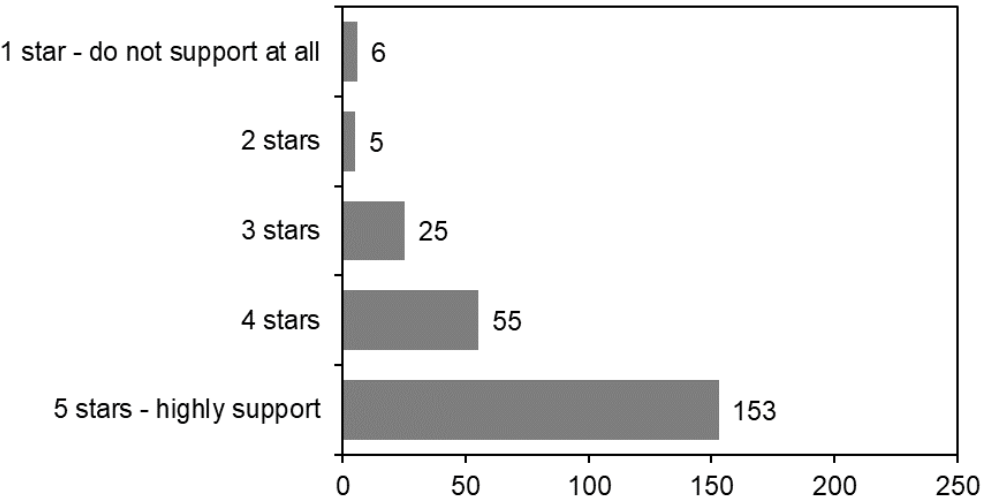
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We need more space for transit not biking in Calgary. We do not have the weather to support anything close to all year biking infrastructure, getting actual downtown transit is the only way to get people out of cars. If we were talking about some kind of rapid transit, sure. Even pedestrian space	1
You should never make the roads narrow. Please think about when it is winter. Maybe I should apply to do this job too. More trees more cost. Just make the sidewalks clean and paint it. simple	1
This is a major vehicle and pedestrian corridor in and out of downtown. I haven't seen anything in your presentation that suggests that the vehicular traffic can be accommodated with this plan. 13th Ave sidewalk upgrades are baron mess of concrete, weeds and needles.	1
We have to live with the fact that Calgary is a car dominated, driving based city. If you narrow 8th Street to 1 lane of traffic you will create more problems than already exist. There is already a cycle track on 7th Street for bicycles... which can only be used during warm months	1
Yes to lights that illuminate more area. Yes to city banning installation after market mufflers. Until the city stops approving developers request-we will have traffic + we are a winter city so NO to bike lanes (8th underpass too narrow + 11ST bike disaster for local shops), NO to curb extensions.	1
Why squeeze out cars? It is winter 8 months of the year! Cars are necessary!!	1
Unless something drastically changes in that area, the only people benefiting from the “places to sit and gather” are our cities “vulnerable population.” And, chances are, all the lovely greenery and vegetation will probably be destroyed by same.....	1
You are spending gobs of money on to create traffic gridlock. You are fools if you think people are going to sit on green space on the edge of traffic and bike lanes. A lot money wasted on absurd concepts. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO SPEND ON YOUR GROUPTHINK FETISHES!	1
<i>No comment submitted</i>	1

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I have walked on 8th down from the river to 17th Ave but I never had any issues with the sidewalks being too narrow. I am also an avid cyclist and I love that Calgary has such a wide amount of infrastructure for cyclists but I think most of it is underutilized especially in the colder weather times.	1
8th Street is one of the few North South arteries across the down town core under the railroad. Reducing it to 1 lane will cause even worse traffic problems than already exist.	1
You are going to have massive traffic jams with all the charter buses picking people up at the Sandman - though I like the concept	1
Why not two way one bike lane ? Allows traffic two lanes both sides or one traffic one parking both side	1
The street is ugly and should get more dense, and pedestrian friendly.more public art would be great	no rating
This does not fit in a city the size of Calgary and will further hamper downtown revitalization.	no rating

2. Proposed Ideas for Spaces Next to North Anchor Park



Rating of Proposed Ideas for Spaces Next to North Anchor Park



Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
More parks, better city.	5
the Bow River pathway downtown is fabulous, and this would enhance it.	5
Parks that are useable for multiple age groups adds to the liveability of a neighbourhood.	5
This plan represents a major improvement to the area. It will draw the public to the site for relaxation, picnics, and general enjoyment.	5
A good transition from 8 Street to the Bow River walkways	5
Highly support! This will be a great place to meet friends especially in warmer weather	5
Downtown Calgary requires more green spaces that are open, safe to enjoy, yet connected to the rest of the city infrastructure.	5
This area is already a "tourist destination" with the nearby Peace Bridge and Prince's Island. So, improving this space would add to the "destination" as well as create more usable and friendly spaces for citizens who work and live nearby. Great idea.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Better use of green space	5
More pleasant and inviting space to spend time in	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
More communal spaces	5
I mostly care about the separated bike lanes on 8 St SW but if the city can also make inviting spaces that make people want to travel on bike, that's great.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
More inviting than an open patch of grass.	5
Very excited about this. We have a new baby and having more places to play and enjoy open space is much needed.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
It will bring more people to the area. Maybe add a playground, whimsical play structures, water spouts and a seasonal skating rink like in Thomson Family Park on 1236-16 Ave., SW	5
Will definitely make better use of this space.	5
I like all the seating in a sunny park. Would be nice at lunch	5
love this.	5
Very supportive of separated bike lanes.	5
Love it.	5
Would improve user experience and create a nicer green space.	5
it's a better space for people, and since we're working to make downtown more residential, this supports that.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
people over cars is the goal	5
It looks very nice and I rarely see anyone using this lawn so this should be an improvement	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
We need more public seating across downtown!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
All park space is welcomed within an urban setting.	5
More parks, less parking lots.	5
All look like great improvements!	5
It's a sad, underdeveloped space now.	5
This park does feel really disconnected from 8th right now and underused, so I think these things will help connect it up really well!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Love the double row of trees along the sidewalk that give it shade and beauty!	5
good idea	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Gorgeous! This is exactly what we want to see more of for Calgary.	5
This space always felt oddly under utilized and more parks downtown is always a good thing	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
makes it a place that people can use.	5
The space looks great.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This will better connect 8 Street to the Bow River. Currently it feels like a no-man's land if you're walking or biking.	5
Community Friendliness	5
a huge improvement to what is existing.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Anything is better than the lost, un-thought-out space that it is now.	5
We should definitely be upgrading downtown and inner city parks whenever the opportunity presents itself. Particularly if we want to make our downtown more livable.	5
More functional green space is healthy. This general area is busy during non winter months so makes sense to make it inviting for people to be outside together versus undeveloped, unused space.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
It will be a more usable and welcoming space for people	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
I support additional and more pleasant green spaces and parks.	5
a wide sidewalk and seating in the park	5
This triangle of land must be kept as public open space and desperately needs improvements like those proposed.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks like fun!	5
I support more trees and benches	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Great	5
Ties in well with other parks around downtown	5
I'm all for more green spaces downtown. Living in the Beltline means I need to walk to Lindsay Park, Stanley Park or along the Bow River Pathway for green spaces. Having more parks will give me more places to go.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This space can be much better realized as an urban community hang out space. Different seating options are welcome. Some tables would be beneficial too.	5
That's an awkward space and this seems better/ more inviting.	5
Looks more purposeful.	5
We need more trees for shade / O2 and more grass (and more painted street art) everywhere just ensure proper short cut path to walk across so people don't trample the grass	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Trees and seating are much appreciated to liven up an otherwise boring "park".	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Love double rows of trees, this will provide more greenery and shades for pedestrians, love seated areas and flexible play space	5
This space is empty now. It would be great if it was more useable.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Would provide greater value to the street. Encourage activity and socialization, contributing to the general improvement of the character of the neighbourhood.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Great idea because we need more green land for people enjoy the park	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Just some questions to ensure they are considered: How will this space work in conjunction with the houseless? How can they exist within this space so that they feel safe and other users feel safe?	5
As the City is planning on increasing the "residential" density of downtown, parks and greenspace are definitely needed. There are more children and families moving into the core and this would be welcomed.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This is a great way to tie the Eau Claire area into the 8th Street corridor. It is currently very disjointed.	5
This would be a great improvement, with continuity to parkland to the east.	5
Yes to revitalization	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Build it tomorrow	5
Love the playful seating concept	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
Great improvement to present condition, important to improve flow from this park space to the street.	5
Nice!	5
No comment submitted	5
Looks good	5
No comment submitted	5
Is there going to be patrolled security in the area as well at the start?	5
Any effort to create quality greenspace downtown should be supported. This type of amenity will attract people downtown, and maybe even encourage more people to want to live downtown.	5
Downtown West deserves a community park	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
We need more green space and improved pedestrian access and safety in this city	5
Looks like a fun place to be. I'm not a parks expert but I would love to stroll through there.	5
Love the more shade, more safe gathering and pedestrian places..	5
Parks good	5
Sounds like a good way to make the park more fun.	5
No comment submitted	5
Better use of the park in a prime location.	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
This space always felt liminal, as if no one should sit or stay very long. I would like to see more places for people to just exist in the city.	5
People need places to gather. This is currently an underutilized park space that needs some love. The proposed activations provide an opportunity to create community.	5
Love the trees!	5
more green space is always beter	5
Looks much more inviting and looks like the connection to the 3rd Ave cycle track will be maintained.	5
We need more green space in neighbourhoods where most housing is in apartments.	5
Improved sense of safety and lights is much needed. Feels unsafe there now	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I really look forward to walking along that sidewalk with the double row of trees	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Activating the park will help get people to stop and spend time in it rather than passing through.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Love the park space but where is the washroom?	5

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
I like the subtle tweaks that encourage use of this park Reading books, playing games, picnics	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I support the upgrades to the park, especially with double row of trees to the street, but would like to add that more trees and/or low maint. planting within the green space would benefit and create more opportunities for edge conditions particularly around the propose seating.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
It would be nice to add a sitting area or plaza to the park, as well as dedicated cycling infrastructure along the roads. The investment into the park is greatly needed, however, and the redesign looks to address some of those issues.	4
Making this shave useful is a great idea re	4
I belive it will enhance the usable green space for area residence.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
I would like to see bicycle parking	4
Activating this green space will provide recreation destinations for nearby residents and users	4
Love the park but consider doing something about the surface parking lot. It will always feel like a gap until it is developed.	4
Great overall design! Only note is to be mindful of the cycle track connection from 3rd Ave through the park. I use this section of pathway almost every day. The	4

