

# TRAILS AND SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN

**Phase 3 What We Heard Report** 

**December 2020** Communications and Engineering Departments



# **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

In 2020, the City of Lloydminster launched the Trails and Sidewalk Master Plan project. A Trails and Sidewalk Master Plan will provide the City with a direction for improving the existing trail and sidewalk network; and guides the growth and potential expansion of future trails and sidewalk routes, infrastructure, amenities and policy direction.

In Phase 3 of the project, the City set out to finalize the project vision and gaps assessment with the public and gather input on prioritization areas. A project vision is a shared statement between the community, the City and the project team describing what is important and valued to achieve success. The gaps assessment identified connection issues and opportunities within the current network. The areas of prioritization were determined using public feedback and technical analysis.

The project team used technical analysis and public and stakeholder feedback to create three prioritized categories/areas:

- Short-term priorities (1 to 5 years)
- Medium-term priorities (5 to 20 years)
- Long-term priorities (20+ years)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Phase 3 of the project required all engagement activities be conducted virtually to ensure safety and follow the recommended social and physical distancing recommendations, while also recognizing citizens have a voice and say in the project during this difficult time.

# **PROJECT TIMELINE**

We are currently in Phase 3 of the project.

Phase 1: Vision, Issues and Ideas	Phase 2: Inventory Analysis	Phase 3: Options Development and Refinement
(Spring – Summer 2020)	(Summer 2020)	(Fall – Winter 2020)
Create a Project Vision that reflects community values	Complete technical work to confirm the project direction and inform the option development	Confirm and refine the options for the Master Plan
Online public engagement May-June 2020	No public engagement	Stakeholder virtual workshops October-November 2020 Online public engagement October-November 2020

# **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

In October and November 2020, a digital engagement campaign was hosted between October 26 until November 16, 2020, to gather feedback from stakeholders and the public to inform the Trails and Sidewalk Master Plan development. The following was asked:

- Level of support for the project vision
- Missing gaps
- Level of support for the areas of prioritization

The online engagement was conducted on the City's webpage: <u>yourvoicelloyd.ca/trails</u> and included the following opportunities:

- Online survey
- Stakeholder workshop

This report includes a summary of feedback received from the online survey and stakeholder mapping.



# **COMMUNICATION AND ADVERTISING**

To market the engagement opportunities and gain awareness of the Trails and Sidewalk Master Plan, the following marketing and communication tactics were implemented:

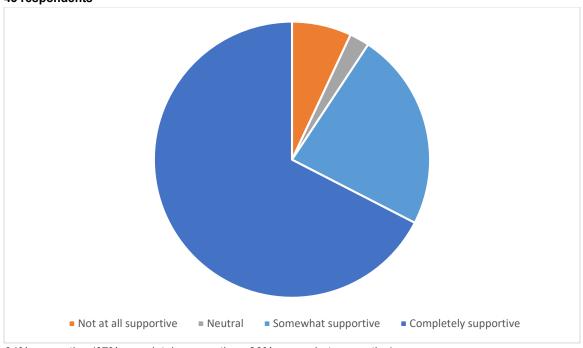
- Social Media
  - $\circ \quad \text{LinkedIn}$
  - o Twitter
  - o Facebook
  - o Instagram
- Media Release
  - o The Goat
  - Stingray (Prime Time, 101 Boom, 95.9 Real Country)
  - o Meridian Source
  - Kurt Price
  - o Lloyd Connect
- Website

- o Yourvoicelloyd.ca/trails
- o Lloydminster.ca
- Radio
  - o Real Country
- Newspaper
  - o Meridian Source
  - o The Bean
  - Morning News
- Newsletter
  - o FCSS Lloydminster Newsletter
  - o City of Lloydminster Community Engagement Newsletter



# **ONLINE SURVEY – WHAT WE HEARD**

There was a total of 42 total participants in the online survey. The overall key themes were developed with respect to both the diversity and frequency of comments heard. Details of recurring themes in response to each question are included in the following pages.



