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Briefing note

Service Plans & Budgets 2019-2022

What Calgarians want

- 1) Active transportation and transit options
- 2) Energy efficiency
- 3) A low carbon action committee

We engaged with Calgarians across the city (in all wards) who expressed a particular interest in having **better transit and active transportation options**.

Calgarians told the City they want these options to be **reliable and safe**.

What the budget commits to

In the introductory sections of the *Public Transit* and *Sidewalks and Pathways* sections, the draft budget sets a positive direction of the next four years. Below are quotes taken from the draft budget:

About public transit: "We will focus on **investing in (reliability and safety)**."

"We will continue to build, maintain and modify sidewalks and pathways to **make walking and cycling more attractive** options and ensure that Calgarians can reach their destinations."

Unfortunately, the content of the budget is not in line with these assertions. **The draft budget proposes to do less of:**

- Reliability of service
- 4-car CTrain service
- Lifecycle maintenance including sidewalks, pedestrian bridges
- Invest in missing links in the sidewalk and pathway network

Recommendations

To give to Calgarians what they told us and told the City they want, the Calgary Climate Hub makes the following recommendations:

- Increase capital budget to replace buses and LRVs at end-of-life
- If not, set aside an emergency budget to maintain a 4-car CTrain service
- Invest in missing links
- Ensure good maintenance of sidewalks and pathways
- Reduce spending in car-centric infrastructure



Calgary Climate Hub

Presentation to City Council

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Health
Professionals



Business



Entrepreneurs

**WHO IS
CALGARY
CLIMATE
HUB?**



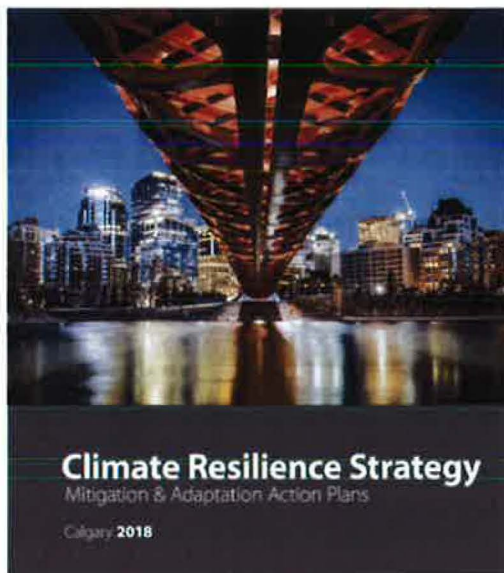
Students



Concerned
Citizens



Calgarians!



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What Calgarians want in this budget

1) Clean transportation options
(walking, cycling, transit)



2) Energy efficiency



3) Low carbon action committee



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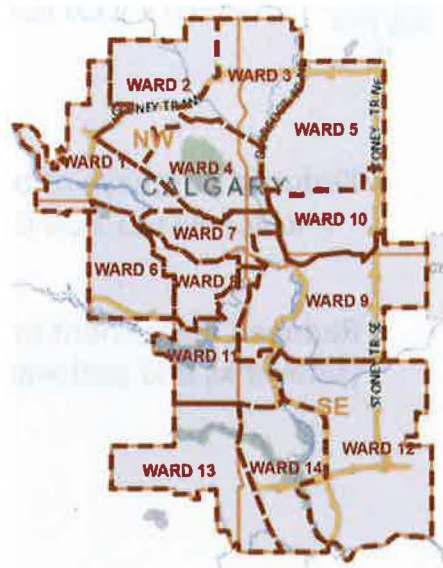


Did you say “Calgarians?”

A handful of Calgary Climate Hub members

300+ Calgarians across the city

Particular interest in **active transportation**



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What the draft budget says



What we've heard and service outlook

“Citizens rate reliability and safety (of transit) as their top 2 values”

(Page 280, *Public Transit: What we heard*)

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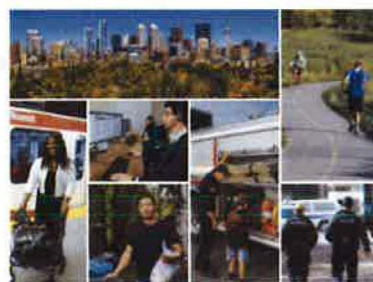
Main concerns with draft budget

- Reduced purchase of buses and LRVs
 - Reduction to a 3-car C-train service
- Reduced investment in missing links (sidewalks and pathways)



