

Applicant Outreach Summary

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Community Outreach on Planning & Development Applicant-led Outreach Summary

Please complete this form and include with your application submission.

Project name: Arts Commons Transformation - Modernization

Did you conduct community outreach on your application? ☒ YES or ☐ NO

If no, please provide your rationale for why you did not conduct outreach.

Outreach Strategy

Provide an overview of your outreach strategy, summary of tactics and techniques you undertook (Include dates, locations, # of participants and any other relevant details)

In October and November 2024, we engaged adjacent interest holders to share the proposed amendments to the Plus 15 alignment and to the road use for 8 Avenue between Macleod Trail and 1 St SE to address any questions or concerns.

This phase of interest holder engagement was specific to the Plus 15 alignment and 8 Avenue road closure, but builds upon the significant public and community engagement completed in 2021, which informed the vision for the Arts Commons Transformation Expansion and Modernization, and the public and community engagement completed in 2024, which informed the vision and programming ambition for the Olympic Plaza Transformation.

Affected Parties

Who did you connect with in your outreach program? List all groups you connected with. (Please do not include individual names)

Ward 7 Councillor Terry Wong
Calgary Downtown Association
Glenbow Museum
Calgary TELUS Convention Centre
Allied Property Management (Burns Building Management Team)
Teatro Group

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What did you hear?

Provide a summary of main issues and ideas that were raised by participants in your outreach.

Interest holders were generally supportive of the adjusted Plus 15 alignment, agreeing that it would enhance the public and patron experience with a more accessible, better integrated and more flexibility-activated lobby experience, while maintaining the existing Plus 15 connections between Arts Commons and the Glenbow Museum and the Municipal Building. Interest holders were also generally supportive of the adjustments to 8 Avenue in this block, agreeing that the adjustments would enable greater pedestrian connectivity, sense of place and programming flexibility while ensuring access for emergency vehicles and school buses to support programming. We heard that it would be important for tenants of the Burns Building to work with Arts Commons upon project completion to ensure tenant deliveries and move-ins could continue to be accommodated.

How did input influence decisions?

Provide a summary of how the issues and ideas summarized above influenced project decisions. If they did not, provide a response for why.

Interest holders were supportive of the Plus 15 amendment and of the road closure.

How did you close the loop ?

Provide a summary of how you shared outreach outcomes and final project decisions with those who participated in your outreach. (Please include any reports or supplementary materials as attachments)

Because interest holders were supportive of the Plus 15 amendment and 8 Avenue road closure, no further outreach was required. Following CPC, we will provide an update to interest holders on the status of the amendments.

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