# What is your level of support for the project vision? 43 respondents

91% supportive (67% completely supportive - 23% somewhat supportive) 7% not supportive at all 2% Neutral

# What aspects do you agree, or not agree, within the vision statement? 29 responses

- General support for the vision statement
- Support for increased connectivity, safety, welcoming space, inclusivity for all ages and abilities and encouraging active modes
- Project team needs to consider winter weather conditions, maintenance (snow plowing and landscaping maintenance), placemaking and directly impacted and adjacent landowners

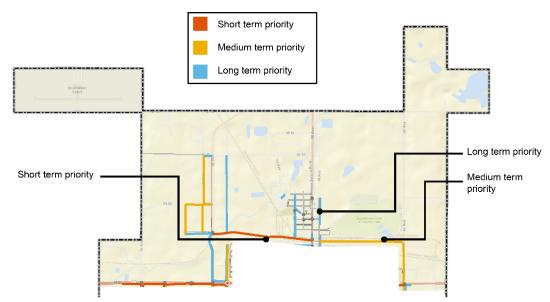


# Not at all supportive Not at all supportive

# To what extent do you support the identified priorities for the north quadrant of Lloydminster? 41 responses

71% Supportive (37% Completely supportive - 34% Somewhat supportive) 10% Not supportive at all 19% Neutral

# Map of North Quadrant





# Are there any missing gaps in the north quadrant map that should be considered by the project team? If yes, please explain.

### 5 responses

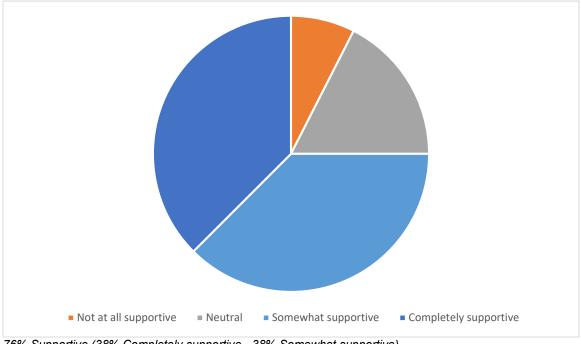
- Consider connections for the future north east area redevelopment
- Add trail along 54 Street near the cemetery
- Add connections in the industrial area
- Add crossings across the rail tracks and on 59 Street at 52 Avenue
- Add a multi-use trail from 62 Street and 62 Avenue to 67 Street and Highway 17

# Are there any identified area(s) in the north quadrant where the priority level should be changed and why?

6 responses

- General support for the proposed levels of priority
- Suggestions:
  - Add crossing at Highway 16 and 59 Ave
  - Add crossing at Highway 16 and 44 Street
  - o Add trail at 52 Street between 52 Ave to 62 Ave
  - Lower priority at 52 Street

# To what extent do you support the identified priorities for the central quadrant of Lloydminster? 40 responses



76% Supportive (38% Completely supportive - 38% Somewhat supportive)8% Not supportive18% Neutral



# Map of Central Quadrant Short term priority Medium term priority Long term priority Short term priority crosswalk Medium term priority Long term priority Short term priority

# Are there any missing gaps in the central quadrant map that should be considered by the project team? If yes, please explain. 7 responses

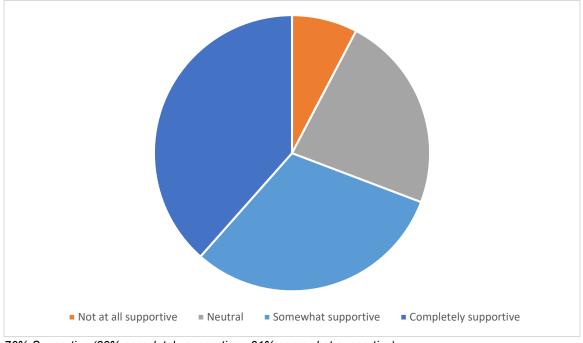
- Add connections throughout residential neighbourhoods to create a continuous multi-use system for walking . and cycling
- Add a multi-use path from 36 Street and 50 Avenue to 36 Street and 47 Avenue
- Ensure maintenance of sidewalks and trails
- Keep natural paths as natural, not paved

