

Applicant's Submission

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In 2018 December, Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) released the [Rivers District Master Plan](#) (RDMP) - a plan to integrate and align with the many existing and evolving plans, programs and development aspirations of the various stakeholders in the area. To enable the RDMP, the The 17 Ave SE Stampede Crossing (17SX) project was initiated to extend 17 Ave SE at Macleod Trail via an at grade crossing of the Red Line C-Train tracks into Stampede Park, accommodating all modes of transportation.

The scope of this project involves reconstruction of Victoria Park/ Stampede Station as an at-grade station with two side-loading platforms. The proposed at-grade station improves accessibility and permeability by minimizing visual and physical barriers between the west side of Macleod Trail and the BMO Centre. Furthermore, the reconfiguration allows the extension of 17 Ave SE across Macleod Trail envisioned by the RDMP.

The project seeks to merge a contemporary architectural language with various western heritage references. The architecture aims to create an atmosphere specific to its context: the new Rivers District and Stampede Park. The 17SX project is being developed concurrently with the adjacent convention centre expansion (BMOX) and 17 Avenue SE Extension (17EX).

The project proposes the removal of the Plus 15 pedestrian bridge over Macleod Trail at 15 Avenue SE, including removal of all Plus 15 station building elements. Plus 15 crossings will be replaced by new at-grade pedestrian track crossings at 17 Ave and 14 Ave. A new LRT siding track bridge over the Elbow River just north of Erlton Station will replace the existing C-Track siding track at Victoria Park/Stampede Station. This reconfiguration requires modification to LRT infrastructure including track, overhead catenary system, signals and communications. The redevelopment also requires the addition of a new utility complex, located south of the existing traction power substation.

In order to permit continued operation of the station throughout construction (apart from specific weekend closures), a temporary "shoofly" station will be constructed; shifting the active rail alignment outside of the final station construction area.

As part of CMLC's mandate to lead the delivery of the overall RDMP for east Victoria Park, CMLC will manage the delivery of the bridge as part of the 17SX project and it will be funded through the Community Revitalization Levy (CRL).