

Interrelated City Initiatives

Summary

There are several interrelated city-building initiatives that are currently planned or underway in the North Hill Communities. These projects are directly or indirectly linked to the North Hill Communities Local Area Plan and will help achieve and implement the vision set out in the Plan.

The Supporting Growth section (Chapter 3) of the Plan provides direction for future investments in the North Hill Communities over the long term, including community facilities and spaces, affordable housing, parks, Main Streets, transit, mobility, cycling and walking, and the urban forest. These investments are guided by supporting growth goals which frame and provide guidance to support the Plan's vision and are aligned with direction from the Municipal Development Plan. The Plan's implementation options are intended to be implemented over time, as funding and resources become available.

Many of the following initiatives are identified in the plan's Supporting Growth implementation options, and associated Appendix A, and will help support communities as they experience growth and change. These initiatives demonstrate the link between Local Area Plans and tangible benefits of investment at the community level.

City Initiatives

The following table highlights some key ongoing or planned City initiatives in the North Hill Communities.

PROJECT	COMMUNITY	DESCRIPTION
Green Line LRT: Stage 1	Crescent Heights (Stage 1), Tuxedo Park and Highland Park (Stage 2)	<p>The Green Line LRT project is a long-term investment in the growth and development of our city. High quality transit, like LRT, is a necessity for cities to grow, be attractive to entrepreneurs and a talented workforce, and to be competitive economic centres locally and internationally. Building the Green Line is our next step towards completing Calgary's transit network as described in RouteAhead: A Strategic Plan for Transit in Calgary. Along with the new MAX bus rapid transit lines Calgarian will have fast, frequent and reliable transit service that strategically connects communities, employment hubs (including those outside downtown like Quarry Park) and key destinations across the city. Scheduled for 2027 completion, the updated Stage 1 route will build the first 20 km of the full 46 km LRT vision, while also making improvements to the existing BRT service along Centre Street N. There are two station areas in the Crescent Heights planned for Stage 1: 8 Avenue N and 16 Avenue N. Stage 2 would include stations at 28 Avenue N and 40 Avenue N in the communities of Tuxedo Park and Highland Park respectively.</p>
Centre Street North Streetscape Master Plan	Crescent Heights (Stage 1)	<p>A Streetscape Master Plan has been developed that responds to the engineering design of the LRT system and roadway, and reflects the communities' desire for a more comfortable and attractive pedestrian environment. For much of the corridor, from Memorial Drive to 17 Avenue N, sidewalks will be wide enough to comfortably allow high volumes of pedestrian traffic to freely move about while also providing space to plant trees and provide other streetscape elements such as benches and bike racks. The streetscape master plan will be implemented as part of the Green Line LRT project.</p>
North Central Mobility Study	Tuxedo Park, Mount Pleasant, Highland Park, Thorncliffe-Greenview, Greenview Industrial	<p>This study is being conducted to understand how travel patterns may change as a result of Green Line operations and BRT services on opening day of the Green Line LRT and North Central BRT and into the future. The study takes a multimodal approach to understand how Green Line and BRT lanes can be supported in the network. The goals of this work are to improve overall mobility along Centre Street N corridor, protect community livability along the corridor by reducing cut-through traffic and to improve safety and connection for all transportation users. To date, the project has identified short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations for changes to the transportation network to support Green Line LRT and the BRT and to ensure safe and efficient movement for all transportation users.</p>

[Crescent Heights
Mobility Study](#)

Crescent
Heights

The Green Line LRT running along the surface of Centre Street North will change how people move through the community and access businesses along the corridor. The Crescent Heights Mobility Study aims to understand:

- how Green Line will change pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular movement along and across Centre Street N.
- how Green Line affects the availability of short-term parking spaces, which are important to support local businesses
- what strategies can be implemented to address the changes to mobility and parking in the community

Through studies Administration has been looking at efficient ways to continue to provide community access, pedestrian and cycling movement, discourage cut-through traffic and to continue to provide access, parking and loading for businesses along Centre Street N. The Study includes recommendations to improve cycling routes, traffic calming, loading and deliveries and will continue to look at access and parking considerations in the area.