# Are there any identified area(s) in the central quadrant where the priority level should be changed and why?

8 responses

- General support for the proposed levels of priority
- Suggestions:
  - Add crossing across Highway 17 at 44 Street 0
  - 0 Add crossing at 43 Street and 62 Avenue, and suggestion of an overpass
  - Add trail on the east side of Highway 17 between Highway 16 and 36 Street 0

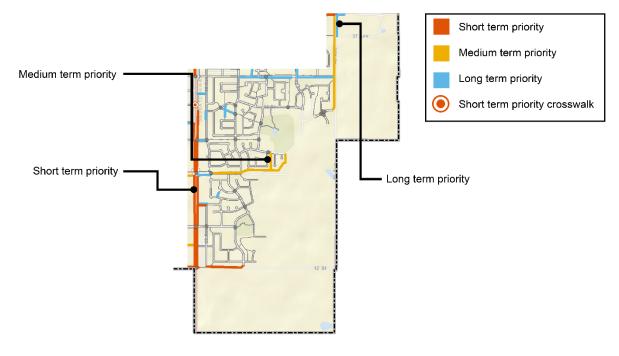




# To what extent do you support the identified priorities for the southeast quadrant of Lloydminster? 41 responses

70% Supportive (39% completely supportive - 31% somewhat supportive) 8% Not Supportive 23% Neutral

# Map of southeast Quadrant





# Are there any missing gaps in the southeast quadrant map that should be considered by the project team? If yes, please explain.

- 7 responses
  - Add connections throughout residential neighbourhoods to create a continuous multi-use system for both people who walk and cycle
  - Add path from 45 Avenue and 29 Street East to 40 Avenue
  - Add connections between the baseball diamond and Winston Churchill School and link to the bike path in Jaycee Park
  - Add connection between Highway 17 and Servus Sports Centre
  - Lower priority of sidewalks and trails along 75 Avenue, Highway 17 and 12 Street

# Are there any identified area(s) in the southeast quadrant where the priority level should be changed and why? 6 responses

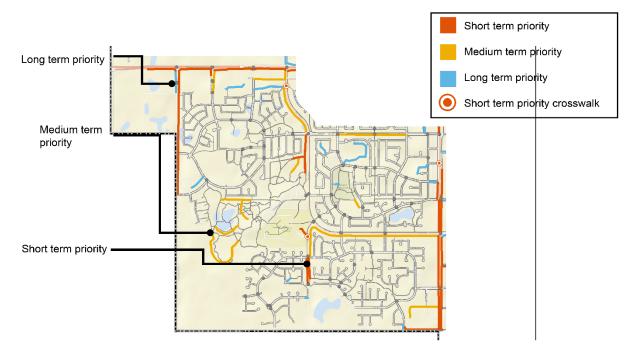
- Suggestions:
  - Add connections to the southwest corner of Lakeside
  - Add path further south along the east side of 59 Avenue between 25 Street and 23 Street to join College Park School
  - Add a widened sidewalk east-west along 29 Street to better connect Bud Miller All Seasons Park with Kinsman Park
  - Add connections between Servus Sports Centre and College Park along 18 Street
- Lower priority
  - o Trails connecting Bud Miller All Seasons Park around 67 Avenue
  - Keep natural trail south of 28 Street as is
  - o Trails and sidewalks near the highways or busy roadways



# Not at all supportive Somewhat supportive Completely supportive

# To what extent do you support the identified priorities for the southwest quadrant of Lloydminster? 39 responses

73% Supportive (44% completely supportive - 29% somewhat supportive) 14% (12% not supportive - 2% somewhat not supportive) 12% Neutral



# Map of South West Quadrant



# Are there any missing gaps in the southwest quadrant map that should be considered by the project team? If yes, please explain.

