

WESTWOOD FOLLOW-UP CONSULTATION

In November 2013, the Westwood Community League followed up the City's neighbourhood reconstruction meeting with a neighbourhood-wide meeting to identify various roadway, drainage and other issues. The City of Edmonton thanks Westwood residents for taking the time to share your comments and suggestions. Any comments that are relevant for neighbourhood reconstruction will be taken into consideration as the City moves forward with preliminary neighbourhood design.

ALLEYS

- *123 Ave (101 St-102 St) – needs repairing; gravel lane.*
- *Lane between 101 St & 97 St north of 122 Ave. – lane needs repaving.*
- *Lane needs repairing between 97 St & 101 St N of 122 Ave.*

Alleys are not included in the Neighbourhood Renewal process. Alley renewal is a property owner initiated local improvement. For information on the alley renewal local improvement process, please visit edmonton.ca/localimprovements

- *Are LEDs going into alleys?*

Existing alley lighting will be upgraded to LED. Any new alley lighting may be installed through a property owner initiated local improvement (edmonton.ca/localimprovements)

- *Major pothole in lane between 104 St & 105 St S of 124 Ave.*

Potholes can be reported to 311 for maintenance or repair. If this area is a local roadway, this issue will be addressed during the design process and resolved during construction. If this is an alleyway, property owners may choose to repave the alley through the alley renewal local improvement process.

122 AVENUE RENEWAL

- *122 Ave & 105 St intersection – High pedestrian area with poor visibility for both drivers and walkers. Two bus stops in vicinity. Many “close calls”. Scary to cross.*
 - *Yes! I agree!*
 - *Need 4-way stop or pedestrian-activated signals!*
- *Intersection of 122 Ave & 97 St – lots of accidents; dangerous coming out of lane on both N & S sides.*
- *This community has waited for neighbourhood renewal for over five years to address the heavy traffic, shortcutting, speeding, etc. To cancel the option for the community to have this properly addressed is unacceptable. This avenue runs through the centre of our community and runs alongside our playground and community hall. What's planned—a highway???*
- *Don't make 122 Ave busier/wider/or more accessible for cars to shortcut from 97 St to 107 St.*

122 Avenue is being treated as collector renewal corridor project (from 97 Street to Fort Road) as it either crosses or borders a number of neighbourhoods that are or will be reconstructed within the next five to seven years (Delton, Westwood, Alberta Avenue,

Eastwood and Elmwood Park). Because of its size and because reconstruction will probably include changes to its current configuration; the City plans to complete 122 Avenue as a single project independent of the neighbourhood renewal schedule. The ultimate 122 Avenue road configuration will require consultation with the public and all neighbouring communities. There is currently no construction budget or timeline, however work on the multi-year project may tentatively begin in 2017.

Traffic analysis of 122 Avenue has indicated that there will likely be an increase in traffic on 122 Avenue west of 97 Street as a result of growth, NAIT expansion, and the future Blatchford development. These factors will also be taken into consideration in any future 122 Avenue design plan. The City has also conducted a previous Traffic Impact Assessment, which recommended exploring traffic calming measures in the future.

We thank you for your comments and will submit them to the future project team for consideration as the project moves forward.

- *There appears to be a decommissioned (or not?) crosswalk at 104 St over 122 Ave. There are no signs indicating it, but there are lines painted on the road (worn down, though, and hard to see) and the new sidewalk by Shepherd's Care has a handicapped wheelchair access ramp thingy leading from the sidewalk onto 122 Ave where the crosswalk appears to be. What's up with this? Are children supposed to cross here or not? It's very unclear, although a crosswalk there does make sense b/c of the playground.*

The faded crosswalk pavement marking at 122 Avenue and 104 Street is still an active crosswalk. A work order has been issued for the installation of pedestrian crosswalk signs for both directions and this location has been added to the pavement marking list to be repainted under the roadway maintenance program this summer.

- *I'm a bus driver. Going southbound on 97 St, say from freeway to 122 Ave, drivers are constantly turning on 123 Ave westbound and especially 122 Ave westbound because traffic is backed up southbound so they use the bus lane to avoid the slow traffic and the police giving tickets for using the bus lane by turning on 123 Ave and 122 Ave, at times very aggressively.*
- *Intersection of 97 St and 122 Ave has lots of accidents and lane control infractions along 97 St as people do not turn off 97 St when they are supposed to.*

Both 97 Street and 122 Avenue are out of the scope of the neighbourhood renewal project. However, the City will review this intersection and make recommendations. Traffic enforcement issues may be directed to the Edmonton Police Service or through the City's Office of Traffic Safety. We have also shared this information with Edmonton Transit's operations department. To learn more about neighbourhood enforcement, go to edmonton.ca/trafficsafety