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
number of wheeled users through this area is quite high. Care should be taken to minimize conflicts.	
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Think about community needs. Dog park (more than just a gravel pit) or play ground for kids. Or bike park. Make use of this area.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
This looks like fun, but please keep in mind that cyclists head through this park at speed and should be given a defined cycle track rather than just mixed with pedestrians.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
More trees!	4
Nice flexibility. More trees or a specific destination activity would be nice if space allowed.	4
Increased user amenities within the park provide recreation for individuals across income demographics. Only improvement suggested would be an area for pop-up small businesses such as food trucks which would also facilitate holding outdoor festivals and events.	4
I'm concerned about the grass in the middle potentially just being brown and dead and patchy, taking a lot of water to maintain.	4
Would like to see more public art installations	4
Could use more programming, maybe skateboard elements	4
I would like to see even more trees in this space. I always enjoy sitting on a park on a bench that circles around a tree with a large shady canopy.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Greenspace needs to be more inviting to pedestrians including those connecting with riverwalk and Louise Bridge. Noise barriers for surrounding high traffic streets, safer access to river walk for pedestrians, and safer pedestrian crossings on all surrounding roadways is critical.	4

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
like the openness of the new century gardens. would definitely be better to widen bus stop and high pedestrian-traffic sidewalks	4
Wonderful idea to transform this underutilized space into a community asset. Double row of trees along sidewalk is a great addition. However, the space itself can be better designed to optimize use and support local community needs.	4
Big improvement. Space could also host a food trucks or other things. In addition to Joe's Garage that is there now.	4
Love the openness. What about some type of adult gym equipment.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Preference is for less grass and more tree cover or native planted areas, but very supportive anyways	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
The park would be an important terminus or start for pedestrians and cyclists.	4
Seems like a far more inviting space to stay rather than walk through, but would like to see more consideration of how the central pathway connects to the Riverwalk (which has a clear separated bike path and sidewalk) and the street if it will have a separated sidewalk and bike path	4
Trees will improve the space. Don't have super strong opinions on this one.	4
Make sure there's still some grass/lawn. Not all concrete.	4
Looks good. :)	4
Like the flexible lawn/playful lounge seating, but still feels a bit empty. Hopefully it will be used and maintained.	4
Great idea to take advantage of this space and try to activate it. Perhaps a kiosk that allows a vendor to sell food/drinks/alcohol can encourage people to take advantage of the new seating that is proposed and create some vibrancy year-round.	4
It's better, but what about something like a cafe or business space. Perhaps a large gazebo or smaller stage (knowing that Prince's island is not too far away). Any indigenous input on the space? Opportunity for indigenous artist or architect? Public washrooms should also be added.	4

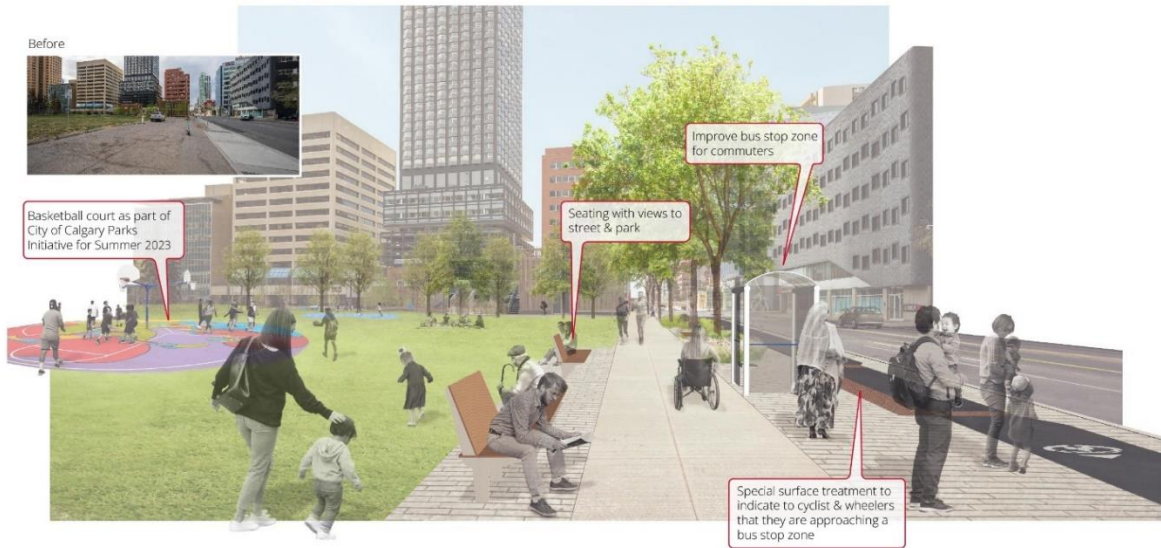
Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Can we please have a playground? There aren't any on the Bow River pathway or any at all in Downtown West. This is one of the last remaining places/projects that could put one in.	4
Great idea - the space has underutilized potential	4
This is definitely an improvement, and it clearly has potential to be a nice green space adjacent to the Bow River Pathway.	4
Park seems kinda just like a big empty green space. Would be nice to see more trees or other things to activate space	4
Better park experience	4
looks good	4
Looks good but could do with some more shade in the sitting area.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Overall looks good. The paved path that is shown is a commuter route to 3ave- please consider adding a separated bike lane along this section to separate bikes/pedestrians to reduce traffic conflicts from kids playing and faster-moving scooters/cyclists	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Do the raised crosswalk on 16, 15, 14, & 13 Ave, not just on 16th Ave. More please!	4
Add fenced in off leash dog run between path going to 3rd Ave and gravel parking lot.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Is there anyway to make it more purposeful? Like a dog park or some sort of sport/exercise space? Make an actual feature out of it?	3
Looks better, but still not that attractive or interesting. Needs more creativity and vibrancy with landscaping or public art imo	3

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
While the proposal is attractive, there is already a lot of developed features along the river walkway, so I don't think it is that important to add more. Blank open space has its own benefits.	3
It's good but not much activation going on here	3
I support it subject to the City getting a handles on the reprobates who will use it to shoot up and defalcate.	3
Will be there a bike line connecting bike lanes on 8th street and the bike line which goes along the river?	3
The street edge improvements look great, but the park itself is lacking placemaking elements. Food, water*, and seating will attrache the new residents coming to the area. *Water, drinking, decorative and recreational	3
I am very familiar with the area and still unable to visualize where this is to take place	3
Lower priority than other areas in this proposal.	3
Add additional facilities to entice people to come. Generic monoculture lawns facilitate generic passerby's. Allow people to sit under trees in the middle of the lawn (by the seating), include chess boards, potentially some street food vendors to attract and more importantly, retain people there.	3
Fine. Not really a huge change, is it? Don't need anything fancy, just an eye to the right landscaping to create that sense of transition from River to Street. Double row of trees is nice.	3
Great to have a park anchor the northern end of 8 St SW, but this design is a little underwhelming. Seems like it needs a little more landscaping. Why not plant trees along the east-west pathway?	3
Like the idea of a better park, this doesn't seem to add much though.	3
The park could use more programming or a focal point - introduce a covered area for shade? Throwing a bunch of seating in the park won't animate it as much as we could if there were more active uses in the park	3
There needs to be more activation on this site, maybe a pop up shop or other use to entice people to use the park?	3

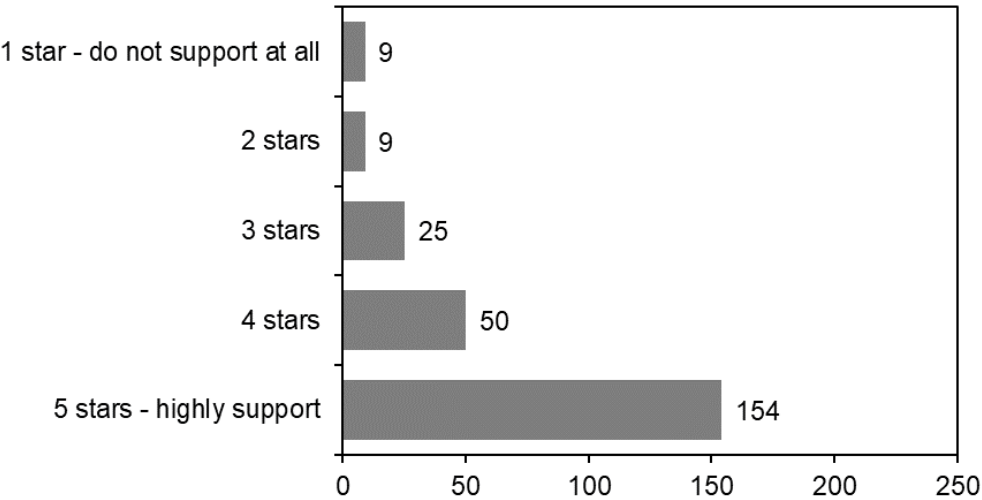
Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Doesn't look like much is being changed, but it is just empty lawn now so I guess an improvement.	3
Performance spaces would be nice.	3
Looks nice, but not much detail here.	3
I wonder whether any of the three park spaces could include a playground. With increased development downtown and in Eau Claire, it would be nice to have a good play space for kids.	3
My reaction is neutral. I don't currently use this space for anything other than walking or riding through it. I don't think that the proposed changes would change my use of the space.	3
Add a cafe and bakery, bike/scooter/raft/surf board rentals.	3
The sidewalk with double rows of trees and the seating is great, but otherwise this is lackluster and doesn't draw people to use it.	3
Ok, but could use some better activation, pumptrack would be great	3
This is fine improvement - but overall the park is not the priority. The streetscape is where people actually go. The river pathway system is already nice enough for now, the sidewalks to get there are appalling though. Please focus on the sidewalks first.	3
Some additional trees and benches are the only change here. Additional ways to make it more inviting would be appreciated i.e. picnic benches, soccer posts, etc to invite people to stay longer	3
Activation requires providing what people will actually use, not what's "playful". Those seats are in full sun - not inviting at all in the summer	2
Barely worth the money. Barely a design at all. Not revaluating the parking lot with this is nuts.	2
The city should give up this parking lot to make the park more robust.	2
The street enhancements are well done, but very little is proposed for the park. A few seats?	2
A nice idea, but do you remember what the vagrants, addicts, and criminals did to the wonderful pianos that were installed around the core a few years ago. Destroyed within months of installation.	2

