

WELCOME!

Project Information

- The City of Calgary is conducting a transportation study to identify short-, medium- and long-term upgrades for Crowchild Trail between 24 Ave. N.W. and 17 Ave. S.W.
- Crowchild Trail is an important roadway within Calgary's overall transportation network. Its function is critical to both the land use and transportation needs of Calgary as it continues to grow and redevelop in the coming decades.

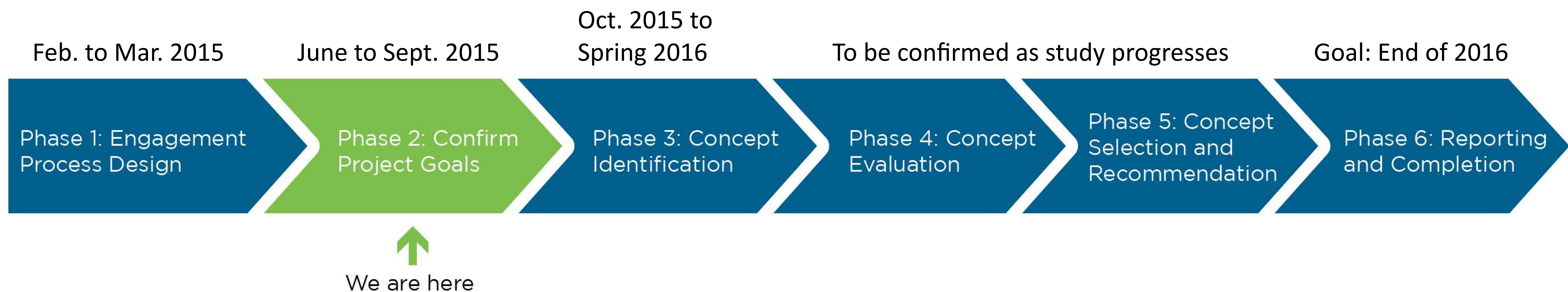
New Six Phase Study Process

In the past, The City had typically developed design concepts and asked for public feedback on the concepts. The Crowchild Trail Study has a new process that invites the public to participate right from the start of the study, before project goals are established. The new study process:

- Provides multiple opportunities for people to share feedback in each of the six phases.
- Offers a variety of ways for people to share feedback (e.g. workshops, community idea boards, online discussion forums, online surveys, etc.).
- Uses feedback from one phase of the study to inform the next.
- Seeks specific feedback at each phase of the study to help inform the technical work required at that time.



