




Centre Street N Existing Issues


To better understand the opportunities and constraints of the Centre Street N corridor, a detailed exploration of the existing conditions was undertaken and a number of observations of existing issues were made. These observations will inform how the corridor can be improved by Green Line construction.


Legend


 public sidewalk


 building footprint


 asphalt roadway


 bus stop


 bike route


 parking lot

 signalized intersection


 signalized pedestrian crossing

 traffic calming device

 vehicular entrance

 building entry

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High Traffic Volumes and Speed on Centre Street Negative Affect Pedestrian Experience



Narrow sidewalks directly adjacent to traffic makes walking uncomfortable, and results in splashing from vehicles.

Navigating the public realm becomes difficult with loading vehicles encroaching on sidewalks.

Poor visibility at crosswalks during lane reversal.

Idling vehicles worsen air quality along the corridor.

Uncomfortable Pedestrian Crossings



Long crossings make it difficult for those with mobility constraints.

Some sidewalk corners indicate an opportunity to cross Centre Street where no crosswalk exists.

Multiple crosswalks have poor lane markings, lack of lighting, and are not obvious to drivers.



Wide sidewalks lack amenities such as street trees, seating, and pedestrian-scale lighting.



Unorganized utilities in boulevards clutter public realm.



The public realm along Centre Street lacks a character and vibrancy to reflect the unique shops and destinations along the corridor.



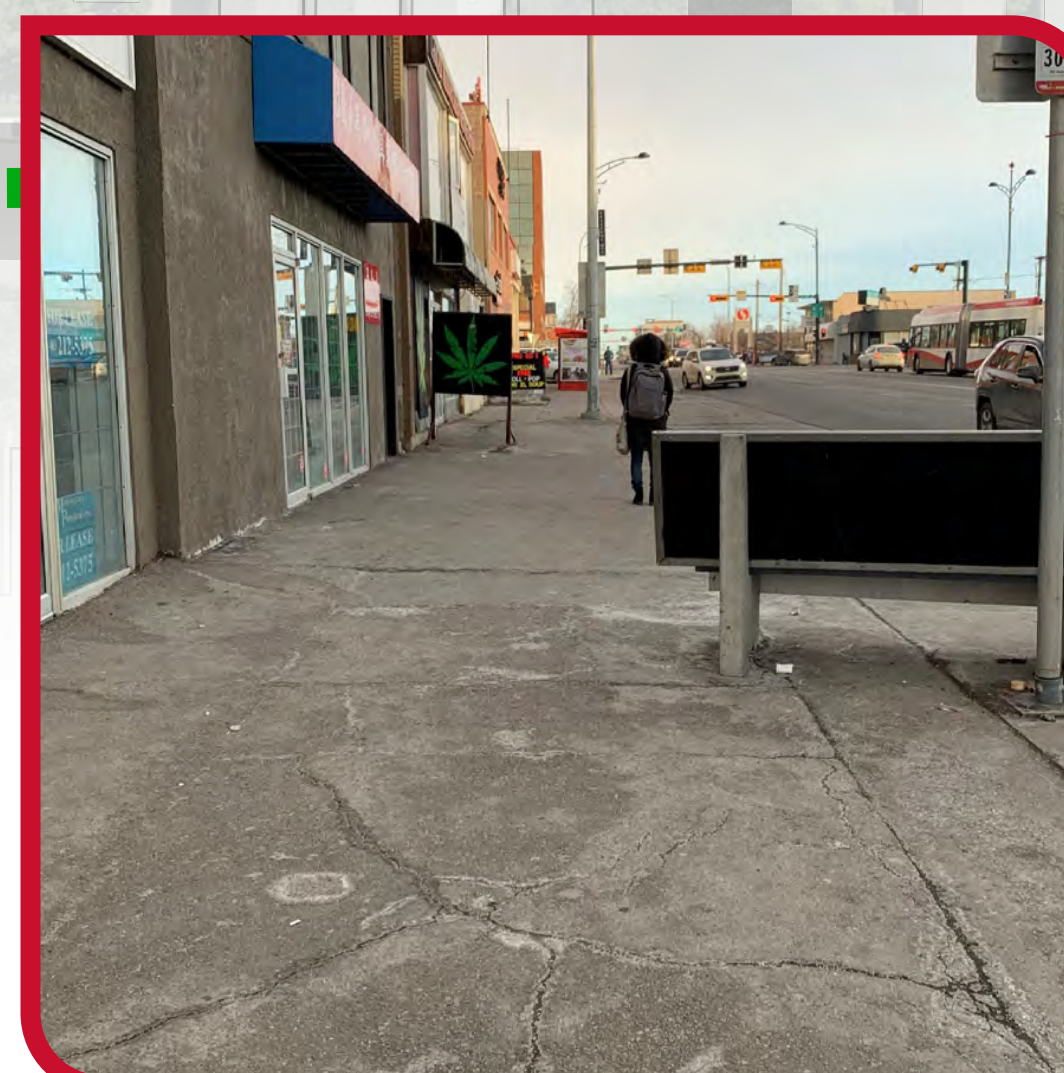
Public realm responding differently to a variety of building types.