Q2: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the North Anchor Park edge	
Comment	Rating
I dont think this is a great use of funds. Its serviceable as is. Space is used for vendors and outdoor yoga. Its decent for bikes accessing the area.	1
those benches are going to be used by homeless people.	1
The world is not your happy picture perfect park. Bums lie about!!	1
<i>No comment submitted</i>	1
Requesting improved maintenance for Bowforth Dog Park. Dissatisfied community members compare it unfavorably to EV Dog Park. Nearby abundance of play spaces and park benches along river walk. Proposed North Anchor Park edge changes redundant. No safe off-leash dog park available.	1
Don't fill North Anchor park with benches in the green space. All it will do is entrench the homeless. People picnic, dog walk and play catch there	1
Looks great. Cyclists will appreciate the dedicated cycling lanes (could it connect the 8th Ave and 12 Ave cycle paths?) Downside is impact on cars, esp during rush hour. Is there an option for a reversible lane (esp under the rails (9 to 10 Ave)), to help traffic moving into, and out of, downtown?	no rating
Stop interfering with roadways	no rating
No thoughts. Looks fine. Like the double row of trees.	no rating

3. Proposed Ideas for Spaces Next to Century Gardens



Rating of Proposed Ideas for Spaces Next to Century Gardens



Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
It is easy to miss it currently. It needs to be part of the streetscape.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Enlarging the park by removing an unsightly parking lot is fantastic! This improvement will help beautify the downtown area.	5
Anything is better than a ousting lot	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Downtown Calgary requires more green spaces that are open, safe to enjoy, yet connected to the rest of the city infrastructure.	5
A complex part of Calgary's downtown scene, certainly. Unfortunately homelessness, and more often open drug use at this park may outshine these improvements. This is a CPS and security issue and can be fixed, or mitigated. But this is a very busy part of downtown, filled mostly with people and citizens not looking for some Fentanyl, improvements will be well received. I see there is a wading pool under construction, and at times CPS bike police frequent the area. The Parking lot is strange, but part of some grandfathered ownership, I would assume. I wonder what the landowner would "develop" here? A parking lot I bet! I think the bike lanes will bring more average folk to the park!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Great to have more green spaces	5
I mostly care about the separated bike lanes on 8 St SW but if the city can also make inviting spaces that make people want to travel on bike, that's great.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Love this! More active uses in parks please.	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
The private piece of property in the NW corner can be put to better use. Maybe this area could be set up for an outdoor market including food trucks. Food trucks could be a staple all year round. That will draw in people especially if it is right on the CTrain line.	5
Improved function and places to hangout	5
additional space for non cars is always welcome	5
Very supportive of separated bike lanes. Use this corridor quite a lot and currently sharing with pedestrians is not ideal	5
Please clean it up!!	5
It looks much more user friendly for transit, pedestrians and cyclists	5
i really liked the concrete fountains at century park - during the day, haha. making playspace is important, and it should look nice	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
people over cars is the goal	5
The parking lot has to go. It's ugly and not really even that useful as a parking lot.	5
Great design! A great example of what we need to build more of.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Nice to have active play area - basketball court	5
Public spaces, public seating, active transportation!	5
Removing the parking lot would be so great. Activating with the street is much needed.	5
Again, any park space is welcomed within the city.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Surface parking has no place downtown. Any use would be an improvement.	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
I think this park is already looking and feeling great, but anything that can expand its use and options for seating is a great addition.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Very excited about the addition of greenery, cycle track, and a better transit experience.	5
I like	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This is a great example of reclaiming parking space for community.	5
Yes! Remove the weird parking surface and make this space usable. Plus, making liveable spaces === more eyes on the street === safer spaces.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
makes it a space that people can use.	5
Right now it is not a great place to hang out. Making improvements to the area will help things a lot.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
What an improvement!	5
People friendliness	5
Increased seating and recreation opportunities.	5
I love the addition of cycle path and the basketball court	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
We should definitely be upgrading downtown and inner city parks whenever the opportunity presents itself. Particularly if we want to make our downtown more livable.	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Looks great. Could you add a few other interactive elements (e.g. 1 or 2 baskets for frisbee golf, a small playground)?	5
For the same reasons as above. Always a challenge though because these spaces also are attractive for our homeless and drug addicted citizens.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I support additional and more pleasant green spaces and parks.	5
again, and i can't say it enough.... wider sidewalks make all the difference.	5
I am very happy that the City is going to improve this property as a temporary park.	5
Currently century gardens is missing something. Integration with 8th street would help a lot.	5
More park space is a great idea for residents	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks great	5
Having more people in this area will in my opinion increase the feeling of safety. There are presently no basketball courts in the area. If tennis courts were also included people could play tennis or pickle ball too.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Basketball courts or some activity space would be a welcome addition to the park and draw more people to the area outside of peak periods to support a greater sense of safety. A skate park is another potential amenity for this location that would draw more people.	5
Seems better than before, this is another extremely unpleasant pedestrian street.	5
We need more trees for shade / O2 and more grass (and more painted street art) everywhere just ensure proper short cut path to walk across so people don't trample the grass	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Please make the cycle lanes go behind bus stops, like on Bowness Road N.W. in Montgomery, rather than in front like suggested in this plan. Cycle lanes behind bus stops is a best practice design, will reduce ped-bike conflicts, and will keep both foot and bike traffic flowing more comfortably and efficiently.	5
This area currently is extremely congested and has a feeling of insecurity and being unsafe, particularly for pedestrians. Safety is a primary concern, at neighboring C-Train platform and on both sides of 8 St SW. Sidewalks are currently far too narrow to allow for use by pedestrians, bicycles and scooters, and transit stops, as well as persons with mobility issues. The accessibility improvements made to the Century Gardens need to be extended to all surroundings walkways. Improved lighting is also very important.	5
Looks like a space people actually enjoy hanging out in. Great to see special surface treatment for the transit stop/cycle track integration	5
More green spaces are welcome, however not clear on the use case. The development of a small retail spaces and cafes would make it more of a destination for the demographic residing in the Beltline. If I understand correctly there are a much higher percentage of urban professionals that live in the area than families.	5
Love create space for sports like basketball. It really allows more members to enjoy the space and where there are more eyes, hopefully it would encourage more people to feel safe and comfortable in the space	5
Anything is better than what it looks like right now.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
The city ought to purchase the land and make use of as a permanent green park.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
That make the west end of the city looks more beautiful	5
Could use more shade and urban forestry.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks like it gives space for all users. Is there opportunity to paint bright colours as well to increase emotional feelings of safety?	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Over the decades this section has gone through transitions, with this latest change most concerning. The "activities" in this park, coupled with the LRT "issues", currently makes this space one to avoid. Many residents I know are now driving vs having to "experience" this area. Not sure what's happening with the blue tent in the park...	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
The parking lot in the corner is jarring. This would be a great improvement to tie the park into the new sidewalk.	5
Makes this corner much more inviting.	5
MORE GREENSPACE!	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
Really like the basketball court.	5
Keep the basketball court - it does an excellent job animating the space	5
Please make sure the sidewalk is wide enough to accommodate the pedestrian traffic through this area and all modes	5
No comment submitted	5
I like that the bus stop zone is a separate area of the pedestrian walkway.	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
Basket-ball court will be well used. Low water native plantings instead of grass in some areas would be ideal	5
The current condition has unnecessary parking that should be used as active space for people.	5
No comment submitted	5
Looks good	5
No comment submitted	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Awesome idea! More lighting too will be great, perhaps flood lights at night for safety? I live here and can't stand even going across the street at night alone	5
I like that this is an attempt at an actual urban space.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
More green space, makes waiting for transit more comfortable. The city has recently been working to make transit as uncomfortable as possible by removing benches and things. We need to make public spaces as comfortable and accessible as possible	5
LOVE IT. Again, anything that makes the public realm more pleasant for pedestrians etc... will make a massive difference to the area.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Again, love the inclusion of natural space.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Good to get rid of that awkward parking lot. Basketball courts are welcome.	5
A natural interface with the park, clear site lines and mixed tall-grass plantings to cultivate coziness in the urban forum should be preferred.	5
I like the potential interface between this park space and the street once it is traffic-calmed. If we want to promote transit, our transit stops need to be inviting, and this open space concept will do the trick.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
again this opens up the area to people outside of their cars	5
Looks much more beautiful and inviting with the park connected to the street.	5
I think infrasturcutre like a basketball court that can engage all ages is a good idea. Public washrooms should also be added. Also an opportunity for a small cafe or business space?	5
If we could get the land and extend the rebuilt Century Gardens that would be great.	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Love the basketball court and the improved green space. Big fan of the improved transit stop and its interface with a cycle. This is so much better.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Really like the use of surface treatments to show users they're entering a mixed space. Could have used this approach by peace bridge and the new pathway connections under center street bridge. I'm not a pickle ball player but could the court design be such that it could accommodate other activities? Seems like everyone wants to play pickleball	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I live across the street from Century Park, please put more amenities for children and families, more activities to make the park vibrant and bring more people and action into the park (and help push the drug addicts out of the park).	5
Like that it's a basketball court since there isn't a similar amenity in that area. Also, same to bike lane, sidewalks, seating, greenery. It would be nice to have a playground since there isn't one really close.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Much more inviting, much more pleasant, much better! I like how the cycle track and the bus stop interact.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Get rid of the useless parking lot. Enhance the public realm but leave the owner room to develop on their land that won't render the new enhancement moot.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks great - if the land wasn't expensive the city should just acquire and make a coherent park site. The redevelopment is awkward.	5
Well thought out. Consider having bike lane fully separated with only a short exception for the bus zones so busses can get in/out but still protect cyclists from traffic	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Adding visual interest to the lighting is nice	5
I really like the combination of active transportation, encouragement of play/rest and [indecipherable] public transit	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
For all boulevards with street trees and greenery, please consider salt/sand & dogs to ensure that ops. & maintenance will support the establishment of the added infrastructure.	4
Looks good	4
it looks welcoming, and may encourage families to live downtown. it would be a shame to have the downtown just a 8-5 pm destination.	4
I believe it will enhance the usable green space for area residence.	4
No comment submitted	4
Definitely support more green space, however seems risky if still private land.	4
No comment submitted	4
Further improvements to century gardens should continue to support positive use of the space	4
Love most of this but concerned that people waiting for the bus will stand in the cycle track lane.	4
No comment submitted	4