Timeline of Study Process

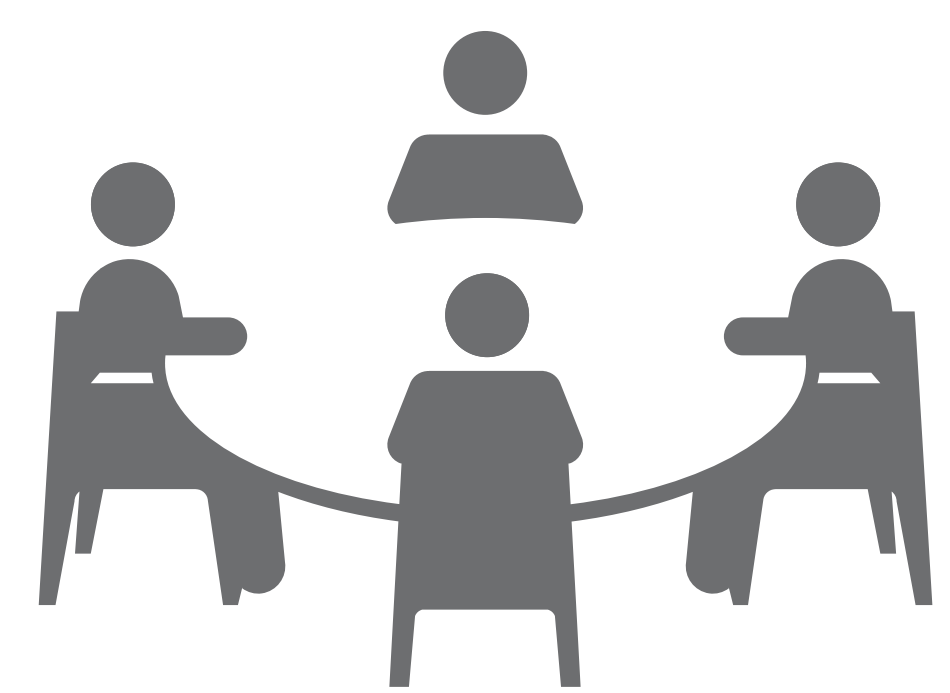


PHASE 2: CONFIRM PROJECT GOALS - RECAP

Purpose

The purpose of Phase 2 is to **confirm project goals** that will define success for the study. These goals will be used to guide the development and evaluation of design concepts as the Crowchild Trail Study progresses.

Phase 2 Engagement Highlights



PART 1

June to July 2015

~300

Participants at 23 in-person engagement events to help develop project goals.

1000+

Interactions and hundreds of ideas submitted online.

3000+

Ideas generated for project goals.



PART 2

August 2015

11

Draft goals were developed based on input collected during June and July.

~2000

Calgarians were invited by email to provide feedback on the draft project goals.

650+

People provided feedback online through August to help refine the draft goals.



PART 3

September 2015

2

Drop-in sessions are being held for Calgarians to review the refined goals.

1

Online survey now available for additional feedback on the refined goals.

11

Project goals will be finalized and used to evaluate design concepts developed in Phase 3.

PROJECT GOALS

The project goals (below) were refined based on stakeholder feedback gathered in August. These project goals will complement the two City policy goals for the Crowchild Trail Study.

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- Prioritize concepts that fit within existing City-owned lands over concepts that required purchasing private property, while considering all opportunities that will address the long-term needs of the corridor.
- Address how changes to Crowchild Trail affect traffic patterns and safety in bordering communities.
- Consider current and visually-pleasing ways to reduce traffic noise along Crowchild Trail.
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ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS



1) The project goals, grouped by three key principles, are displayed in different areas around the room. Also displayed are summaries of what we heard from citizens for each goal.

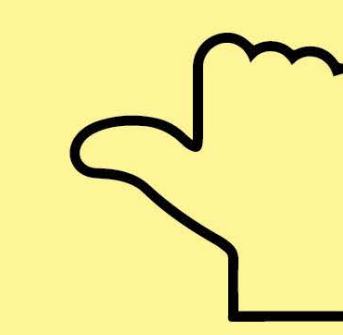


2) With the stickies and pens located on the tables, please share your thoughts on the project goals using one of the three choices below and post the stickies on the goal boards.

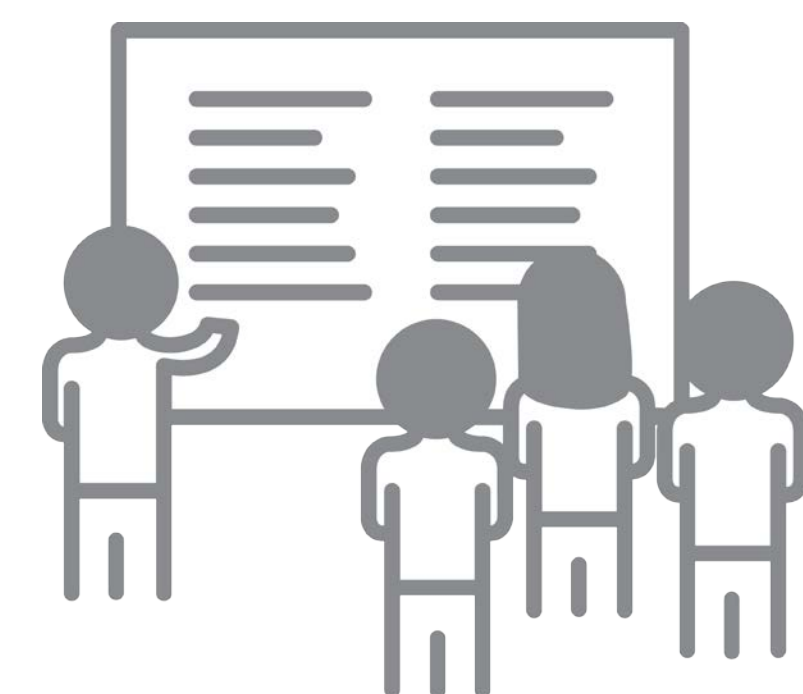
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3) Provide your input on as many goals as you would like and take the opportunity to see what other participants are saying.



