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Phase 1 What We Heard Report – Verbatim Comments

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Verbatim Comments

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Engage Portal Comments

From October 23 to December 3, 2023, we asked for your feedback about three distinct sections: "Calgary Today," "Moving Around Calgary," and "Final Thoughts." Each section comprised specific questions and feedback mechanisms. The verbatim responses to these questions are presented in this report.

Calgary Today

We asked: When did you choose Calgary, or why have you chosen to stay?

Options were:

- Job opportunity
- Education opportunity
- Housing affordability
- Quality of life
- Access to the outdoors
- Variety of things to do
- Close to family or friends
- I didn't make the choice to move to Calgary
- I was born here
- I am planning on leaving
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Married a Calgary resident who came here for job opportunity
Pay is higher here than elsewhere.
Close to significant other
Been here since I was a baby!



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Although not an 'urbanite' I'm much more town countryside. I've fallen in love with Calgary with its deep layers of history and hospitality
Staying because of family here.
My husband is living here that's why am here
Born elsewhere but parents chose Calgary when I was very young
May leave if I find better work
Traffic
It's a good place to raise a family and air quality.
Low taxes
Lots of great friends here who are passionate about making it a better place---staying because I want to honour the Calgary of the future.
Ability to move downtown without a car. Proximity to airport
I moved here to go to university and stayed. Will I stay? don't know. I have loved Calgary, but it is changing in ways I do not like, so may very well leave.
I moved out here over 20 years ago with my then boyfriend and my experience in Calgary Has never been great
close to the mountains
Downtown walkability
Best location to be in a climate breakdown.
Partner received a job offer here
Close to Banff National Park
No vehicle and elderly dog make it difficult to move to another city
Children (shared custody)
I can see the opportunities that exist for our city and am staying in the hopes that they will be realized.
It used to be affordable



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We asked: How likely are you stay in your neighbourhood for the next 10 years?

Options were:

- Very likely
- Likely
- Neutral or unsure
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

Under 'why' we received the following feedback:

I moved to my current neighborhood to attend university.
Too much crime and drug use. I walked my neighborhood my whole life but now I'm afraid to go out after dark.
Too expensive, including City taxes.
Where I live is very close to where I work so I really appreciate the proximity of how close I am.
I live with my partner and parents. We rent a house together, 4 people makes the rent more affordable. But the plan is for my parents to save enough money for a down payment on a house in 2 years & for my partner and I to get a place of our own.
The affordability of housing will likely dictate where I will live as years progress. The current situation is barely doable as it is.
It is inner city and close to everything but the amount of development has changed the whole nature of where I was born and grew up, making it difficult to stay in my neighborhood.
Unless things outside of the control of the City change (Pension Plan) I intend to stay.
I am moving to Calgary and the end of December. May not stay in the downtown condo I have lined up
Affordability may say otherwise
My neighbourhood is far too quiet and isolated
We just purchased a home in Calgary and plan to raise a family here.
I just bought a home and have renovated it with plans to raise a family here
There will be a C-Train almost in my front yard so I'm not interested in staying in this community because of the dangers than come with the C-train
I chose this community because it was walk able, it had reasonable public transportation, full city gym, library, grocery shop and a dog park. City changes have made the area vehicle busy making biking, walking less safe. Less parks have overcrowded
Housing affordability
My partner and I both have a significant commute to work so we may consider relocating in the next 5-10 years if it's affordable to do so.



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I'd rather live outside of the city and enjoy the outdoors.
I currently have to live with my parents, just outside of the city, after moving back to Calgary for a year which sadly also became unaffordable. I still travel to work as I do freelance but I would love if the "affordable city" was actually that.
East Village is a great growing community. It would be great to have more restaurants nearby, more affordable housing. But EastVillage does a lot for its community and they really care about Calgary.
The Beltline/Mission areas have become completely unaffordable within the last 2 years. My landlord is demolishing the apartment building I live in, on March 31/24 - displacing 20 families to build luxury apartments that none of us tenants can afford.
Currently live in a house that's too large and may move somewhere else for school or education.
May move to another city
If the City of Calgary keeps messing up my life here, I will leave. No respect is ever shown for existing homeowners. You don't listen!!!
I live in innercity and close to everything. I live in my home over 20 years now and no plan to move
Will need to downsize at retirement
Suburbs like mine have little or no amenities within walking distance
It is very expensive to move and we are close to family and friends. The only reason we will move is if we move out of the province.
Housing prices have increased here. I'm now looking at international options if it's going to keep increasing more
I love this city and bought a house here.
I enjoy the walkability, sense of community and overall lifestyle my inner city community offers my family
Unsure because of rent increases/hikes. Really want to stay.
We currently own a condo in W Hillhurst where we live with our two young children and would love to stay but it's highly unlikely we'll ever be able to afford a bigger home in our community.
We love our neighbourhood, it's close to everything we need and it's safe and comfortable
Love Westgate & living in old bungalow but feeling of development w/o any real controls (despite "engagement") makes me start questioning. Developers & wealthy in control. Dumb U-turn lane, ball fields taking up greenspace, traffic increases = bad
Potentially move to a more inner city walkable neighborhood.
Love the older character homes and all of the large well established trees. Councillor Penner is taking every action to remove trees for condos both at Glenmore landing and at the Blackfoot mobile park.
Rising costs, far from my job, too noisy