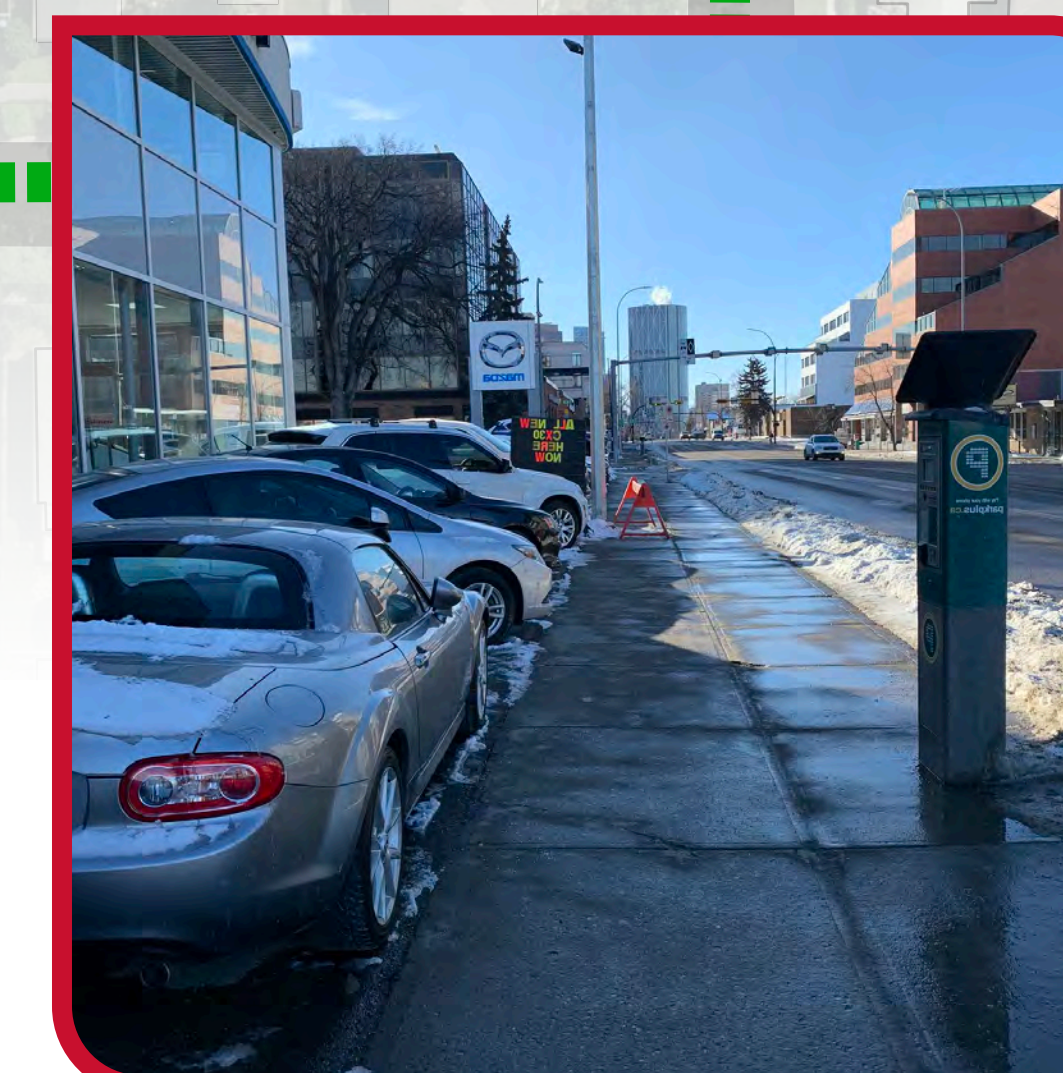
South-facing exposure lacks seating amenities.



Grade changes at buildings result in challenging navigation of the pedestrian realm.



Poor paving condition, obstructions in path, and lack of street trees create a poor pedestrian experience.



Vehicles on private property adjacent to the sidewalk make for an uncomfortable walking experience.



Extended crossing distances of intersecting avenues to Centre Street.

Lack of Streetscape Character + Amenities

Poor Streetscape Interface with Adjacent Buildings

Inconsistent Sidewalk Widths + Poor Pavement Conditions