

Alignment with Council Priorities

A Prosperous City:

P8 – Respond to the needs of an aging population. The design of the promenade and plaza will consider accessibility and age friendly strategy in the public realm design solution and construction.

A City That Moves:

M4 – Designing and Building Centre City projects that enhance pedestrian and cycling facilities. New promenade, bridge and ramps to Centre Street upper deck will support active models and be accessible.

A City of Inspiring Neighborhoods:

N1 – Keep communities safe by meeting and maintaining standards for crime prevention, fire response, and enforcement. The design of the promenade, the bridges, the ramp and introduction of flood barrier to Reconciliation Bridge will improve the safety elements. From a wider bridge that will provide additional access to Prince's Island Park, to improve visibility throughout the pathway.

N2 – Ensure long-term planning for infrastructure resiliency in public assets and facilities. The flood barrier, and new bridge will be designed for 100-year service life.

N2 – Build resiliency to flooding. The Promenade and Riverwalk projects execute portions of the downtown flood barrier work.

N3 – Increase capacity and capability to respond to and effectively recover from emergencies. The flood barrier along the Bow Pathway from The Peace Bridge to Reconciliation Bridge will provide resiliency and reduce disruption during a flood event. The new Jaipur Bridge will be wider and will allow for better pedestrian movements during an emergency.

N4 – Revitalize the role and ability of community associations, and use of community associations, and use of community facilities. The design of the promenade and plaza is to accommodate the community's ability to animate the spaces for events and impromptu gathering.

N5 – Systematically invest in established neighborhoods as they evolve to accommodate changing community needs. Fund and partner with key stakeholders to develop and renew inner city facilities. The redesign of the plaza and promenade address the changing needs of this established community.

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N9 – Provide great public spaces and public realm improvements across the city to foster opportunity for well used public spaces and places for citizen connections and urban vitality. This is the focus of the coordination of the projects, and the program. To include stakeholders in the creation of a citizen focused design process that will create destinations at Eau Claire with public realm improvements and amenities.

A Healthy and Green City:

H3 – Manage the interrelationships between flood protection, water quality and quantity, and land use. The integration of the flood barrier with the park design will leverage land form and vegetation approach that will improve quality and quantity of surface water entering the storm system, while working with the adjacent redevelopment sites.

H4 – Work with our regional partners and the Government of Alberta on an integrated approach to the watershed. The Eau Claire promenade work is a joint funding project with the Government of Alberta for the downtown flood barrier.

H5 – Protect and enhance our urban forest and natural landscape throughout Calgary. The integrated design will balance infrastructure needs with sensitive preservation and introduction of new native species to the area.

H7 – Foster healthy lifestyles through a range of accessible and affordable recreational programs and opportunities that encourage active daily living. The integrated design approach includes a focus on the programming elements to the area that will support active modes of transportation, and the exploration of nature and parks space with accessibility in mind. The projects are for the public's enjoyment and in the public realm.

H9 – Optimize the existing parks network to ensure Calgarians have access to nature and healthy and active lifestyles. All the projects enhance the regional pathway system.

A Well-Run City:

W2 – Be as efficient and effective as possible, reducing costs and focusing on value-for-money.

W5 – Regularly collaborate and engage citizens to encourage participations in City decision making, and better communicate the reasons for the decisions. The coordinated approach includes a comprehensive communication and engagement strategy that focuses on public use of the area, stakeholder input and coordination with development projects.

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- W6 – Develop plans and report lifecycle and maintenance costs of existing assets. Jaipur Ped Bridge and Centre Street ramps represents the life cycling of City assets.
- W7 – Continue to transform the organization to be more citizen-focused in its approach and delivery of service. The integrated project approach throughout the design process for the plaza and promenade has introduced some elements to the Bridge and Ramp projects to become a citizen focused approach.
- W8 – Promote and foster business relationships throughout the corporation that improve services and deliver value to customers. Collaboration with a number of different business units required for success including Urban Initiatives, Calgary Parks, Water Resources, Roads, Transportation Infrastructure, Calgary Recreation and Green Line.