

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE

# CONNAUGHT OPEN STREET



A CHILD HEALTH & SAFETY FOCUSED COMMUNITY PROJECT IN THE BELTLINE



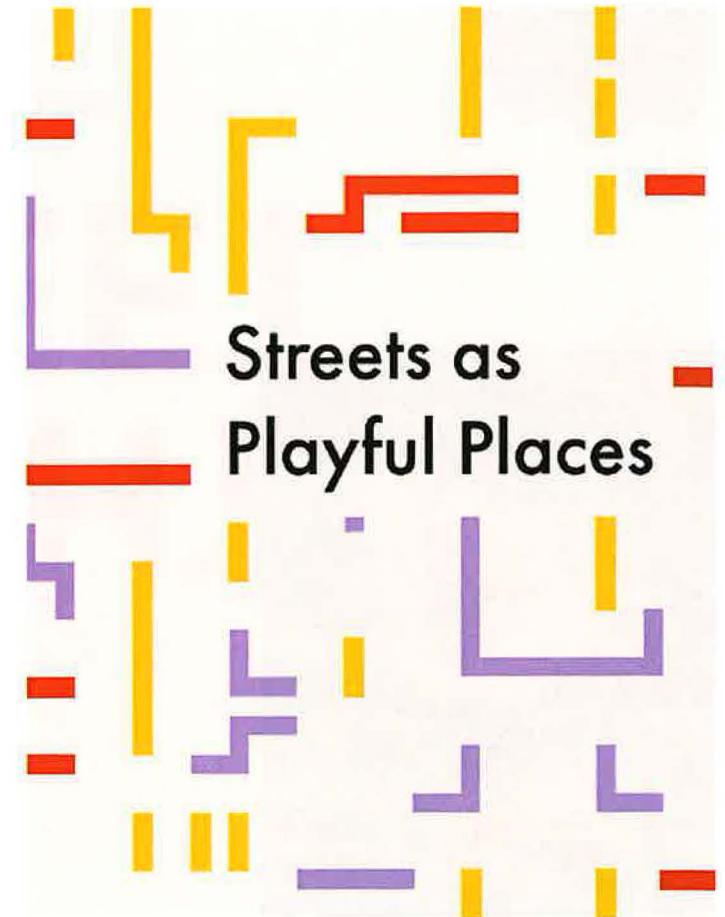
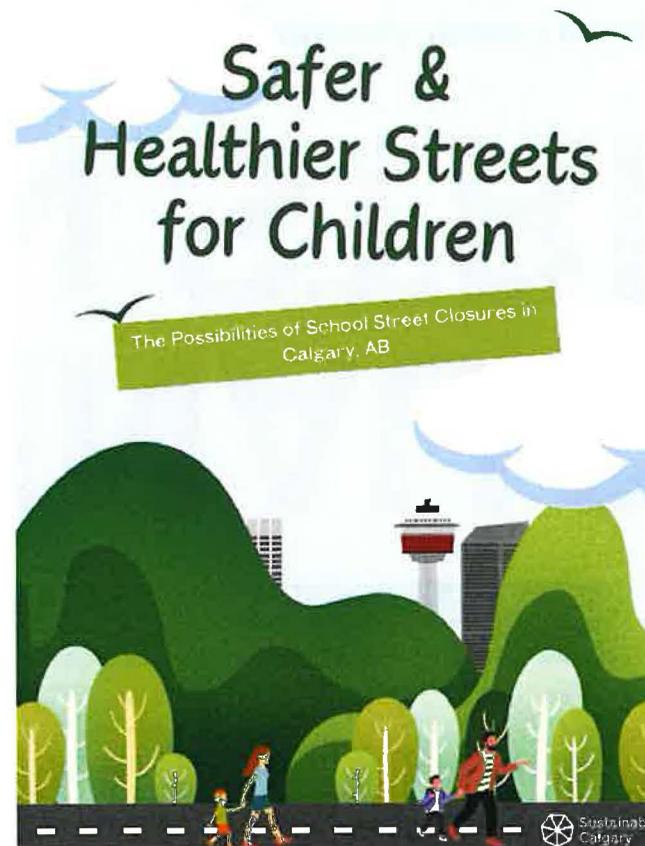
Sustainable  
Calgary

the **TULA** project



# OUR EXPERTISE

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## THE SCHOOL STREET CONCEPT

School streets are defined as a..



