

## **Applicant's Submission**

### ***Context***

The Bow to Bluff project originated as an independent, citizen-led initiative focused on transforming the public corridor along the Northwest LRT line between the Bow River and McHugh Bluff into a great public space. What was initially a group of community members asking what could be done has now become a tangible list of projects the City is planning to execute when funding is secured.

The corridor runs along the Northwest LRT line between the Bow River and McHugh Bluff and includes the interface between City land (Parks, Roads, and Transit property) and private land. The goal is to design and build a better public realm by creating a place that is pedestrian & cyclist oriented, safe, secure, accessible, legible, active and enjoyable for all user groups.

### ***Project Principles***

- To improve the public realm design to help build livable, inclusive and connected neighborhoods.
- To design the public realm that puts pedestrians first.
- To establish meaningful connections from McHugh Bluff to the Bow River and surrounding communities.
- To create and maintain a caring and safe environment.
- To design the public realm to help create a lively, active and animated environment for year-round use.

### ***Benefits***

- Shared streets - Create pedestrian and cycling routes that are accessible, clear, convenient, safe and well-signed
- Exciting parks - Provide innovative and attractive parks that promote physical activities for all ages, while ensuring new spaces and routes respond to the functional requirement of the corridor
- Inclusive civic spaces - Offer more diverse places to gather and enliven with festivals, events and place-making activities
- Green open space - Improve the overall aesthetic of the corridor with natural features and plantings
- Aesthetics - Beautify the LRT fence by incorporating lighting, plantings, greater visibility and patterns
- Visibility and safety - Enhance visibility and integrate lighting along the corridor to increase the feeling of safety

Funding the B2B project will help implement this important community initiative and bring to life - the aspirations, ideas, plans and wishes born from the residents of Hillhurst-Sunnyside community. The benefits from this project aligns well with Council's priorities of A City of Inspiring Neighbourhoods; A Healthy and Green City; A City that Moves; and A Prosperous City. All which contribute to making Hillhurst-Sunnyside and the City of Calgary a better place to live.

### ***Budget Requested***

566,931.16