Remember to complete your comment form and hand it in at the sign-in table before you leave.

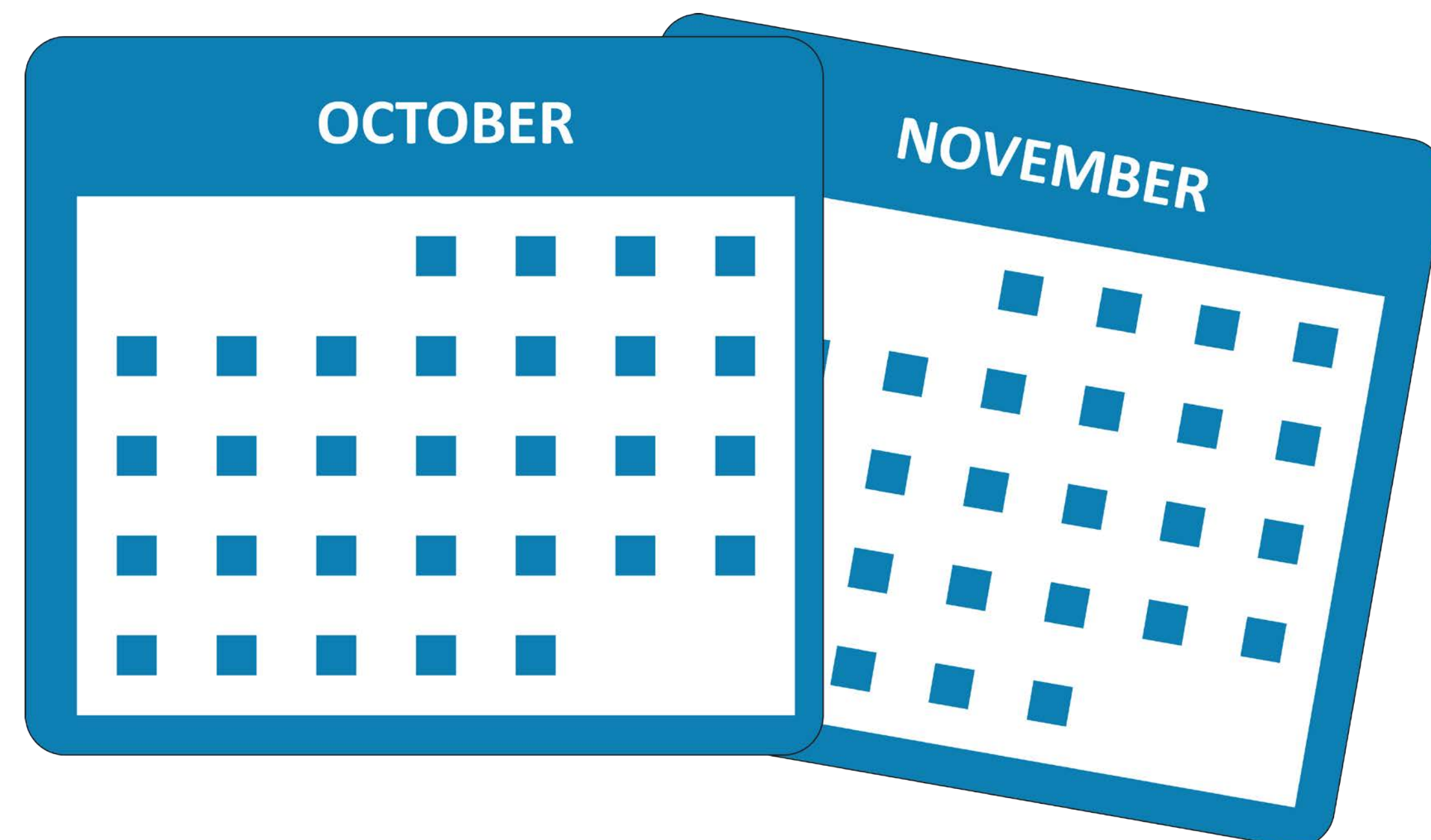


Thank you for your input!

