

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

3.1 ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Public engagement is critical to the success of a master plan as it allows the community to highlight the major factors vital for success. The City conducted two phases of engagement with the citizens of Prince Albert, these engagement sessions included options for the community to engage both on-line and in person. Hundreds of responses were collected and analyzed and have been used to inform all aspects of the Central Avenue Master Plan.

The initial engagement session was conducted with the city residents and the Prince Albert Downtown Business Improvement District (PADBID). It was designed to determine how Central Avenue could function and what opportunities should be provided for. Questions were asked to determine the characteristics and feature developments that would make for a great downtown. The results from the first engagement session clearly identified that Central Avenue needed to incorporate unique gathering places such as patios, parklets and site furniture, better connectivity throughout, and increased safety treatments, all to provide for more eyes on the street. The second engagement session layered the information gathered during the initial engagement session and presented four cross-section options to the community to guestion: how should the answer the streetscape be redeveloped from а transportation and pedestrian realm

perspective? The four cross-section options are:

Option 1: Two (2) lanes, parallel parking on both sides.

This streetscape option provides what we currently have for Central Avenue; two (2) lanes of 1-way traffic and parallel parking on both sides of the street. The number of parking spaces would remain the same, and two (2) lanes of traffic would allow vehicles to keep speed through Downtown. This option would provide updated streetscape aesthetic such as unique features, landscaping, street furniture and opportunity for small sidewalk.



This streetscape option is a balance of traffic speed, parking convenience and people's experiences.

Option 2: Two (2) lanes, parallel parking one side

This streetscape option provides two (2) lanes of 1-way traffic and parallel parking on one side of the street. Parallel parking on one side of the street will reduce the number of spaces, and having two (2) lanes of traffic will allow vehicles to keep speed through downtown. Substantially wider sidewalks will allow for unique features, ample landscaping, street furniture and opportunity for sidewalk cafés and parklets.

Option 3: One (1) lane, angled parking

This streetscape option provides one (1) lane of 1-way traffic with angled parking on one side of the street. Angled parking will allow for roughly an equal amount of parking spaces to be established, and having one (1) lane of traffic will slow vehicle speeds, reducing traffic noise and creating a safer place for people to enjoy. Substantially wider sidewalks will allow for unique features, ample landscaping, street furniture and opportunity for sidewalk cafés and parklets.



This streetscape option prioritizes people's experiences over parking convenience and maintains current vehicle speeds through downtown.



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