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
Looks great, but isn't this a future development site? Will this plan allow for that to happen?	4
This area could use an upgrade - it currently feels somewhat soulless.	4
Love the basketball court and thought given to all users	4
Please add heating to all bus stops. everyone would appreciate.	4
Would like to see a floating bus stop here with bike lane behind waiting area. This orientation is less desired with current design standards. Otherwise good.	4
Not sure we needed a basketball court in the park; taking away the flat surface that could be used for soccer, frisbee, children running and playing.	4
concerned the basketball court is not enclosed in the render, and flying balls could be a problem for nearby people and children	4
Great but needs art and less places for drug use	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
I support benches and basketball court	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Currently difficult to navigate	4
I like the integration of the park with the street. As more of the surrounding buildings are converted to residential, this will become a community hub.	4
Difficult challenge with the privately-owned, undeveloped parcel. Good that the parking lot will be removed.	4
Adding an additional open space recreation use to Century gardens is a great idea. Wondering if this could be housing instead. For the park to be safe it needs eyes on the street and active uses around it. The community needs housing and amenities, like a grocery store	4
Definitely better than empty lot currently.	4

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I do like this but I feel it is less important than the other proposals as century gardens is relatively nice. The basketball court like Bridgeland is a nice touch as I think the demographic supports it and will encourage more use instead of just the unhoused people	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Should maximize the green space, but also ensure that views from the street or the businesses across the street into the park are not obstructed. Hidden alcoves were the predominant problem in the old area.	4
Basketball court, benches, improved sidewalks all will improve that space. Although I would not be opposed to another form of development of the parking lot (i.e. adding commercial or residential development)	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Excited to see a reconfiguration of this interface, hate walking past the parking pad. Could maybe add a larger seating area / plaza space to accommodate people waiting for the bus.	4
Looks good. Is there opportunity to bring in pollinator plants and wild grasses? Less lawn to mow and water? Community garden beds could be nice too. :)	4
Yes, get rid of that eyesore and unsafe parking lot. It's gross. Some more vertical plantings, though, could provide better spatial separation between the park and street. Also, bus stop bypasses should be used, like Bowness Road in Montgomery, here and along the whole street.	4
Pretty good, will add that maybe the bike path should be set back from the road with the bus waiting area closer to the road. This could prevent conflict between cyclists and people exiting or entering the bus	4
Like this a lot, way better than an unused parking lot! Hope the basketball courts can be permanent. I worry about the bike lanes being same grade as pedestrian areas (safety for both cyclists and pedestrians), but the special surface treatment is a good idea.	4
This is a great plan and should re-enforce the idea the City of Calgary should pursue purchasing the land to permanently protect this valuable green space. An outdoor playground is sorely lacking in the commercial core and would fit nicely here.	4

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<p>I am thrilled to express my full support for the proposed changes to Century Gardens. The vision of removing the parking lot and extending the park to the street is a brilliant move that will transform the space into a vibrant and inviting public area. This design direction not only addresses the critical challenge of re-engaging the park with the street but also expands the sense of public space along this important corridor.</p> <p>By eliminating the parking lot, we can reclaim valuable space and create a seamless connection between the park and its surroundings. Extending the park to the street will not only enhance accessibility but also encourage more people to utilize the park as they move along 8 Street S.W. It will create a welcoming environment for pedestrians, transit users, and park visitors alike, fostering a greater sense of community.</p> <p>I am particularly excited about the idea of adding basketball courts to the park. This addition will not only promote physical activity and health among residents but also serve as a gathering point for sports enthusiasts. It will provide an opportunity for people of all ages to engage in recreational activities, fostering a sense of camaraderie and community spirit.</p> <p>Overall, I commend the city's efforts to re-imagine Century Gardens and make it a more vibrant and inclusive public space. These proposed changes hold immense potential to enhance the overall experience for everyone, whether they are waiting for transit, strolling along the corridor, or simply enjoying the park's amenities.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input, and I look forward to seeing the transformation of Century Gardens into a thriving hub of community life.</p>	4
Good idea to introduce a green space along the LRT corridor.	4
Land swap the developer and create a great park full of amenities, fountains, have small restaurants in sheds, a basketball court.	4
Add garbage, recycling and compost bins.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
All great additions to the space, but more placemaking needed. People tend to gather at corners and other highly-trafficked areas, so putting placemaking elements at these points (7AV & 8ST) would greatly improve this area	4

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Basketball court is great for more vibrancy and park activation, and good to maintain the dedicated spaces for walking/wheeling at the street. However, it would be nice to see if the bus shelter and waiting area be placed in front of the protected bike lane to minimise conflicts when the bus does arrive. Amsterdam sets bike lanes behind bus stop waiting areas and shelters in this fashion	4
Solid	4
Great concept, like the basketball court. Some more spaces to sit near the bus stop could be helpful.	4
Basketball court is a great idea (hugely successful in East Village). Corner of 7 Av & 8 St needs placemaking elements beyond the bus shelter & seating (both good, need more).	4
Improved lighting and trees would help with ambiance and safety. The intersections with one-way traffic on 6th Ave and 5th Ave would be something to focus on, to increase flow to the river of pedestrians & cyclists.	4
I love this redesign, however, cycling lanes should always go BEHIND bus stops, it is the safest and most effective way to share the space. It allows people to embark/debark from buses without worrying about being hit by cyclists, once they have cleared the bus then they can look around before crossing the bike lanes. Please adjust this, the rest is great.	3
Good design. It's a pity that part of the space could be developed as an office building.	3
More vegetation and making it feel more protected from the roads	3
I'm not sure that it would be used much by the public	3
Make us of this area. Green space surrounded by concrete. Nice spot for lunch retreat.	3
I don't like that the bus passengers have to cross the bike lane to get on the bus. This is an accident waiting to happen. Prefer bike lane next to the sidewalk	3
Again, a wider sidewalk would be better here. You can even see the problem in the concept illustration: the two joggers are going to need to continue in single file to give enough space for the person in the wheelchair and the person on the bench.	3

Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
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It's great but the main problem with all these parks are the scary crowds of people that hang out in them. That plethora of issues should be addressed first then people may use the parks	3
I support it subject to the City getting a handles on the reprobates who will use it to shoot up and defalcate.	3
While I love the basketball court, it's going to need a fence or you're going to have balls rolling into 8th st. If you plan on having one, but haven't shown it here, then that makes all your drawings suspect. Also, you're going to need to do something about our drug problem to make this area family friendly. It's not going to just sort itself out.	3
This is a pretty rough area, maybe the park atmosphere will soften it, but I have my doubts. But don't know what would	3
Allow venders to set up or have a small corner store there. Brings people to the park and keeps them comfortable with amenities.	3
Proposed concept is better than the current situation, but I feel like like something is missing here, not sure what though. I am very concerned about the number of stabbings around this park and train station next to it. I still walk pass this park very often and would be glad to see a change.	3
Lower priority than other areas on this proposal, already looking pretty good.	3
Meh.	3
I'm not sure the fencing around the basketball court will look nice, not sure the court will really be used in this location when Shaw Millenium Park has bigger and better basketball courts.	3
If you want engagement what about a performance stage like Tomkins park. Something to get her a crowd and keep people there.	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
Basketball court!! Love it (and definitely do not need that little parking lot) Do not enjoy bikes and buses sharing space, where will bikes go when the bus is stopped? Instead consider bus stop island for bike lane to go around (using the converted parking lot as extra pedestrian space)	3
That looks ok. Maybe bring in food trucks more or less permanently placed there?	3

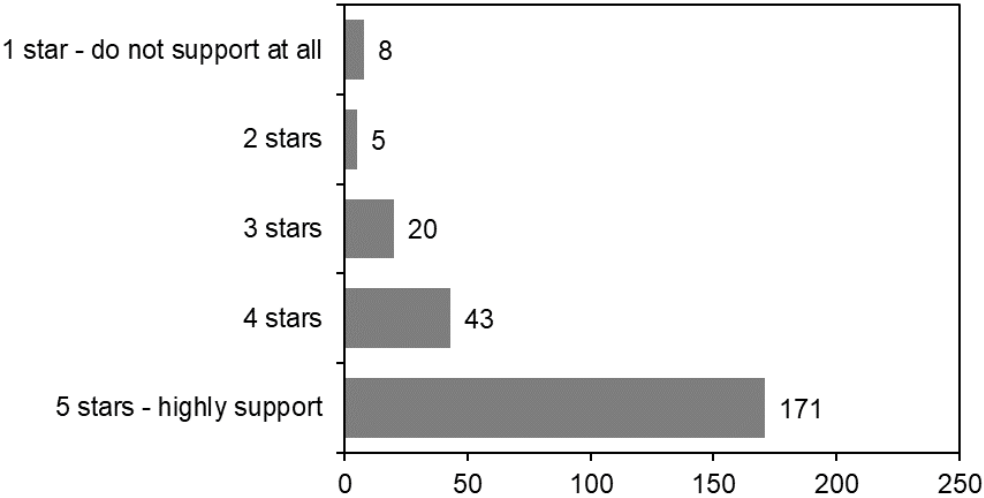
Q3: Reasons for rating of proposed activation of the Century Gardens edge	
Comment	Rating
The space looks inviting, however, the proposed bus shelter will definitely be used as an informal shelter by unhoused individuals that hang around the CircleK store and McDonalds. How is this going to be managed? The basketball court is a good idea. I like having a spot for active use. What are the positives and negatives that have occurred with the basketball courts in the East Village? How can we mitigate the potential use of the space for the sale and use of drugs?	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
Better space use tho question cost or getting private land for park	3
More trees.	3
Again, where is the shade for the seating? Or even options to sit in the shade?	2
<i>No comment submitted</i>	2
This should be a major entrance point to the park. Pretty pathetic	2
Dont make the bus pedestrians cross the cycle track move the cycle track inside the bus shelter so both can function without interacting	2
The park was just redeveloped within the past couple of years, no need to redo it again. Benches/seating areas will be dominated by the less fortunate.	2
Century Gardens was just re-done, so not sure why this is being revisited so soon. There was a massive renovation that took a long time.	2
Looks expensive for something that won't get much use. People don't recreate in the downtown core and it's wishful thinking to think they will.	2
The cycle track should route BEHIND the bus stop zone to reduce conflict. People stepping on and off the bus are then in the stop zone and can cross the cycle track once they've oriented themselves. The way it's proposed in the image shows people stepping off the bus right into a cycle track.	2
<i>No comment submitted</i>	2
Century gardens is fine as is. I'm happy that they kept the original brutalist water fountain and the stage area. Basketball court would be better in the North Anchor Park section. Right now century gardens is a peaceful place during the daytime.	1
Highly socio-ethnic idea of people in park. Most people are bums!	1