For more information about the study and upcoming engagement opportunities, please visit calgary.ca/crowchild.

PHASE 3: CONCEPT IDENTIFICATION

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE



October and November 2015 - Idea Workshops

Phase 3: Concept Identification will start late October. In this phase we'll be asking participants to share ideas on possible changes to the Crowchild Trail corridor.

Invite-only workshops have been scheduled in October for businesses, institutions, emergency response agencies, and residents living within one block of Crowchild Trail.

Public workshops – You are invited! Workshops are scheduled in November for all Calgarians to explore ideas on how we can make improvements along and adjacent to Crowchild Trail while preserving adjacent communities. You are welcome to attend one of these events.



Public Workshop #1

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Sunalta Elementary School (536 Sonora Ave. S.W.)

RSVP by Nov. 5 on calgary.ca/crowchild or call 311

Public Workshop #2

Monday, Nov. 9, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Best Western - Village Park Inn (1804 Crowchild Tr. N.W.)

RSVP by Nov 6. on calgary.ca/crowchild or call 311



Can't attend an in-person event? Opportunities to provide your input will also be available online at calgary.ca/crowchild.



Sign up

for email updates at calgary.ca/crowchild to get the latest news and information about engagement opportunities.

CITY POLICY GOALS

The Crowchild Trail study is guided by two policy goals to ensure that study outcomes align with the 60-year, long-range Calgary Transportation Plan. These policy goals will complement the additional 11 project goals developed with stakeholder and public input.

To achieve Crowchild Trail's function as identified in the Calgary Transportation Plan, the Crowchild Trail Study will:

- **Support community redevelopment by aligning the Crowchild Trail corridor with community planning policies including the Municipal Development Plan, Area Redevelopment Plans, and the Main Streets initiative.**
- **Support Crowchild Trail's role in the Calgary Transportation Plan as a critical network connection between north and south Calgary, and a vital link to east-west routes.**

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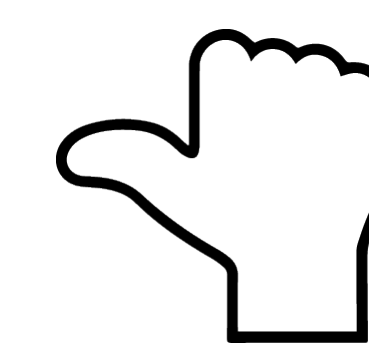


- People living in communities bordering Crowchild Trail shouldn't have to give up their homes.
- It is important to get the right solution so all ideas should be considered regardless of what property is required.
- Calgary is growing and Crowchild Trail is only going to get busier.

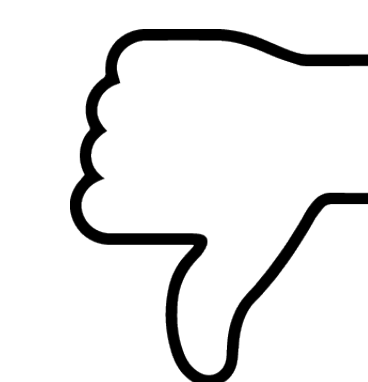
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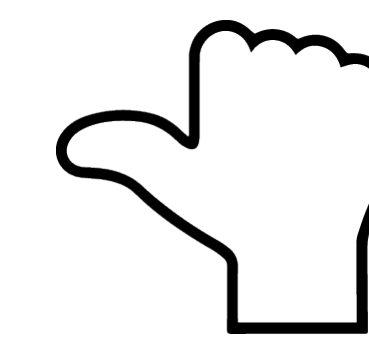


- Communities that border Crowchild Trail already experience a high amount of cut-through traffic due to congestion on Crowchild Trail.
- Changes to Crowchild Trail could add to the current traffic issues in bordering communities.

