

THE FUTURE OF FRANKLIN:

Franklin station area improvements

Public Engagement Year in Review

What We Heard (Key Themes): April 29 – May 13, 2024



Safety

- There were many requests for more lighting as part of the Franklin Station Area Improvements.
- Other concerns about social disorder issues were shared including the impacts of these issues on residents in the area.
- Some felt the proposed project would help address some of these issues by adding more people into the community to look out for one another.



Parking

- Others noted that taking away parking near the station would lead to increased parking in the community. Some also expressed that they were willing to lose parking to make room for more housing.
- Respondents mentioned the inconvenience and cost associated with losing parking at the south Park and Ride lot. Many felt that the recommended alternatives were not sufficient.



Housing types

- Most residents were sensitive to the need for more housing in Calgary.
- Comments were made about housing types with some in support of non-market housing, and others opposed.



Traffic congestion

- Comments about traffic congestion at school pick-up and drop-off time was noted as an inconvenience and that a local increase in population may make this worse.
- Many expressed the desire to keep the bus loop within the subject site rather than on Radcliffe Drive to prevent further congestion.



Flexible and active recreation

- Many expressed excitement and interest in potential opportunities for both flexible (space that can have many uses like performances, pop-up events, food trucks etc.) and active recreation (for uses like sports, community gardening or playground equipment) within the park space.
- Some felt there were enough benches and playgrounds within the community and wanted to see something different here.

Key Updates & Next Steps

On November 12, 2024, **Council unanimously approved the request for a land use change of the Franklin Station's south Park-and-Ride lot.** This decision moved the project closer to implementing public space improvements in and around Franklin Station and increase housing supply in the city. **On April 29 2025, Council passed the sale for the requested land use.**

The City has selected Onward as the housing provider who will provide updates as housing development commences. For more information visit their website at onwardhomes.ca.

With your feedback, the project team took the following points into consideration when refining the site design for the Franklin Station area improvements project:

- Enhanced transit connection for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improved park space, tree plantings, shrubs, and flowers
- Welcoming, pedestrian-focused plaza
- Enhanced safety features throughout the area

There will also be additional opportunities to provide feedback during public engagement of the detailed design phase of the park space and streetscape near Franklin Station beginning later this year. Please make sure to visit the project website or join our emailer list to receive email updates.

To learn more about the project or view the detailed What We Heard report visit: calgary.ca/FranklinTOD

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