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Comment	Rating
Some minor greenery seems sufficient to remedy the concrete sidewalk, since the park itself is in good shape and doesn't seem to require much work as of current. The existing way where music is played live by local musicians adds a nice local touch; worry that the authenticity will be lost if the area is too well built that it doesn't vibe well with these organic events/mood anymore.	1
There is already limited green space. While the inclusion of an amenity like a basketball court is a good idea, paving over limited grass seems like it does more harm than it is worth.	1
<i>No comment submitted</i>	1
Isn't this the one that you paid \$100K for a self cleaning prison style public toilet, and had to close it up because it was being controlled by violent addicts and criminals? Beside a place that regularly has violent crimes committed against people, beside at least 1 of the main probation/parole offices?	1
<i>No comment submitted</i>	1
<i>No comment submitted</i>	1
Just cosmetic... across the street is CRACK MACS!!!! fix those bums and garbage first!	1
Green over asphalt anytime.	no rating
Love the more shade, more safe gathering and pedestrian places, love the basketball...	no rating

4. Proposed Ideas for Spaces Next to Tomkins Park



Rating of Proposed Ideas for Spaces Next to Tomkins Park



Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Urban areas need to recognize the needs of all citizens, especially as opposed to the domination of automobiles, and this helps keep areas vital.	5
More parks, better city.	5
as long as improvements are dont to reorganize elements to improve interface with street this looks great.	5
It's a busy intersection and having a dedicated bike lane helps cyclists navigate through the space.	5
This plan will greatly enhance the overall attractiveness of this area.	5
No more utility boxes impeding the flow of foot traffic.	5
The park currently attracts drug users. It's currently completely wasted in a prime area	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Tomkins Park is a great space! And to improve upon what is there already will only make it a better place for citizens to visit, rest, catch a concert or watch the world go by. Bike lanes will increase accessibility and even more people will visit this space.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks good	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Great to have more parks	5
I mostly care about the separated bike lanes on 8 St SW but if the city can also make inviting spaces that make people want to travel on bike, that's great.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tompkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
This area is so busy with pedestrians and needs better pedestrian space.	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
It looks very human scaled and very comfortable, I appreciate the level crossing for pedestrians and cyclists	5
This area is congested. I would like to see the road closed between the park and the businesses on 16th Ave. If the Park was extended and it became more like Stephen Ave., more pedestrians would visit the area and find more enjoyment in the park. Maybe an outdoor market area can be encouraged.	5
I really like the connection of the bike lane with the park	5
It will make this part of the park look more attractive and useful.	5
Looks more inviting. Right now it's almost intimidating	5
Very supportive of separated bike lanes. Use this corridor quite a lot and currently sharing with pedestrians is not ideal	5
Why not more greenery? Grass? Gardens?	5
This would improve connectivity.	5
bike and wheel infrastructure on tompkins park = a much needed upgrade. it's too cramped to welcome pedestrians and wheels now.	5
No comment submitted	5
people over cars is the goal	5
This looks nice	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Love it. Maybe consider a crosswalk across 8 st at 16 ave as well. I think this area gets a lot of pedestrian traffic but it's funnelled to 17 ave at 8 st. It would be nice to utilize 16 ave more and create a continuous link for pedestrians.	5
Just as with item 3 a stellar design! Raising the slope up the sidewalk and cycle track level is a great touch! More of these need to be designed and built to signal a change in environment to drivers.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Make use of this space as a gathering spot. Live music, swing sets, tables for coffee chats.	5
Anywhere that supports cyclists safely within the city has my vote.	5
looks great	5
This side of the park definitely feels closed off and awkward right now, so fixing this would link it up really nicely with the shopping areas all around, and anything to reduce the focus on the heavy car traffic in the are would be great.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Very excited about the addition of greenery, outdoor seating, and cycle track.	5
Good addition	5
The road sloping up to the crosswalk and cycle track makes so much sense! I saw this in Amsterdam where drivers leaving the main road for a side street would have to go up to the sidewalk level then back down to the street giving them a design signal to give way to pedestrian and cyclists.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Is that a continuous sidewalk?! Thank you for listening!!	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Lessening the reliance on cars in the 17th area would vastly improve the enjoyability of that area. While improvements have been made, my family and I often dread walking to 17th because of the sheer amount of cars whipping around, specifically this one-way in front of the shops. Huge improvement	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
16th Ave SW should be more limited to vehicle traffic. Make the road part of the park.	5
The more bike lanes the better.	5
17th ave needs some more public spaces, this is a great looking improvement.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Much better than the current situation. And how about making 17 Ave SW pedestrian? At least at the level of Tomkins Park. Get rid of the car parking along the park as well.	5
Safety	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Improved active transport, and I love the idea of boulevard seating.	5
I love this idea, I hope the driving lane and parking will be removed. I hope this gives more visibility to the shops on 16th as people often don't know they exist.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This plan will improve this junction dramatically. Particularly the planned improvements to integrate 16th Ave.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Love this idea. Love the integration. It makes it feel like people, on foot or on bikes, are supposed to be there.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Important to try and integrate the park and 16 Ave. if that could be a plaza that would be great, but the independent shops need parking for customers so hard one	5
This park is a lifeline for lower mount royal and the beltline, this looks like a huge improvement for local businesses, so long as transit keeps up so that people can get here without driving.	5
I support increasing social engagement elements of the park and anything to make cycling safer and more comfortable.	5
it looks good in this diagram...it looks more open, which is a good thing. It will deter drug addicts from hanging out . Also wider walk-ways	5
The present park design is a little out of date and more hard surfacing in this busy park is welcome.	5
Looks more friendly. Again could we get some more public art and maybe some tables	5
The description of the park says it all.	5
That's a very necessary bike lane!	5
I like the bike lane, more benches	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Awesome	5
Looks clean	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Improving the active modes connection across 16th and 17th Avenues is very important and beneficial. Narrowing the road width of 16th Ave at the intersection is key to creating a safer experience for pedestrians. Consideration should be given for bike lockups in Tomkins Park.	5

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Comment	Rating
Seems like everyone has more space now.	5
Much better!! This area is a destination and an active neighborhood so the park and amenities need to reflect both of these stakeholders. Frankly, it is mostly a neighbourhood destination with increased visitors on weekends soooo priority consideration should be given to people who live in the area.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
This is a major hub and focal point on 17th.	5
Love the slope up to the sidewalk on 16 Avenue SW. Please consider raised sidewalks on additional intersections along the plan. Raised sidewalks are proven to hugely reduce the number of people struck by drivers. Choose peoples' safety over negligible and insignificant changes to driver comfort.	5
Extreme care needs to be taken in reanimating Tomkins Park. More open space is desirable, however, at the same time, the bandshell/stage must be maintained even if it's relocated. Lots of seating is critical. This is an area used by many seniors and those with mobility issues who reside nearby.	5
Good to see utility boxes removed/moved. Raised crossing is awesome and should be implemented more often across the city. Far more inviting to the park space from the street than present day.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
All great ideas	5
Good ideas!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Prioritizes pedestrian access over cars.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
That looks neat and more space for people hangout	5
Great design.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Looks like it gives space for all users. Is there opportunity to paint bright colours as well to increase emotional feelings of safety? Is there a unique way to have moveable chairs that are less likely to be taken by those who need them in other spaces?	5
Thank god those terrible utility boxes will be removed!! It absolutely baffled me when the City added a third(!) box to this corner! Completely inexcusable for what is arguably Calgary's most vibrant public plaza. This plan gives Tomkins Park the respect it deserves!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I think this is a great idea, the park isn't that accessible, and it's not that nice to sit in currently. Tying it into 16th Avenue and the shops there will be nice. Could 16th Ave be turned into a walking street, or even absorbed by the park altogether? It's not much of a road anyway.	5
Another great improvement.	5
Looks gorgeous	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Like that it expands the park. Prioritizes actual users over drivers.	5
I really think this part of 16 avenue should be closed to vehicles, but I am very happy to see the city proposing ideas such as raised sidewalks which I know after being in Europe, help to slow down cars and make the are more pedestrian friendly.	5

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No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
This is an excellent opportunity for a raised sidewalk / cycle track where it crosses an automobile path. I wish the city would use raised sidewalks more often.	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
The raised crossing for cyclists and pedestrians is necessary and should be implemented in more parts of the city.	5
Very friendly.	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
the intention is great, however of all of this project scope, Tomkins Park probably needs the least focus. It is a very good space currently. I have no issue with attempts to improve it, but it is lower on the priority list in my view.	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
No comment submitted	5
We need more green space and improved pedestrian access and safety in this city	5
Love the bike path.	5
Love the more shade, more safe gathering and pedestrian places..	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Love the greening, love space for pedestrians.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
No cars on 16th Ave by the park would be a blessing.	5
Pedestrian priority signals and better site lines to increase visibility to the existing (newly installed) light standards at 16th Ave and 8th street. As of now, westbound traffic on 17th avenue turning north onto 8th street frequently run the red light at 16th avenue and 8th street.	5
This is such a unique area that has much potential. Prioritizing pedestrians along 16 Ave capitalizes on the uniqueness, and will bring more people to the area to boost social interactions and commercial viability.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Love the raised crosswalk! Could be considered in other crossings as well to increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists and slow cars	5
It opens up the area to more than just a way to move around cars.	5
Love that the road slopes up to sidewalk level to emphasize that cars should go slowly in this location.	5
Tomkins Park is an under-rated asset and doesn't connect well with the adjacent streets. This would be a great opportunity to fix that.	5
Yes! 16th ave should be a "cars are guests" street, limited to no parking or just loading zones. I love the separated wheeling lanes. Cobble stones are nice.	5
Calming 16 Ave NW / extending Tompkins Park and the bikeway to connect to each other is a great idea.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Removing the utility boxes that were installed as part of the 17th ave "Mainstreet" project to make this area more pedestrian friendly is only just slightly ironic and painfully frustrating	5

