

Planning for Calgary's Growing Transit Needs

This project supports The City's long-term transit plans. Calgary Transit needs more bus garages to keep up with significant growth.

The new South Central Bus Garage will replace the aging Victoria Park facility, providing more space for bus maintenance and storage. This upgrade will help expand and modernize transit services, ensuring reliable transportation for Calgarians for years to come.

The project also enables the decommissioning of Victoria Park Bus Garage to support the deindustrialization of the Rivers District.

This southeast Calgary site was selected because it's City-owned land that meets Calgary Transit's current and future needs for a bus maintenance and storage facility. It offers the right size, central location, good access, and potential for appropriate zoning – all essential for supporting a growing transit system.

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Land Use and Outline Plan Process

Both the Burbank Road and Highfield sites will be required for South Central Bus Garage use no earlier than Q1 2027.

- The Burbank Road Site is a 74-acre parcel owned by The City. This will be used to develop the future South Central Bus Garage as well as the 50 Ave. S.E. right-of-way, a storm pond serving both sites, as well as site grading and remnant/residual parcels of land.
- The Highfield Crescent Site is a 16-acre parcel of land owned by The City. This land will be used to develop a Calgary Transit Depot as well as 50 Ave. S.E. right-of-way and a small remnant parcel.

Steps in the Process:

Pre-Application
Initial discussions and concept review.

Formal Submission
Submit detailed plans for approval.

Detailed Review
City departments review technical details.

Calgary Planning Commission
Commision evaluates and recommends.

Council Decision
Final approval by City Council

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Engagement and Outreach Process

We've been working closely with the community and stakeholders throughout this project. Here's how we've kept you informed and involved:

- **Late 2023 / Early 2024**

  Phase 1 engagement for the **50 Avenue S.E. Functional Planning Study** was completed, including the What We Heard/What We Did report.

- **March 2025**

  Findings from the **South Central Bus Garage Feasibility Study** were shared with City leaseholders, landowners, and the public. Held meetings with community groups to discuss project developments and timelines.

- **July 2025**

  Presented the **50 Avenue S.E. Extension Final Concept** to impacted landowners, City leaseholders, and the public through letters and online updates.

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- **December 2025**

  South Central Bus Garage Land Use and Outline Plan Outreach Event to inform the public about upcoming changes in the area.

- **2026**

  An additional opportunity for public input will be available during the Council hearing.

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Current State



Figure 2: Aerial View of Existing Project Area

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Feasibility Study Findings

In March 2025, we finished Stage 1 of the South Central Bus Garage study, which looked at site feasibility to meet future needs. We are now progressing through Stage 2, as we plan the new sites.

- The Feasibility Study confirmed that The City requires both the Burbank Road and Highfield Crescent sites to allow for future bus fleet growth and to invest in new infrastructure to meet long-term transit needs.

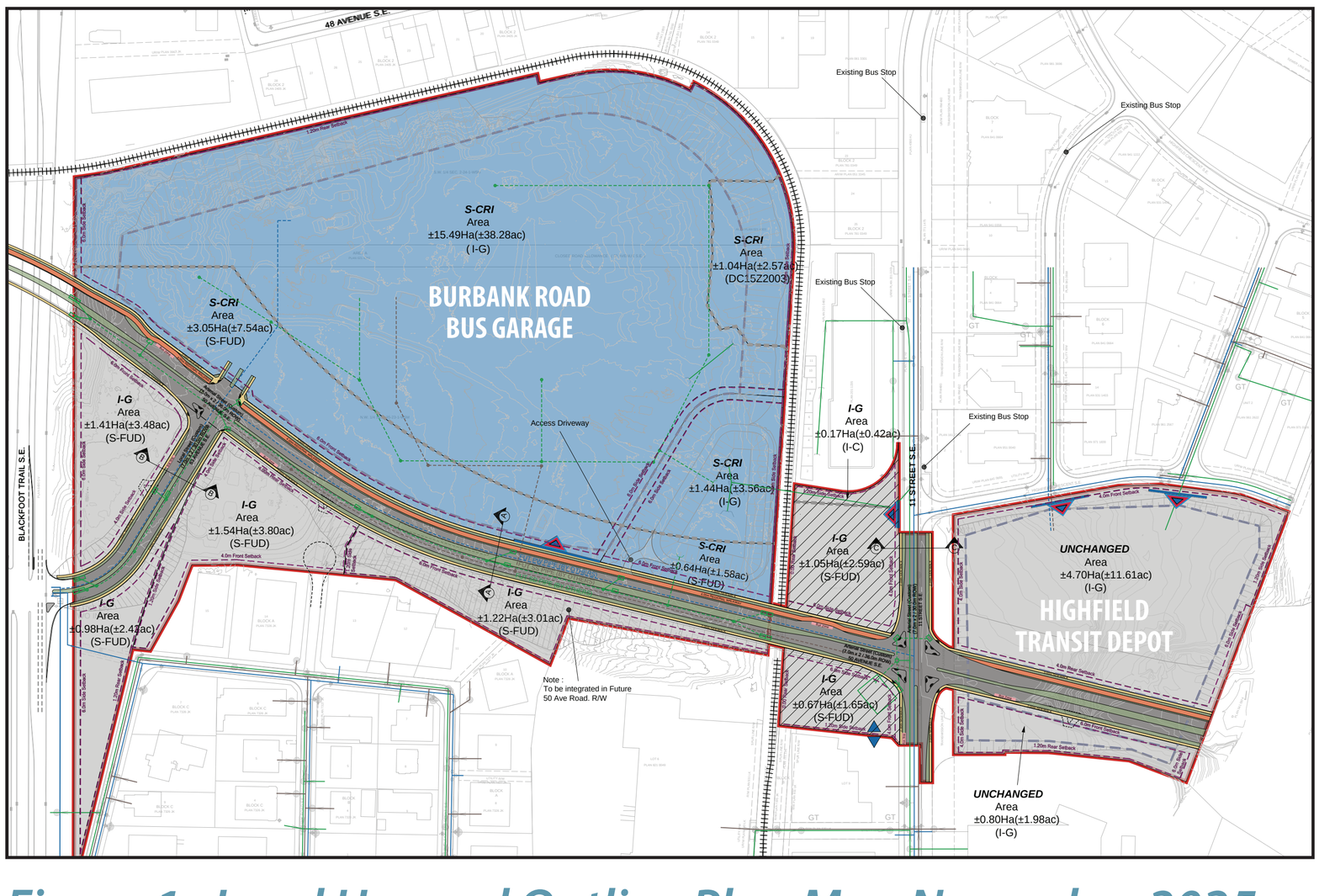


Figure 1: Land Use and Outline Plan Map November 2025

- Our current stage of master planning includes preparing for the initial move of the bus facility and making space for future growth and added transit services in central Calgary.
- This includes a Land Use and Outline Plan application – which is the subject of this public outreach event – and the strategy for closing Victoria Park Garage.

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