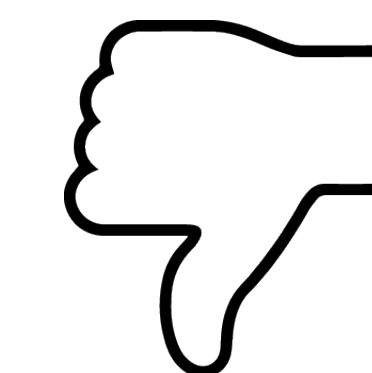
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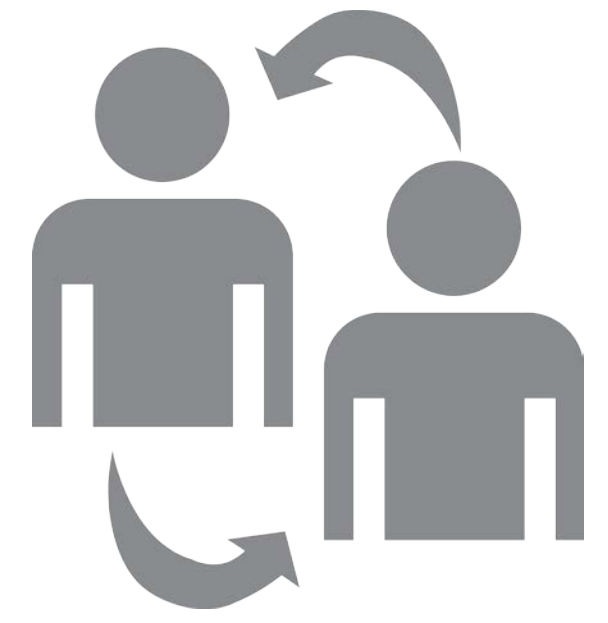
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Consider current and visually-pleasing ways to reduce traffic noise along Crowchild Trail.

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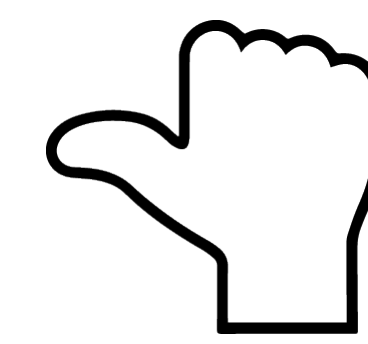


- As traffic increases on Crowchild Trail, so will noise.
- Noise attenuation should be visually-pleasing and The City should consider everything, from new technology to additional landscaping, to address noise.

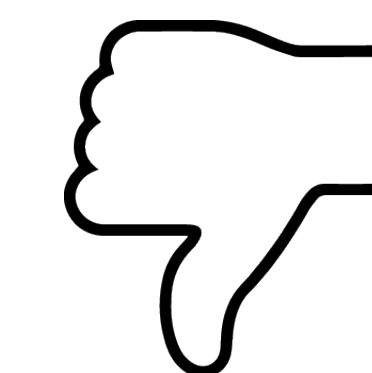
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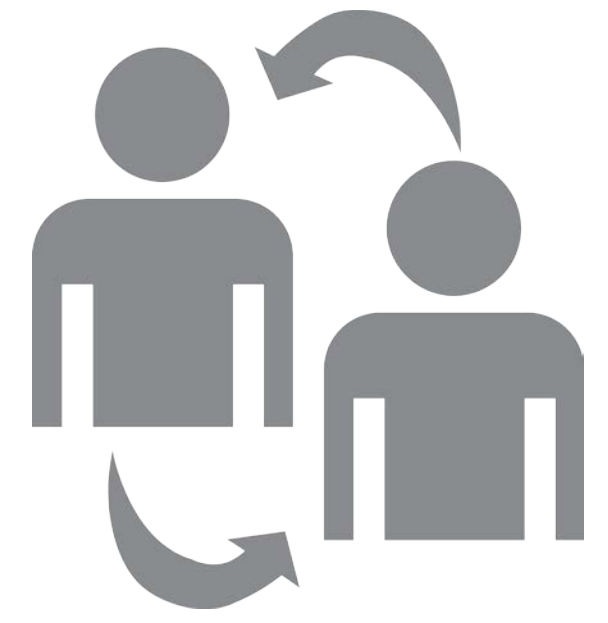
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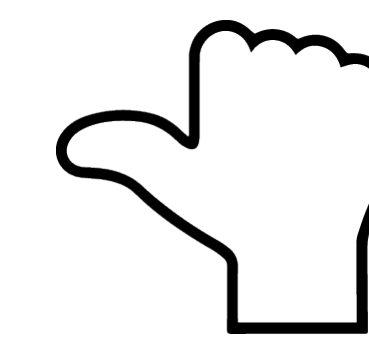