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
Have to ability to close off 16th avenue and open the businesses up to the street. Festival and plaza space to we can have rib competitions.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Needs a bike lane	5
looks good	5
As someone who uses Tompkins Park frequently, it would be nice if there was a more visible police presents in the park. Frequent drug deals going down and passes out people.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
textured pavement (like in East Village) is a great way to identify 16AV as a street where vehicles are guests, not the primary users; limiting traffic here will greatly improve the usability of the park and reduce the current parking lot type use it currently gets.	5
Would this be calgary's first raised crosswalk? More of this please!	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Yes, get rid of all the obstructions that block the sidewalk and pedestrians trying to navigate the area.	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Would like to see more concerts, markets, etc in Tompkins park	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
Get rid of car flow and parked cars along 16th Ave. Add bike parking and ped traffic only :)	5
Love making the ped crossing @ 16th Ave level with sidewalk. Extending the sidewalk at the corner also looks like an amazing improvement. Get rid of those utility boxes!	5

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Continuous crossings & textured pavement are excellent ideas here (currently 15 Av is used as a parking lot, and this would help reclaim the space for the park/recreational uses). <u>Woonerf?!</u>	5
Reorganization of the park to create a transition between 17 Ave and 8th Street. Is the tiny one-way street along 16th required? Could it be taken over as park space?	5
Yes 3 lanes & bike with trees	5
Integration with 17 Ave SW & Tomkins Park looks great! Bring some relief to peds/customers from car volumes	5
Close down some streets so we can have rib cook-offs	5
It will be nice to have a cycling route that crosses 17th Av and tries into wider network. I look forward to walking and biking to and through	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
<i>No comment submitted</i>	5
I am in this space frequently, and the 16th Ave section of road should be removed to vehicular traffic entirely. Pedestrian and cycle flow between the park and the businesses would be massively improved, and the patios that overspill to the sidewalk wouldn't impede pedestrian traffic	4
I support this edge condition at Tomkins Park, however, for the plaza please consider some edge conditions (shrubs, planting, seating border (or more boulevard street trees) to create a more appealing space to sit/be in. Please consider traffic calming measures for pedestrians crossing 8 street SW.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
i can't really see enough detail to determine if this is a great idea, so just a good one.	4

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This redesign also looks great, my one concern comes the intersection. It doesn't appear that there is anywhere for people on bikes to turn off the bike lane. If they stop to wait for traffic before they turn they will be forced to sit on the cycle track or half on the road. Adjustments are needed	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
I believe it will enhance the usable green space for area residence.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
It gets really busy around here with cars, hopefully the smaller street can be pedestrianized at some point. Biking around here always feels a bit sketchy with so much traffic etc. perhaps some raised markers or bollards defining the bike path would be helpful.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Love the focus on pedestrians and cyclists. However, Cyclists need to be separated from pedestrians to reduce collisions.	4
I like the bike lane as part of the sidewalk and a bigger plaza	4
Agreed this is a tricky spot. I am concerned about continued conflict between cars and people at this location, but hopeful that the changes will alleviate problems here.	4
Looks like there will be enough space for pedestrians and cyclists. Nice.	4
Definitely an improvement; the west side also needs improvement	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
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<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4

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Removing those electrical boxes and making that corner a pleasant place to be would be nice. Tomkins park, as a whole, needs an update. The recent addition of lights at 16th Ave and 8th St SW has created a nightmare of conflicts that need some attention.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
yes, would be better to make this more bike and pedestrian-friendly	4
Needs more trees.	4
Consider closing 16th Avenue at this intersection. Introduction of flexible tables as shown in the render is a great idea Reduce the clutter that is currently in the sidewalk at the edge of the park and improve the bandshell so it can be viewed from all sides	4
I like this idea as well but I think the most important one is the changes to 8th street as a whole with vegetation and benches. Otherwise I would give it a 5	4
I think that road between park and business should be only pedestrian. Causes more traffic issues.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Love the road slope but think it would work better as a raised cycle track/pedestrian bridge to further slow traffic onto 16th Ave Where is the pergola in the park?? Gotta keep that	4
This is an improvement and more effective use of the area	4
Get rid of car use of 16 ave. Don't need a driving lane or parking there.	4
Looks good. Should just close 16 Ave to cars and turn it into a ped street.	4
A one way frontage road that is extremely clogged by people trying to find a way to go to businesses on it but near a lot of foot traffic. Of the typical war against private transportation goes, this is one of the least offensive.	4
Hopefully there will be adequate seating and greenery in the paved area opposite the park. Please ensure the bike lanes connect to other lanes and do not just stop abruptly at 17 Ave (where it is quite dangerous to cycle).	4

Q4: Reasons for rating of proposed concept design for Tomkins Park edge	
Comment	Rating
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
Love the cycle track and improvements to the park. However, I think the use of 16th Ave for cars and parking has a huge negative impact on this space. Would prefer to have that become a pedestrian/delivery space.	4
<i>No comment submitted</i>	4
I like the addition of space for bicycles and more greenery. I use this space less frequently. I might use it more with the proposed changes.	4
Great to a different pavement surface to signify that 16 Ave SW is a traffic calmed street. The raised crossing is nearly there for best design practices, but still has a small curb - it would be better for the walk and bike path to be completely continuous with no curbs, following Dutch road design	4
Great bike lane and additional seating.	4
Great: Moving the utility boxes Good: Continuous sidewalks on 16th Ave SW Please improve: Implement a full pedestrian scramble @ 8th & 16th Ave	4
Am generally supportive of improvements, but <u>much</u> more needs to be done to maintain existing or newly installed landscaping etc. So much of existing is dead, dying or full of weeds.	4
I think the city should consider removing vehicle access similar to Stephen ave. It's always congested and leads to accidents, especially in winter. This park is significant. The most vibrant part of the neighbourhood when it isn't overrun with intimidating people.	3
Meh. Fine. If that's the best you can do . I just hope it costs basically nothing. Otherwise it's not worth it	3
I think Tomkins is pretty good as is, but its greatest need is for good, accessible toilets. Calgary should become a world leader in this area- public toilets, please. The unhoused need this as does the general public.	3
Not clear to me how different it will feel.	3

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Comment	Rating
More greenery would be nice	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
This is the area that needs the least amount of work. If nothing happened here besides the bike lane, I'd be happy.	3
I live on 15 Ave between 7 and 8 street. There is a bike lane on 15 ave already. I don't think a bike lane is needed on 16 ave. Also I like this area as is and can't imagine any improvements to it.	3
Since so many walk in this area and on this specific sidewalk, I am afraid that a lot of people will be walking on the bike line if it's not gonna be fenced off the sidewalk. I really like the bike lane there, but I would like to make sure that pedestrians are not walking on it.	3
Haven't ventured into this area for a bit, so no real comment at the moment.	3
Looks like some improvement, although not much done. There is already event space and seating, so not sure what the net gain is here considering it's probably a bunch of work.	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
Just close the street and extend the park to the buildings to the north. That would be better than the effective parking lot it is today. Would also reduce conflicts at the intersection of 16 and 8.	3
Bike lane not needed. Waste of space	3
Where will the 8 st cycle track terminate on the south end? There's no other infrastructure past 17 Ave SW planned. Also, close 16 Ave here. Let's expand the park and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists.	3
Doesnt improve the pedestrian crossing of 8th street.	3
Like the concept overall but still opportunity for modes to collide. This is a high-traffic area & people are distracted/unaware of surroundings. Separating traffic	3

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modes makes it safer for everyone. Perhaps shift the green space between cyclists/pedestrians with barrier between traffic.	
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
<i>No comment submitted</i>	3
We need more trees for shade / O2 and more grass (and more painted street art) everywhere. But to keep people coming to area you need to ensure there is parking to visit business (they pay taxes) so stop with the bike lanes - bikers & scooters go wherever /whenever they want anyway so waste of \$	2
The park does need re-imagining however the description is vague and lacking details necessary to fully understand scope of work. The park also has an unusable/vandalized public toilet -- 17th AVE visitors would benefit from some type of supervised, public toilet available during daytime hours.	2
Appreciate proposed changes for Tomkins Park, but concerned about cost-effectiveness. Park is already great, changes may not justify expense.	2
16th should be one way west starting at 7th street. no left hand turns from 8th onto 16th	2
Needs more bollards to protect cyclists & pedestrians	2
17th Ave is not the place to add cycle tracks, it is already incredibly busy and you will only create many chances for collisions between bicycles and vehicles... we need to be smart about where we dictate cyclists to travel	1
Downtown is commerce, not a dog walk playpen!	1
Seems abit too extra and unnecessary, the street and space itself works just as fine. There's always lack of space to park around that area, taking those limited number of parking spaces out just makes it more unattractive to go if I were to drive down from Eau Claire.	1
Looks the same	1
<i>No comment submitted</i>	1

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8th is a crucial artery into downtown and should not be bottlenecked at it's most significant intersection. If anything, changes to the street N of the park should be considered first. Such as reversing the one way direction to exit onto northbound 8th instead (preventing weaving and the lights)	1
I can still see a utility box in the drawing - please relocate as they are a silly waste of space . I also have an issue of the elevated cycling lane - this is a mistake as the pedestrian traffic volumes will overwhelm the paint here. I suggest you create the cycle lane at street level here.	1
It's fine now, don't need to spend all that extra money for an initiative that's not needed. Property taxes go up up up every year - stop wasting money and hold our taxes steady.	1
Active transportation, urban canopy!	no rating
I like this a lot. I like the texture of the road shown. I love the continuous sidewalk/ wheeling lane so much. Looks peaceful. :)	no rating
I support it subject to the City getting a handles on the reprobates who will use it to shoot up and defalcate.	no rating
Stop interfering with transpiration and roadways. With Calgary winters, bicycling is reduced.	no rating