[North Central Bus
Rapid Transit Study](#)

Crescent
Heights,
Tuxedo Park,
Highland Park,
Thornccliffe-
Greenview

The first phase of the Green Line LRT will extend to 16 Avenue N and communities to the north must connect to the transit network and bus service will need to adapt to the new LRT line. This study is looking at improvements from downtown along the existing Centre Street N and Harvest Hills Boulevard route to 160 Avenue N. Improvements identified by the study will benefit transit customers by providing a more direct, reliable service and customer experience by upgrading the existing BRT route up Centre Street N to a MAX BRT. To date, the study has identified short-, medium- and long-term proposed BRT improvements.

Balmoral Circus Park	Mount Pleasant Tuxedo Park	<p>This project was identified by area stakeholders and Administration as a key opportunity to deliver additional and diverse park space and active transportation improvements through engagement as part of Green Line and the North Hill Communities Local Area Planning process. Along with Beaumont Circus, this project is an implementation option in Chapter 3 of the Plan. Construction of Balmoral Circus is scheduled to begin in 2021. When complete, the project will transform the intersection of 2 Street and 19 Avenue NW into an attractive and permanent community destination with for residents and visitors alike to enjoy, and contribute to a safer and more comfortable experience on an important walking and wheeling corridor parallel with Centre Street N and 4 Street NW. The project is currently developing final designs, which are anticipated to be shared in mid 2021.</p>
North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre Area Improvements	Mount Pleasant	<p>As part of Phase 1 of the Established Area Growth and Change Strategy, and in recognition of the growth that is materializing in this area, the area surrounding North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre will be improved with a new outdoor programmable space, new sidewalks and pathway connections and a redesigned accessible community garden. This project aligns with Community Facilities and Spaces policies in Chapter 3 of the Plan.</p>
40 Avenue N. Placemaking and Pedestrian Improvements	Greenview Industrial, Greenview, Highland Park	<p>This project is currently in the planning design stage and will look at investments focusing on creating a temporary park on 40 Avenue and Centre Street N., completing missing sidewalk links, traffic calming and intersection improvements along 40 Avenue N.</p> <p>Construction for the project is scheduled for Q2 2022.</p>
North Hill Communities Property Tax Uplift Pilot	North Hill Communities	<p>The North Hill Communities Property Tax Uplift Pilot will run through 2022. Through the pilot, Administration will learn if and how property tax uplift from growth may support sustained growth-related investment. Administration will work with stakeholders to create a method to calculate what property tax uplift from growth will be in the North Hill communities. The pilot will link the potential for public investment to redevelopment to help leverage private investments made in growing communities. This will help determine how The City will invest in improvements to support growing communities. The focus of the pilot is for growth-related investments and will not include typical lifecycle or maintenance projects. Other financial tools already exist for lifecycle or maintenance work on existing infrastructure, like parks and roads.</p>

[Heritage Conservation Incentives and Programs](#)

Crescent Heights, Rosedale, Mount Pleasant, Capitol Hill, Tuxedo Park, and Renfrew

At the direction of Council, The City is currently working to implement new policy tools and financial incentives to support heritage conservation. This includes additional grant funding for designated non-residential heritage resources, continued development of a proposed residential heritage tax credit program, and phased implementation of residential heritage area policies throughout 2021-2023.

Direct Control Heritage Areas

Throughout 2021 Administration will be conducting a pilot to develop Direct Control Heritage Areas with select, qualifying property owners in various communities. There are two Direct Control Heritage Areas proceeding in the pilot, including one in Crescent Heights, which will be presented to Council in Q4 2022.

Heritage Guideline Areas

In 2021, Administration will begin work to create heritage guidelines identified in the North Hill Communities Local Area Plan in the communities of Crescent Heights, Rosedale, Mount Pleasant, Capitol Hill, Tuxedo Park, and Renfrew. This work will include engagement with community stakeholders to draft locally specific guidelines and policies for heritage areas that will be incorporated into the Plan. As directed by Council, this work will be presented to Council no later than Q3 2022.

Crescent Road

Crescent Heights and Rosedale

A multi-disciplinary team from The City is exploring the potential to work with area stakeholders to create a vision document to guide future investments in and around Crescent Road NW and McHugh Bluff. This project actions direction provided in Chapter 3 of the Plan and will incorporate previous community submissions to evaluate opportunities for placemaking and improved integration between McHugh Bluff and its amenities with the adjacent Crescent Heights Park.