CURBS

- *103 St (121 Ave-122 Ave) - Can you opt for square curbs on residential section? Don't want roll faced curbs due to flooding. Across the street will be square.*

All curbs in Westwood will be replaced, with the exception of those along 122 Avenue. A number of design considerations are required to address the type of curb installed in

residential areas. Generally, straight-faced curb and gutter is used only along collector roads, bus routes, and around schools/parks. Roll-faced, or mountable, curb is standard for residential roads. At all intersections within the neighbourhood, curb ramps will be replaced (except along 122 Avenue). The final curb selection for the roads will depend on a number of factors, including whether there are trees or if the road is a bus route. Curb styles will be included in the neighbourhood design.

- *What about curbs? As most curbs throughout Westwood need to be replaced. Entrances to alleys and drainage need to be updated when roads are done as piecemeal make for shoddy work and future problems. Alley corners need to be wheelchair accessible throughout Westwood.*

With the exception of 122 Avenue, all curbs in Westwood will be replaced. At all intersections within the neighbourhood, curb ramps will be replaced (except along 122 Avenue) to accommodate those with limited mobility. Curb ramps are installed at corners. Curb styles along neighbourhood roadways will be assessed and determined during the design process.

Drainage renewal is completed prior to the roads being reconstructed.

DRAINAGE

- *On 123 Ave, drainage system too small, sewer always backs up when it rains.*
- *123 Ave (E of 101 St) constantly floods on south side, both winter and summer.*
- *On NE corner of 101 St & 122 Ave, foot of asphalt buildup over the grass*
- *124 Ave (104 St-105 St) storm drain constantly overflows*
- *Storm drain on SE corner of 104 St & 123 Ave often plugs up.*
- *House in area was flooded (104 St N of 122 Ave).*

We are aware of the sewer system capacity issue in the Westwood neighbourhood. The neighbourhood was developed in the 1950s, when there was a different sewer servicing standard. The area is served by a combined sewer system, which generally does not have enough sewer servicing capacity. In any greater storm, the system is prone to surcharge and floods some of the streets and homes in the area; mostly around sag areas. Most of the concerns mentioned here are around sag areas. In 2013, Drainage Operation had cleaned the catchments around 122 Avenue from 103 Street to 102 Street.

In view of the flooding problems around Edmonton, the City is assessing neighbourhood flood risk areas city-wide to identify potential enhancements of sewer system services for high-risk neighbourhoods, including Westwood. As the assessments progress, we will make project updates available on edmonton.ca and will also consult with the community to get feedback.

- *Lane drainage issues west of 105 St between 121 Ave and 124 Ave.*
- *In lane between 103 St & 104 St north of 122 Ave, drain continually floods over manhole. Patchy, asphalt from many repair jobs, is bumpy.*

Alleys are not part of this the Neighbourhood Renewal process. For more information on alley renewal, please visit edmonton.ca/localimprovements

- *SW corner of 103 St & 122 Ave and corner of 122 Ave & 102 St flood every year; are*

dangerous for pedestrians. Always flood. That's why the curb should be square, not mountable curbs.

With the exception of 122 Avenue, all curbs will be replaced in Westwood. Generally, straight-faced curb and gutter is only used along collector roads, bus routes, and around schools / parks. All curb ramps will be replaced at all intersections (except along 122Ave).

- *Drain not sufficient for [illegible]*
- Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and roads will be reconstructed so that surface drainage will lead to the drains.

INTERSECTIONS

- *Corners of 103 St/121 Ave and 103 St/122 Ave never sanded, v. slippery*

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Transportation Maintenance has been made aware of this in order to address the sanding issue. In the future, please contact 311 to report slippery or ice covered intersections for sanding.

PARKING

- *106 St (120 Ave-121 Ave) – need parking on both sides.*
- *104 St (122 Ave-124 Ave) & 122 Ave (105 St-106 St) – NAIT student parking a) obstructs vision; b) during winter blocks paths to dwellings; c) blocks walkway to my house.*
- *102 St (123 Ave-124 Ave) – need parking on both sides*
- *NAIT parking at 121 Ave*

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The City will review and provide recommendations. If applicable, appropriate action will be reflected in the final neighbourhood design.