*“streets that are car-free outside of schools; they can be temporary and be at the start and end of the school day, and they can also (more preferably) be permanently car-free.”*



School streets are proven to make a measurable positive impact by reducing air pollution around schools and encouraging safer routes to school for school kids to walk or bike to school



# SCHOOL STREET IN A LOCAL CONTEXT : CONNAUGHT SCHOOL



# THE PILOT



## PROJECT HISTORY

### PROJECT PHASES

- DESIGN OF PROTOTYPE OPEN STREET
- PROTOTYPE OPEN STREET
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JUNE - DECEMBER 2021

Co-design workshops with Connaught students

JUNE - OCTOBER 2022

Pilot #1  
Next Calgary held weekly "summer camp" style engagements.

SUMMER 2022

Pilot #2  
Sustainable Calgary held biweekly site popups and community event popups called the Forever Block Party

WINTER 2023 - CURRENT

Pilot #2 Cont.  
Sustainable Calgary has hosted Weekly/biweekly fire pits during school pickup time.



# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



Co-design Workshops



Workshop Participants



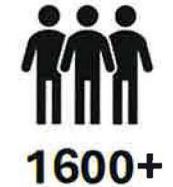
Flyers



Popup Events



Popup Participants



Surveys



Survey respondents



Working Group members



Working Group meetings



Website visits (*since January 2024*)



## WHAT WE HEARD / OBSERVED



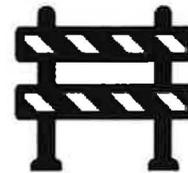
Children's Needs and Safety



Community Sentiment



Park Amenities and Accessibility



Traffic And Usage Data



Safety and Maintenance Concerns

# PROPOSED DESIGN

## Concept Key

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- ① Bike parking
- ② Modular triangular seating element
- ③ Seating with permeable screening and overhead element.
- ④ Proposed entry light features
- ⑤ Absorbent landscaping - LID feature to accept storm water from park
- ⑥ 'Outdoor room' overhead feature
- ⑦ Programmable space with lighting feature
- ⑧ Existing boulevard and sidewalk
- ⑨ All grade planters to have naturalized grasses, wild flowers, and tree plantings (where possible)
- ⑩ Seating platforms that will dually serve as breakout nodes for outdoor classroom and learning opportunities

## Concept Legend

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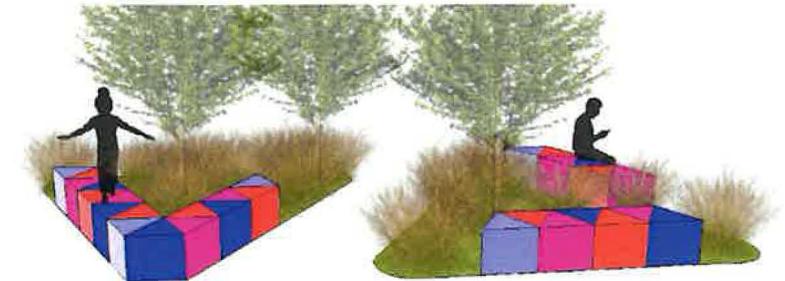
- ▲ Bike access
- ▲ Vehicle Access
- ▲ Pedestrian Access
- ▲ Residential Access



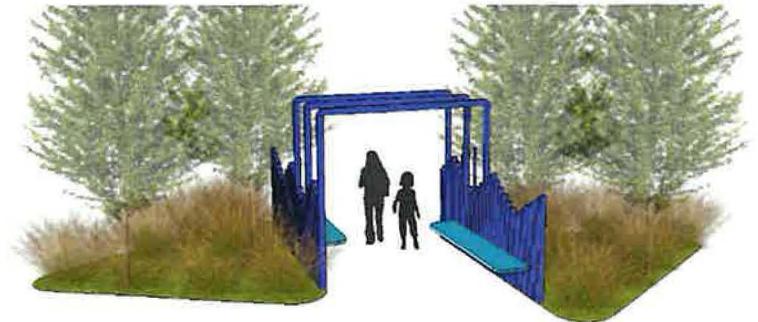
The Connaught Open Street schematic design will permanently support safe routes to school for children by removing traffic adjacent to the school and playground along the southern half block of 10th St SW. The proposed schematic design considers years of public engagement with the local community, children, teachers and parents of Connaught School, City of Calgary, and Sustainable Calgary.

The plaza will provide much needed greenspace within the Beltline by providing community amenities such as seating, outdoor gathering space, and programmable space. The schematic design supports sustainable initiatives through additional tree planting, pollinator friendly planting beds, and stormwater infiltration opportunities.

# the TULA project



② Modular triangular seating element



③ Seating with permeable screening and overhead element



⑤ Absorbent landscaping - LID feature to accept storm water from park



⑥ Overhead feature to create an 'Outdoor Room'



⑦ All planters to have naturalized grasses, wild flowers, and tree plantings