## 10 responses

- General support for the proposed levels of priority
- Add connections between Lakeside and College Park and Bud Miller All Seasons Park
   Connect along 59 Avenue
- Add a multi-use trail between 12 Street and 75 Street
- Add connection between existing trails at 18 Street to 59 Avenue
- Add connection between trail at 65 Avenue and 35 Street to 75 Avenue
- Add path on 12 Street following the ring road to connect to 75 Avenue
- Add crossing on Highway 16 and 66 Avenue

# Are there any identified area(s) in the southwest quadrant where the priority level should be changed and why? 9 responses

- Suggestion
  - Consider future development, such as along Highway 17
  - o Add connectivity to Jaycee Park, such as from 18 Street
  - Add path from Highway 16 to 12 Street
- Lower priority
  - Trails along highways and major roads
  - Crossings at Highway 17 and 29 Street and 36 Street

# Do you have any additional comments about the Trails and Sidewalk Master Plan you would like to share with the project team? 22 responses

- General support of the plan
- Increase maintenance of existing trails and sidewalks and consider winter weather maintenance requirements, such as clearing overgrown foliage and show
- Include considerations for placemaking
- A desire for site-specific engagement on individual paths, particularly regarding additional access into Bud Miller All Seasons Park
- Add connections from the southwest corner of Lakeside to College Park
- Improve crossing at 47 Avenue and across the railway tracks at 52 Avenue
- Questions about construction timelines



# **STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP – WHAT WE HEARD**

There were six participants in the virtual workshops. Two virtual workshops were scheduled for November 3 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and November 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Details of feedback received in response to the stakeholder workshop are included in the following pages. One email was received by a participant after the workshop.

# **North Priorities**

# What do you like?

- 52 Street is a busy arterial, and it will connect busy areas (residential and industrial) but, it should be prioritised closer later in the short-term category
- 52 Street and Highway 16 trails are needed
- Future for sidewalk/crosswalks within the Queen Elisabeth school area

## Should there be any changes?

Lloydminster Village access points on 57 Street for buses and sidewalks for patrons

## What do you not like?

No comments

## Additional Comment

- · Concern about the use and benefit of prioritizing paths from residential areas to industrial areas
- · Cyclists and runners would like to see a ring-trail around the city in the future

# **Central Priorities**

# What do you like?

• Adding a crossing at 44 Street and 48 Avenue

### Should there be any changes?

- Routes/connections surrounding the schoolyards should be given higher priority
- Add enhanced crossing (flasher) along Highway 17, specifically at 42 Street (connection to Superstore), as a priority

### What do you not like?

No comments

# **Southwest Priorities**

# What do you like?

- The sidewalk along 50 Avenue is a high priority in the area, as it connects communities to service areas and business/places of work
- Adding a path from Lakeland College south along 59 Avenue

# Should there be any changes?

- Lower the priority of 75 Avenue
- The connection along 59 Avenue (between Bud Miller All Seasons Park and 36 Street) should be an "early" medium-term priority
- Add wayfinding signage for the trails system within Kinsmen Park and the transition out of the park and add signage to short-term priority

### What do you not like?

No comments

# **Additional Comment**

 Concerned about the area connecting 59 Avenue to Bud Miller All Seasons Park, but desire to improve the entrance and traffic flow to Bud Miller All Seasons Park

# **Southeast Priorities**

# What do you like?

No comments



# Should there be any changes?

- Add paths around the pond in Jaycee Park to create additional park options in the City
- Make sure there is an opportunity for trail users to move north and south in this section to service existing and future communities
- Add connections between 44 Street and 32 Street
- Look for other opportunities in the future to add trails where natural paths are starting

# What do you not like?

No comments

# Additional comments

- Concerned about the pace of development of the areas south of Jaycee Park and making sure the sidewalks and trails are developed along with the communities
- Concern about the Saskatchewan side being overlooked in the development of communities and amenities
- Consider collaborative opportunities to create safe bike lockups with the communities (City, residents, businesses, non-profits)

# **NEXT STEPS**

This phase of engagement will help inform the develop the Trails and Sidewalk Master Plan. Visit: <u>yourvoicelloyd.ca/trails</u> to find out more about the project and view project updates.