- It is important that people who live in communities that border Crowchild Trail don't feel like they are living next to a freeway.
- Taking care of the environment is important. Planting additional trees and landscaping will help with air quality and will be more visually appealing to communities.
- This study is an opportunity to improve the transition areas between the roadway and adjacent properties (e.g. curbs, boulevards, sidewalks, etc.), including green spaces along the corridor and the Bow River.

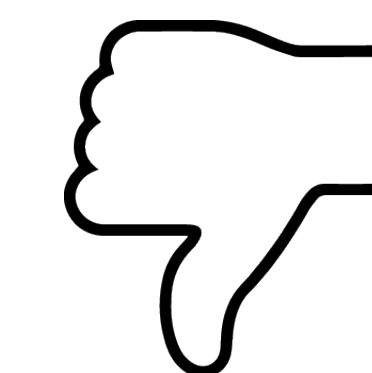
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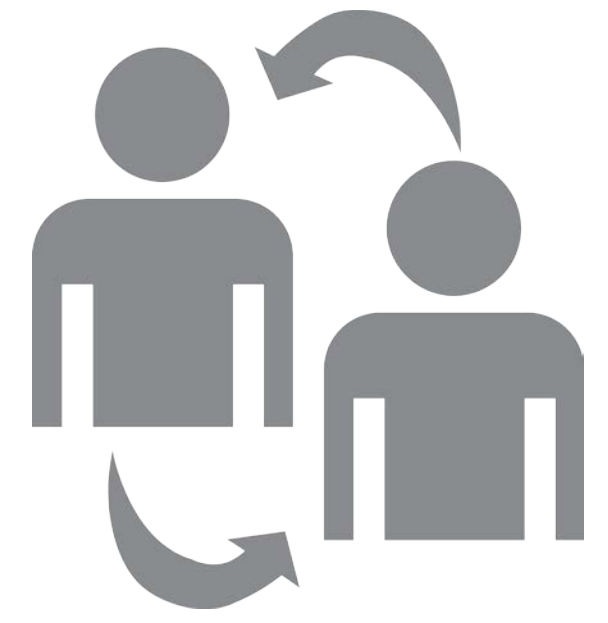
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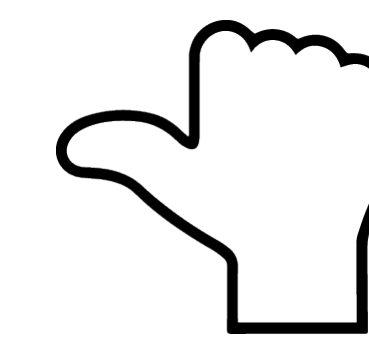


- Dedicated pathways will help encourage people to use alternate modes of travel to many destinations.
- Pedestrians and cyclists do not feel safe along or crossing Crowchild Trail.
- Institutions like the University are making an effort to encourage walking, biking and transit.
- It is difficult to connect to routes north and south of the Bow River pathways, near Crowchild Trail.

