

Calgary Planning Commission Member Comments



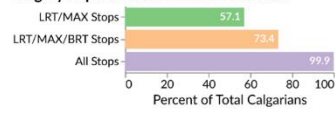
For CPC2024-0545 / LOC2023-0031
heard at Calgary Planning
Commission
Meeting 2024 May 23



Member	Reasons for Decision or Comments
<p>Commissioner Hawryluk</p>	<p>Reasons for Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January 2024, Commission reviewed a previous draft of this application. Commission gave direction to Administration, who returned to Commission with this application in May 2024 having made the requested changes (see Attachment 2 and Slides 10 to 21 of Administration’s Presentation). <p>Commission revised the Outline Plan to remove a Transit and Emergency Access gate at Riverstone Road SE. I disagree with that approach (I’m sure Councillors also occasionally with their colleagues). Commission was told that the Transportation Impact Assessment “estimated a conservatively high” number of cars but the street network would work with or without the Transit and Emergency Access gate. Thus, there is no need to open Riverstone Road to all modes of transportation. Yet, Commission made that revision. I am not a fan of transit- and emergency-only access points on arterial streets, but Riverstone Road is not an arterial street. Engagement with residents led to opening Riverstone Road to Transit and Emergency vehicles. Opening Riverstone Road to private vehicles disregards that engagement. However, undoing that revision is not part of the application in front of Council.</p> <p>This application could be seen as a transition between Riverbend and the future South Hill Green Line Station. The lack of an Area Plan for the South Hill Station may have contributed to Commission’s concerns in January.</p> <p>Council has set a goal that 95% of Calgarians will “live within 2000m of a dedicated transit facility (e.g. LRT, MAX bus station)” by 2050 (2022 Climate Strategy, pg. 19). This a reasonable goal because it encourages the coordination of land use planning and transportation planning. According to public transit and rail research consultant Dr. Willem Klumpenhower, 57% of Calgarians lived within 2000m (as the crow flies) of a dedicated transit facility in 2021 (see map below). Allowing more people to live in this location supports Council’s direction.</p>

Calgary's Proximity to Transit Goals

Calgary Population Within 2km of Transit



Calgary's Climate Strategy aims to have 95% of Calgarians living within 2km of a rapid transit station by 2050.

As of 2021 only 57% of 1.3 million Calgarians live near an LRT or MAX station. To reach our goals, we need to add housing near transit, *and* expand our transit system.