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Concern 1

Reduced:

- Reliability of service
 - 4-car CTrain service
- (page 282, *Public Transit*)

Budget direction:

"We will focus on investing in (reliability and safety)"

(page 280, *Public Transit: What we heard*)

Old C-Trains will need lots of TLC since budget holds no money for new ones

Transit manager says mechanics will work hard to keep four car trains running in Calgary

CBC News Posted Nov 16, 2018 8:05 AM MT | Last Updated November 18



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Recommendations

- Increase capital budget to replace buses and LRVs at end-of-life
- Set aside an emergency budget to maintain 4-car CTrain service



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Concern 2

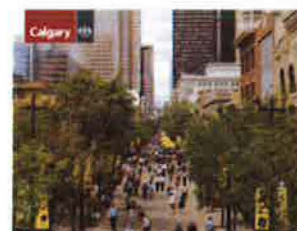
Reduced:

- Lifecycle maintenance including sidewalks, pedestrian bridges
- Invest in missing links in the sidewalk and pathway network

New offering:

- Implement Step Forward
- Improve pathways and bike route connections

(page 292, *Sidewalks and Pathways*)



STEP FORWARD

A strategic plan for improving walking in Calgary

Calgary's Vision
Action Plan
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Step Forward action framework

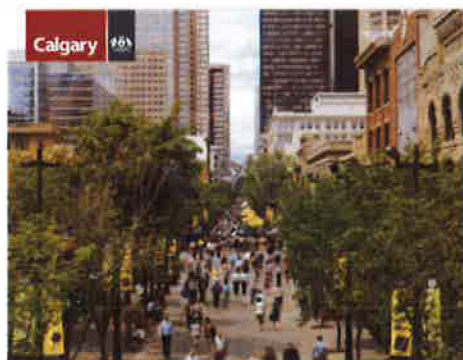


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Recommendations

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- Reduce spending in car-centric infrastructure



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A strategic plan for improving walking in Calgary

Transportation Department
August 2016
calgary.ca/pedestrianstrategy

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Enhancing the budget to give to
Calgarians safety and reliability

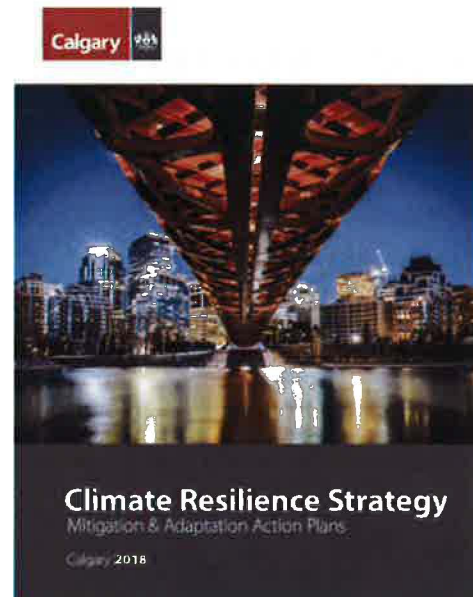


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Thank you

Any questions?



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Appendix

Quotes from the draft budget in the *Public Transit* and *Sidewalks and pathways* sections

About transit: "Anticipated ridership and service demand increase over the 2019-22 cycle will be addressed".

"Reduced purchase of buses and LRVs for replacement of end-of-life vehicles and growth in service."

About Sidewalks and Pathways: "the reduced capital funding will increase pressure on operating costs associated with maintenance"

Contradictory with section above in the draft budget: "Maintaining a network for walking and cycling is essential for every neighbourhood. We will continue to build, maintain and modify sidewalks and pathways to make walking and cycling more attractive options and ensure that Calgarians can reach their destinations"

We endorse the following proposals in the draft budget:

"Optimize routes and schedules to consistently improve service."

"Invest to expand BRT service"

"Developing the Green Line including design and construction"

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A climate-positive city is:

The Economics of Low Carbon Development: Calgary, Canada

Andrew Sadraoui, Matt Tierney, Eduard Cuhil,
Etila Papargyropoulos, Andy Goukham, Joale Bergerson



- Better financially than "business as usual"
- Better for our health
- Better for vulnerable and low-income Calgarians, and future generations of Calgarians
- Better for our safety and security
- Better to diversify and stimulate our economy, and create new jobs

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