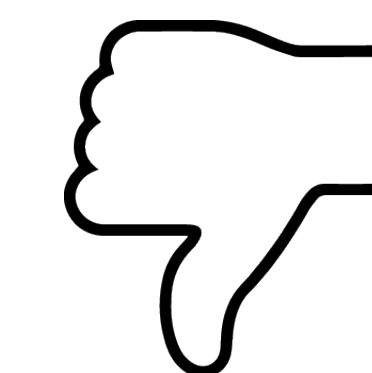
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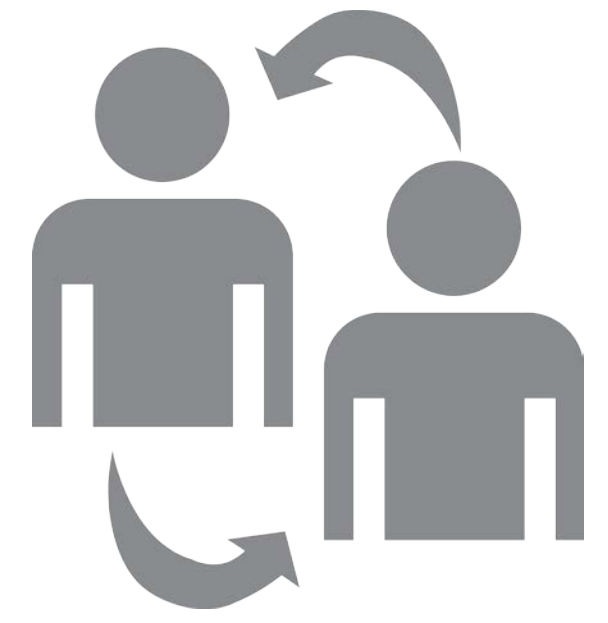
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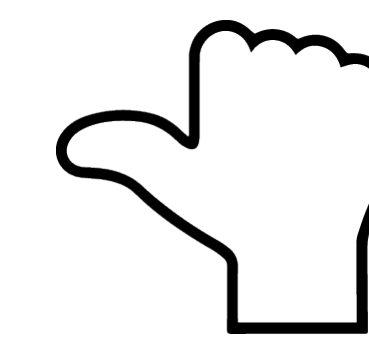


- Transit was one of the most suggested ideas for getting traffic off Crowchild Trail.
- The City needs to consider the bigger picture. If more lanes are built, it will just encourage more cars. The City needs to find ways to get cars off the road.
- Transit stops are difficult to access for those with limited mobility.
- More transit service is required to accommodate the increase in population and demand.

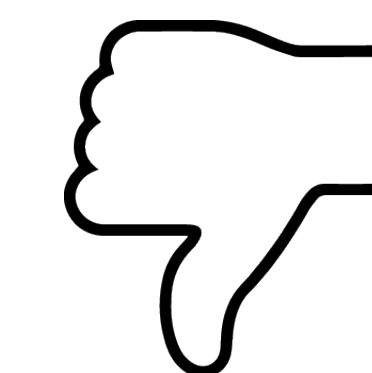
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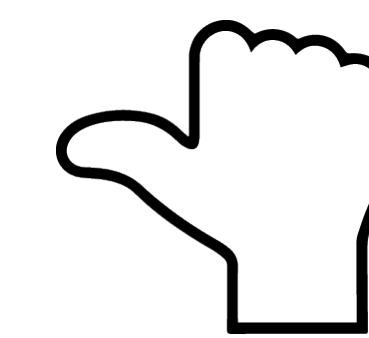


- Crowchild Trail is often avoided by emergency response vehicles because it is too difficult to get through traffic.
- Institutions like Foothills Hospital, Richmond Diagnostic Centre and the University of Calgary are large employment centres. Employees rely on Crowchild Trail to get to these centres.

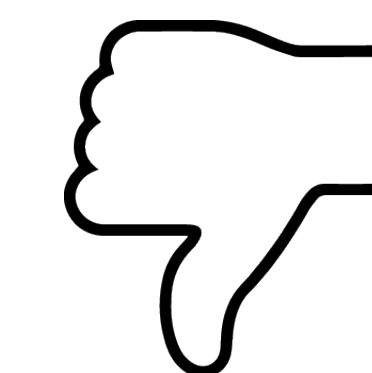
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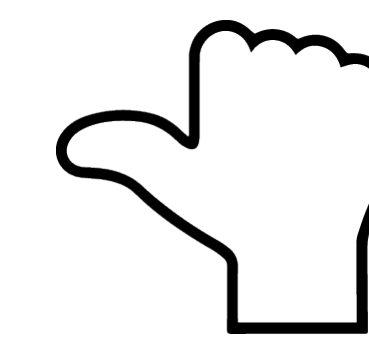


- Provide for free flow traffic by removing signals.
- The main problem on Crowchild Trail is that people have to merge over a number of lanes or lanes drop off.
- Fix the bottlenecks, especially at the bridge and at 16 Avenue.