5. Additional feedback for The City about the 8 Street S.W. project

Q5: Additional feedback
Very excellent plan, but please re-route bike lanes behind bus stops, like on Bowness Rd NW, rather than in front. Cycle lanes behind bus stops is best practice & has many benefits. Raised sidewalks on more intersections. Ensure cycle lanes through the underpass are separated & protected from cars.
Looks great but ensure cycle tracks and pedestrians do not collide with each other or traffic (including bus stops)
Really pleased to see The City take the time to redo the existing vision that failed to support safe space for wheeling. Well done. My key advice on the wheeling facilities is to do bus stop bypasses like on Bowness Road in Montgomery. These are safer and more efficient for all users.
Please analyze plan, specifically to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at intersection southbound 8th Street at 12th Avenue (by Safeway)
Potential daycare pickup/dropoff @alleyway between U of C & convenience store. *pedestrian conflict with vehicles coming out of the lane
Suggestion for underpass, grade separate cars, bikes and sidewalk. Having the cycle lane higher than cars would be safer and easier to use as cyclists don't need to pass with the same clearance.
Absolutely do not make the same mistakes as with 17th Avenue. Clear 2.5-4 metre unobstructed sidewalks are a must for the entire project length on both sides of the street. Raised wheeling and loading zone signage must be clearly marked. No parking/stopping at any time.
Make sure that the cycle track is constructed so that water cannot pool and create ice. Don't contract the snow clearing of the cycle track to one company and the sidewalk to another so there's furrows. Make the intersections safe. Also, ban right on reds on 8 st since there is more biking.
It would be nice to have protection for the bike lane from vehicles.
Maybe adding more barriers on the bike lanes. And a sense of continuity throughout the whole street

Q5: Additional feedback
Please focus on providing protected cycle lanes from Bow River to downtown. This will help encourage more cycling commutes.
The design overall is generally really good. However, there are no real protected cycling intersections which is a major disappointment. Especially in an area where there are so many conflicts with vehicles and pedestrian accidents.
I love most of these designs. This is a huge improvement and reflects a lot of the feedback I shared previously. I want to see the crosswalk lights on 13th Ave replaced with proper stop lights. Can the cycling infra continue south of 17th?
"Dedicated bike and wheel facilities for most of the corridor" please change "most" to "all". Please include raised crosswalks at all intersections, not only 16 Ave. And please please please line up the crosswalks with the sidewalks so a person can walk/wheelchair/etc in a straight line! Great job!
I don't know why you haven't made all the bike underpass paths like how it is on 4th st se. The dip down with the cars makes things unnecessarily dangerous and challenging for slower riders. You did one logically, why not all of them?
I would like to request that a two-way cycletrack be looked as an alternative to the two one-way cycletracks. While one-ways are often portrayed as superior to two ways, I've found that two-ways fair significantly better in the winter and seem to be more effectively cleared of ice and snow.
Consider adding a smooth top lift to at grade cycle track for smoother ride especially when money invested
Please focus on the streets and sidewalks first - the park at the north side is not a priority.
I think the focus should be on the parts where we can drastically improve things, like adding bike lanes and trees. The minor improvements for pieces that are already working, like Tomkins Park, might be more work than it's worth in the end.
The street itself is mostly fine, probably just need some greenery (nice to have), sidewalk fixed, widening the walkways a little. It's not the exact centre of CBD, upgrading it too much feels too unnecessary since the neighborhood isn't purposed as very commercial currently.
These are welcome improvements but I continue to be confused by this city's allergy to wide sidewalks. Geographically constrained and dense cities like Tokyo and New York are

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generous with pedestrian space; it's baffling why two people cannot comfortably cross paths with two other people in Calgary.
Add wayfinding and better lightning.
Need more shade, need asphalt to be painted white, need green roof tops.
Please prioritize the climate emergency in your decision-making. Globally we are falling SO SHORT of targets. We need bold action now. That means low-carbon travel, shade to make walking and biking comfortable, and attractive spaces that make the transition feel great.
Safety is primary. Bicycles and scooters are overtaking the narrow sidewalks putting the safety of pedestrians at risk. Transit stops need to be redesigned with safety and convenience to users. The entire street needs more of a human scale. Crossings at 11th Ave are unsafe. Improve lighting.
It is vital to provide separating for all modes from each other (walking, cycling, driving) as their speeds, expectations and vulnerability differ widely.
I am SO happy the city is working on this. I drive and/or walk 8th st sw every day - every day I have to be extra alert to prevent incidents. It is currently not a comfortable or safe street to use for cars, pedestrians, or other users - these improvements will be a drastic positive impact.
Seek out other org and city departments (not just police) to help with social probs such as sales/use drugs/alcohol. Ongoing prob for 40 yrs. Activations like free concerts & Beakerhead are great & provide opportunities for all members of community to use & enjoy the space.
A more balanced and green approach is very much welcomed for 8th Street which is tired and un-inviting. I'd recommend however, more retail and cafes to make it a destination for the Beltline demographic. My fear is that little used public parks will just attract more vagrants and drug affected.
I think the safety of Tomkins park (for vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists) should be a priority. The narrowing of 8th st for trees is unnecessary. Removing walking obstructions is a great idea! It needs to be made safe for walking at night and in ICY winter conditions.
Fix the scary CRACK MACS corner!!!! myself and my 65 year old mother are from El Salvador and we are STILL scared of going to that corner!!! and we come from the most dangerous country in the world!

Q5: Additional feedback
You need to fix the blind steps connecting 8th st to 9 av - it is often full of addicts using drugs and addicts defecating.
I'm bothered that The City seems to have ignored repeated requests for a greater police presence. Dangerous people on the streets are second only to car-centric design when it comes to making our downtown less livable and safe for residents and visitors.
Please add a small police shelter so they can protect the area. Criminality is on the rise.
I believe that policeing presance many have to increase in the activated park areas.
Like concept, making it brighter and open for safety. Hope policing plan set up to ensure area is safe for all.
Concern about wider, more space in sidewalks, attracting more transients soliciting for \$...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - help the homeless - get rid of drug users - and recently gangs -- get rid of
Homeless are a concern. What use will they make of all these improvements? Invite business to be part of this project, very much needed!!
I want to see less parking
Its very cold for 6 months of the year and many rely on Cars. Please don't force everyone to take the bus or walk or cycle. It's just not feasible all the time. Our side streets can be Mayhem when major arteries get disconnected. it's just going to get worse when you do it to 11th street at staples.
Please make this a safe bike lane! And time the lights to optimize bike commutes vs vehicle traffic.
Could the road be narrowed in the underpass under the CPR tracks so that drivers stop running into the guard rail extensions?
As one of the very few arteries across the tracks, it is imperative to keep it at a high vehicle capacity, especially if the City pursues a no-car option at the 11th St crossing. Bike lane access on 5th and 11th are beyond sufficient, and lanes should not be added anywhere on 8th St.

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<p>Somebody attached to the development project needs to live and or work in the area, this seems perfect for Copenhagen... not Calgary. We need to make it easier for cars to clear the area during busy traffic times not create more congestion based on the few summer focused cyclists.</p>
<p>This twisted philosophy of bikes above all is not from or for Western Canada. Maintain side road or paths to allow the 1 person who wants to bike commute. Maybe for summer bike use which could switch to car use fall to spring. This insanity of permanent biking infrastructure has to stop.</p>
<p>Community engagement ??? why ???. Obviously from all the "bike lane" projects in downtown there is zero interest in supporting local business access. Approving developers exp just keeps people away from DT or they will drive (not bike) ie more traffic. We have more winter than summer conditions</p>
<p>Traffic calming measures that make it very unappealing to motorbikes and low riding cars. They represent the largest proportion of noise pollution.</p>
<p>Could more buffer be added in the median of the underpass to further narrow the vehicle lanes? Speeding (especially by extremely loud vehicles) is common in the downtown underpasses and makes walking or cycling through them very unpleasant.</p>
<p>Please pay attention to the noise level, both now and in the redesign. When I walk along 8th Ave, between 4th and 5th St SW, the signal that blares when vehicles are exiting from the underground car park are extremely loud, I dare say above what a noise bylaw allows or should allow. Best if removed.</p>
<p>Like I said, Calgary is so unpleasant to walk in, even in supposedly neighbourhoods like Kensington and Inglewood are basically unbearable due to street noise (incl. loud buses and motorcycles), thin, obstructed sidewalks, and numerous traffic lights to get through. Anything to help would be great.</p>
<p>My final notes are to type 3 and 4 locations.</p> <p>3: Do not underestimate the blank wall spaces. These can be made into productive outdoor room-type places. The blank wall should be a canvas for city artists.</p> <p>4: These locations are in danger of becoming dead zones. Care should be taken in their design.</p>

Q5: Additional feedback
Please encourage street-facing retail and mixed-use retail and residential density along 8th St SW in addition to the bike lane to help combat the cost of housing crisis and make it a high street like 17th Ave or Stephen Ave.
Would the stage at Tomkins park be facing 16 Ave instead or stay facing 7 st? When there are movies and concerts, it is hard to navigate through the park because it's a smaller park. I'm not too sure if this is a big issue or if there's even a solution but it's something I thought of.
Consider closing that little bit of 16th by the park and making it part of the park. Work with the business on that section to establish the patios and make it a popular pedestrian thoroughfare to enhance their businesses, despite loss of parking.
Just would love to see lots of seating, and multiple creative ways to have folks use the space in many different ways! Thanks
The programming really helped with century gardens last year. I think 8th street is the critical one - the other three are great as well but if you need to prioritize with \$, do 8th. Adult exercise equipment by the river might be nice!
Good luck to the trees you plant.
Overall a step in the right direction! Couple these changes with broad up-zoning/mixed commercial-residential throughout the 8th St and 17th Ave stretch and it will be a downtown gem
I would like to see dedicated parking spots for electric scooters and bicyclets along the street. Other than that I like the concept and can't wait to see it life!
I think we need more public art and getting rid of parking lots and putting them underground and building on top of them would be an easy fix. There is a lot of wasted space. A legal wall for graffiti or street art would be welcome.
Please stop talking and start building. We're in a climate crisis. Also ban cars.
People before cars already! Please take us into the future!
Dont compromise the bike lanes, they are essential to the design. there are plenty of other roads in downtown for cars and parking
Can pedestrian walkways at intersections of 16 & 17 Ave become scramble style crosswalks? 8th St during rush hour is very busy/congested. If the street is developed with one lane for