- *How do we extend parking restrictions over entire neighbourhood?*

Neighbourhood parking restrictions are available through the Residential Parking Program. This program was developed to manage the availability of parking in specific residential areas experiencing urban growth and increased visitor demand. The program does not eliminate non-resident or public parking and it does not guarantee residents an on-street parking space. Information is available at www.edmonton.ca/transportation/driving_carpooling/residential-parking.aspx

SIGNS/SIGNALS

- *No one stops at stop signs at intersection of 121 Ave/105 St.*

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The project team will look at signage requirements as we work on the preliminary neighbourhood design. Failure to stop at stop signs is an enforcement issue. Contact the Edmonton Police Service or go to the City's Office of Traffic Safety webpage to learn more about neighbourhood enforcement: www.edmonton.ca/trafficsafety

SPEEDING

- *124 Ave – often speed along the avenue.*

- 123 Ave (97 St-102 St) – speeding problem.
- People use alley between 97 St & 101 St from 123 Ave to 124 Ave to avoid traffic on 97 St.
- 122 Ave – speeding (suggest narrowing/bulbing)
- Speeding from 97 St to 101 St: quick, fast (to EPCOR office building and warehouse right across 107 St, all these buildings)
- Bus route trap from 119 Ave to 121 Ave between 101 St and 102 St in the morning. Is forcing traffic and speeding down 101 St, 102 St & 103 St, short cutting in alley to avoid stop sign at 121 Ave and 103 St
- 105 St – speeding

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. These speeding issues will be reviewed and reflected in the neighbourhood design where applicable.

For general neighbourhood speed management issues, please contact the City's Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), which works with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) and the Edmonton Police Service to promote safe driving in neighbourhoods. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/trafficsafety

SHORTCUTTING

- Alley shortcutting in alley from 102 St/103 St and 101 St/102 St between 121 Ave to 122 Ave.
- People cut through from 97 St to 123 Ave then use neighbourhood streets to avoid traffic.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. This issue will be sent to The City for their review and recommendations. Any applicable action will be reflected in the final neighbourhood design. Shortcutting will be reviewed and addressed where appropriate.

- 106 St to 122 Ave to 104 St to cemetery – Funeral processions; many vehicles including heavy, large commercial buses.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Traffic patterns will be reviewed by the City and a recommendation will be made. Appropriate action will be reflected in the final Westwood neighbourhood design if applicable.

- 122 Ave – shortcutting, including ETS buses heading to the garage. Major! I walk to work and I see it driving 97 St southbound. Bus driver and I see it taking my bus out of WW garage going up 107 St, early in the morning towards freeway. There's a lineup of cars on 122 Ave westbound.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. 122 Avenue a collector route and will not be included in Westwood neighbourhood reconstruction. The City will review traffic patterns and make recommendations that will be reflected in the final Westwood neighbourhood design if applicable, or be taken into consideration for the 122 Avenue collector project.

SIDEWALKS

- On east side of 104 St between 122 Ave & 123 Ave, weird lump of concrete juts out of sidewalk into street.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. This issue will be addressed during the design process and resolved during construction, as the City will reconstruct neighbourhood sidewalks.

STREET RENEWAL

- *123 Ave & 102 St need repaving*
- *The area roads have not been repaved for the last 2 years yet Grand Meadow [illegible] developed in 1987 has the streets repaved three times. Snow is ploughed three times a year. Why the difference in treatment?*

All local roads in Westwood (except 122 Avenue, which is a collector road) will be repaved during the neighbourhood reconstruction process from 2015-17.

[0]There are different types of neighbourhood road renewal: overlay, microsurfacing and reconstruction. Overlay and Microsurfacing are applied to extend the life of the pavement in neighbourhoods. Westwood is being reconstructed with all new road infrastructure. More information is available at www.edmonton.ca/neighbourhoodrenewal

STREET LIGHTING

- *124 Ave – requires more lighting as it is often frequently johns and their lady-friends and drug dealers. In winter and fall it's especially hard to report as can't make out vehicle colours, make, etc.*

New LED streetlight technology put into neighbourhoods as part of neighbourhood reconstruction are designed to optimize lighting along the road to ensure pedestrians and vehicles can be seen.

- *Does the community need to know the style or colour before going out door-to-door for signatures?*

The neighbourhood's decorative streetlight committee may choose a style and color of pole or choose to engage the community to select a style and color of pole. Once a decorative streetlight option has been selected, the neighbourhood must submit this to the City no later than July 1, 2014. The City will then prepare an expression of interest package and send it to the neighbourhood by September 1, 2014. Once the community receives the EOI package, the committee can canvas the neighbourhood to collect signatures.

Three to four months prior to construction beginning, property owners will receive a local improvement notice in the mail informing them of the costs associated with the local improvement and their option should they wish to petition.

- *What options are there for getting signatures from property owners when there are many rental properties in the area?*

Unfortunately, the City cannot provide the names of property owners for homes within the neighbourhood. However, in the past some neighbourhoods have had members canvassing for signatures leave copies of the Expression of Interest forms with the renters to pass along to their property owners.

Details on the local improvement process and decorative streetlight options are available at edmonton.ca/localimprovements