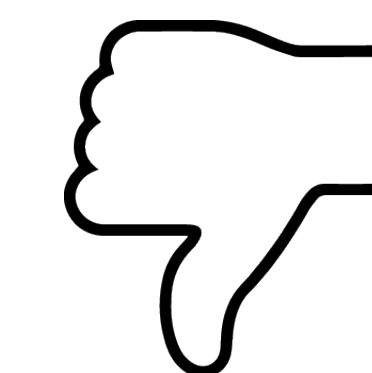
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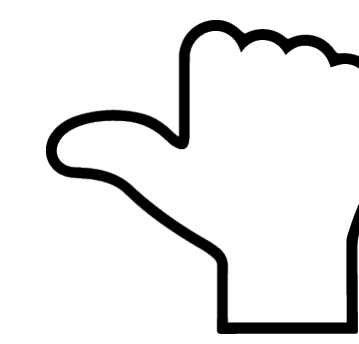


- The bus stops that exist on Crowchild Trail are not safe either in terms of waiting for the bus or the crossings and sidewalks leading to the bus stops.
- Some bus stops along Crowchild Trail are not accessible for those with limited mobility.
- Transit is a priority for reducing traffic on Crowchild Trail.

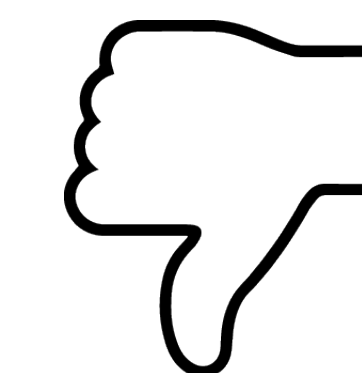
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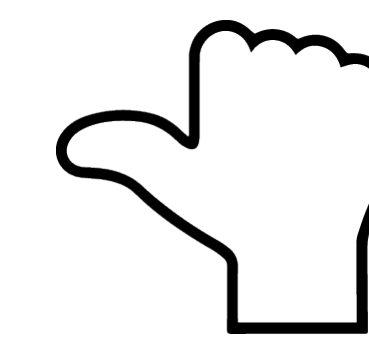


- The safety of pedestrians and cyclists crossing Crowchild Trail is a top concern.
- Crossing at traffic lights is particularly difficult for children and seniors.
- The current pedestrian bridges are difficult to access. Some only have stairs which is challenging for cyclists and inaccessible for those with limited mobility.
- There are destinations such as the University of Calgary and Foothills Hospital that students and employees travel to by cycling and walking.

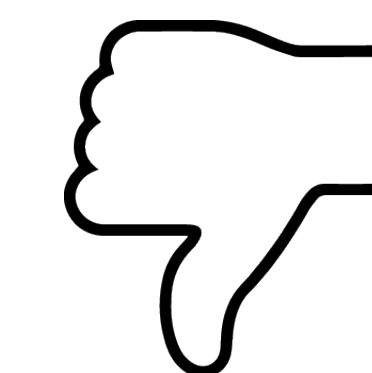
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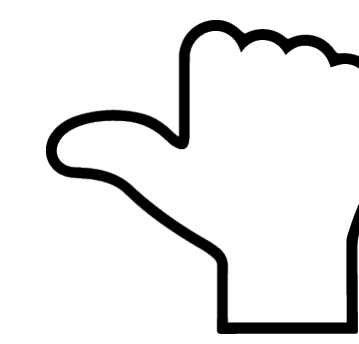


- Maintaining access is important to bordering communities for connectivity to and across Crowchild Trail.
- Access to businesses is important, including during construction.
- The potential for traffic pattern changes in bordering communities if access is removed at any location along Crowchild Trail is a concern.

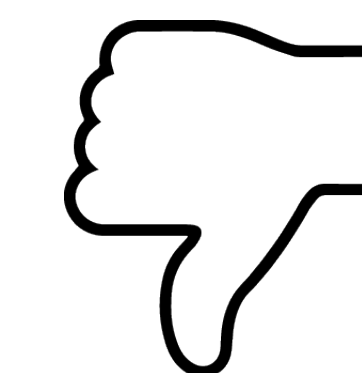
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