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vehicles in each direction, wouldn't that cause bottle necks or make it more busy? Will some traffic be diverted?
As a wheelchair user, I have concerns over the yellow textured impediments that are increasingly appearing at crosswalks. As you can imagine, it's like going over a cattleguard. You cannot hit it with enough speed safely while also having enough momentum to get up the curb easily. Pls Stop.
Please consider redesigning the intersections as well as the blocks and parks. Intersections are the biggest pain points for walking and cycling, and they are where most accidents occur. I would love to see proper redesigns of them to go along with the other great proposals here.
Continuous cycle tracks, separated from pedestrians, are critical for effective movement of people in this space. Consider raised crossings at as many intersections as possible.
I'm begging you not to make the traffic worse. Removing a car lane would really impact traffic. Focus on a nice bike path, left turn lanes, traffic light timing. You can make the nicest space but if people can't get there efficiently, they won't come.
Overall great ideas! Again with the 8 street between 6/7 avenue- just please don't make the lives of residents who drive to work harder! That alley is already really bad to use for morning and even evenings due to traffic on the street and I could see this causing accidents
Thank you for engaging stakeholders. Consider short-term enjoyment and construction time for some changes. Prioritize utility over costly development without addressing actual needs.
Can we please build it? Been engaging on it for like a decade.
Do it. Now.
I don't even understand why the need for public engagement is even required for this? These should just be priority and completed. The sooner the better
Please work to find the budget to allow construction work to begin ASAP on this project. This project also connects nicely with the 3rd Ave wheeling lanes which allow people to safely access jobs and homes on that stretch. Please work to make 3rd Ave wheeling a permanent network connection.
Amazing concepts developed that should be put into action soon

Q5: Additional feedback
Please improve bowfort dog park. It is so uncared for, and it's not fair east village gets such a nice dog park and we don't
seems like the focus of this engagement is more on reuse of adjacent spaces than the eye level experience that the street transformation will provide. when will the community see the details of the street transformation?
17 Ave should really be pedestrianized. I know that the BIA is adamantly opposed to anything of that nature, but I do think it is shooting itself in the foot. I would spend a lot more time patronizing the businesses of the area if it wasn't such a chaotic car sewer.
Please remove the "bus" located on 8 Ave and 10 Street SW. I drive by there regularly and no one uses it and it is an eyesore!
start over from the start. not really accepting input if want feedback only on where the trees go!
You city girls live in a starry cloud! Business has left for the industrial suburbs. Downtown is a waste expensive wasteland
The underpass at 9th Ave and 8th St. needs a refresh. The sewer manholes on east side really stink about 90% of the time and it can be extremely icy under there in the winter.
would be nice to have flower pots around century gardens and more seating area
N/A
Minimize the reduction of pedestrian space.
None
I am good
Build as many bike lanes as possible. This is a big step to a better way of living.
please make this a continuous project and not a piecemeal solution to the public realm along the route - make it continuous!
These are all very exciting updates! I fully support better engagement of park boundary edges with streets through the addition and reconfiguration of small green space boulevards, tree plantings, additional bike lanes and better pedestrian flow. 10/10!

Q5: Additional feedback
Just keep on doing what you are doing to whoever reads this. The city of Calgary looks great in so many areas. If only they could do something about the drug addicts at Sheldon Chumir Health centre. As an approaching senior citizen I do not feel safe in that area.
Love the work being done to make our city more active.
I'm not sure if it was addressed, but are there any plans for how to deal with the Safeway parking lot? It is not a great experience walking by there, and it wouldn't flow with the new walkway either. I don't know that I have any great suggestions, but I'd be curious to see how it could be better.
Can't wait to see these changes for the better
Thanks for taking on this much-needed project :)
An exciting project connecting the river to 17th, a much needed connection.
The more spaces that get changed to allow people the option to get around without always having to rely on automobiles is only going to make the city a better place to live.
Good job!
More of this, please!
Thank you for engaging the residents of downtown west as we are impacted on a daily basis and this street is part of our network that connects us to work and the rest of downtown. It has a huge impact. Thanks again!
I think this plan does an excellent job in realizing the potential of 8th street to become the heart of a community rather than a thoroughfare for commuters. This should go a long way in advancing the City's interests in revitalizing Downtown and the Beltline as a more appealing place to live/play.
Prioritizing bikes and pedestrians is so important. Considerations of motor vehicles should be limited, they have MANY pathways where they are priority and changing 8 st to be more pedestrian and wheel friendly is a great great forward.
This all looks fantastic! Thank you for the great work!
Fingers crossed funding is approved!!!
I'm really excited for this investment into our city.

Q5: Additional feedback
As a Beltline resident, it's great to see designs that take the wants and needs of the residents into account, as opposed to the people who use our community as a freeway to get from A to B.
I am very happy that the City is making these urban design improvements in the downtown and Beltline.
Great work - I so appreciate the city creating resources to plan and do this work. Would love to see this type of planning in my area on Kensington Rd between 14th and 19th streets.
Glad to see this work on making the streetscapes more pedestrian/cyclist/people friendly. I hope these initiatives will increase the number of people enjoying/using the spaces, and thus the safety of these areas.
Overall it's a great plan and I support it wholeheartedly. Thanks for the great work on it.
Great improvements!!
Glad this is finally being done.
Love this direction!
All looks great. Thanks for the work. Looking forward to the updates!
Really looking forward to this project. 8 st has a lot of potential and this is an important step to realizing that potential.
This area really needs work and overall, these look like good ideas
people over cars is the goal
please do this. don't let the car nimbys stop you.
Glad to see these improvements to this corridor!
Very busy corridor for pedestrians and bikes so this is a welcome solution to congestion
Thanks for doing this - as a family who lives nearby this will allow us greater access to park and amenities space via bike
This is great. This is the type of development I am happy to see in the city

Q5: Additional feedback
Revitalizing park spaces and creating safer bike infrastructure is critical for creating a more liveable city and for revitalizing our downtown as a whole.
Thank you for including safe, separated wheeling space from the Bow River to 17 Av.
Bike lane the entire length of the corridor is the most important part of this project to me.
This would become a major north/south corridor for cycling, replacing the function of 7th St, which terminates at 8th Ave and has terrible light timing so it's awful to bike on - you have to stop at every avenue. 8th st should not repeat this mistake.
I support any increase in separated walkways and green space, as these areas always encourage more pedestrian/bike use and sense of community. If you build it, they will come!
I walk this street daily to work, and these changes will be welcome. Right now the street is too auto-oriented. This is a great adaptation of the existing streetscape.
If the City can pull this off, i think it may make for a good template for other N/S streets - like 5th? or 11th?
Please do this project as proposed in the concept and strongly consider redesigning more streets downtown and the beltline in a similar way. Great work on the redesign
I am happy with the direction this project is now taking. Previously I thought it was too car focused, but now I am hopeful that the city is finally listening about increasing accessibility for walking and wheeling.
This is going to be such a massive improvement. Excited to visit the Beltline more often when this is done because it will be easier and more pleasant to bike and walk to it. Can't wait!
These are huge improvements all around. I would love to see these improvements bleed into the Beltline residential neighborhoods. Traffic /crosswalk safety in those neighborhoods is an ongoing concern - especially around Connaught School.
Generally, the 8 Street SW project is very exciting, and obviously not without some significant challenges. The implementation of a philosophy of expanding access, expanding the tree canopy and greenspace, and ultimately more bike lanes will make this street much more friendly to Calgary's citizens.
I strongly support projects that make it easier to get around without cars and add/improve green spaces like public parks.

Q5: Additional feedback
The active modes, pedestrian and green elements will be transformative for the neighbourhood and create a strong corridor of connection between the vibrant Beltline and Downtown West, which is in need of increased vibrancy and connection.
Love the general design & thoughtful plan for street trees. We need as much GREEN as possible.
Thank you for having an in-person open house.
Make 8th St. car friendly and convert 7th St. to a pedestrian mall
I love the extended pedestrian space and planters that can provide seating. Removal of obstacles in the sidewalk would be fantastic! Recommend adding lighting to extend the usefulness of these improvements beyond daylight hours. Especially for people who walk to work in the area, and in the dark of wintertime.
My question is what is the <u>problem</u> we're trying to solve? The only solutions I see are two bike lanes and planting more trees. Sorry to be facecious but something is missing!
How will delivery vehicles be accommodated without shutting down traffic
A thought: Why not make 7th street ped/bike friendly N and S of the CPR tracks. Leave 8th Street as N/S vehicle conduit.
Concern about reducing 4 lanes traffic to 3 causing more bottleneck for drivers.
I don't think enough recognition is given to N/S vehicle traffic 1. 1 lone Nbound looks like trouble. Traffic light management needs to be improved. Lots of consideration to N/S pedestrian traffic. How do you cross the street? I think this is heading for trouble.
Would love to see playful lighting along the street
Great ideas, but make sure that there is enough money in the budget to maintain these changes after they are built
Very excited to see lanes reduced so the street can move more people ... not only vehicles

Q5: Additional feedback
<p>These plans look very promising.</p> <p>Key improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better balance of space for pedestrians - addition of dedicated cycle infrastructure - addition of trees <p>Concerned about train tracks underpass</p>
<p>I think the money would be better spent maintaining facilities already in place. I.e: 3 street which falling apart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dead trees everywhere downtown
<p>Where are the socializing places going to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - coffee shop - pubs <p>Any effort to get knowledgeable businesses feedback/input/buy in</p> <p>What is the simple statement of the problem being solved?</p>
<p>50 million? Wow</p>
<p>city employees seem to be disengaged with their careers</p>
<p>I see this project as rebalancing mobility choices -- reclaiming mobility & public space from too much motor vehicle use to balanced for people, wheels and cars. This is great.</p>
<p>I really support the initiatives to create a space people want to spend time in. It will attract complementary businesses to the area in the future.</p>
<p>integration with +15?</p>
<p>Some concerns about traffic movement, but overall appreciate the design. Love the trees & greenery!</p>
<p>Security with emergency [indecipherable] along the street clearly indicated</p>
<p>Please bring some help to homeless people, drug dealers from 17 Ave (where I live)</p>



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Downtown Banff
Downtown Canmore
Use bearproof garbage and recycling
this eliminates street people deliberately spreading garbage
8th SW is particularly dirty
City crews know which sites need more frequent pickup