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We currently rent a townhouse in a crowded area and my family desires to own a house in the quadrant but not this exact community.
It's close to our work (15 min drive but difficult by bus) and walkable to most amenities. And has nice trees.
My parents bought a house here
I'll stay here if the UCP doesn't completely ruin everything (health care, LGBTQ+ rights, etc)
Renfrew is close enough to walk to my downtown job, and centrally located for getting to the services we need.
I live in my community because I'm close to work (South Health Campus). There's no reason to be so far south if I didn't work there. If I get a job in a different part of the city, I'd move.
I am a student and my current housing is not very close to the university
I rent my home and there is a new condo being developed directly across the street. I suspect that within a year, my landlord (who lives in Toronto) will sell the house as the value of the land increases.
can't afford anywhere else.
Calgary isn't a hub for film or fashion design and I'll be working in those fields.
I have young kids so we chose this neighborhood for access to parks, the school, and to be able to cycle downtown to work.
Downtown is too expensive without any rent controls for average folks. Don't feel safe at night anymore
Great neighbors, friendly and supportive in an established neighborhood.
I live in an older community and feel there aren't enough young families in the area. Lake access and housing market has been one of the reasons we will likely stay in this neighborhood.
Unlikely because houses are getting too expensive in our area.
Own a condo, location is closer to transit and river pathways and can walk to downtown.
We can walk, bike and take transit most places. There are parks, schools, recreation and arts amenities in the neighbourhood
Eventually want to move out of the city
We live in the suburbs and like having a big yard for our dog. We want to stay in our big family home until our kids are through university and employed, which will take us beyond 10 years. We are concerned about how much it will cost them to live.
Currently renting, so depends on the rental market
Ideally I would like to stay in my current neighbourhood in the next 10 years but I do fear being priced out of it eventually.
I'm disappointed by the lack of foresight for nature, climate change, art, and spaces for small businesses.



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We rent, and rent keeps going up. Our current location will likely be unaffordable soon.
My adult kids live in Ontario because there are job opportunities there and they do not like the politics of Alberta
It is central and now that we own a home it's easier to stay. Our community is bridgeland which has great amenities and walkability.
It is walkable! I don't need a car to get groceries, run basic errands, get my haircut, go to parks, go to the library, go to the river, go to restaurants. It's fairly easy to bike places, too. Plus there are lots of trees.
Getting priced out
Cost of living
walkable community
The crime around the ctrain station in my neighborhood is so severe now that the area has become unlivable.
I am recently graduated, so I may need to move to different parts of the city for job opportunities.
Cost of rentals increasing and inability to purchase a reasonable home in this area.
Mixed residential/not charmless suburban, nearby access to river, community garden, walkable to small businesses and 17th
I love Calgary and was born an and raised here. I am getting my education here and wish to continue to work here. It is also not realistic for me to move any where else in Canada with the housing crisis the country is facing
I love my neighborhood! Just moved here (Capitol hill) 18 months ago and love the sense of community, proximity to transit and active community centre
Brutal winters, limited access to efficient public transit, driving conditions during winters feel very unsafe. No efficient public transit to beautiful parks around the city make it such that not everyone can enjoy them.
I can no longer afford to live in my city
Love the location: proximity to work downtown together with access to green spaces
My partner and I are planning to purchase our first home in the next 3 years. Given the recent increase in home prices in our neighbourhood, we will have to look further from Calgary's core to afford it.
Can't afford a house anywhere else lol
Cost of living on the outskirts of Calgary is no longer significantly less than closer to the inner city. I will be moving closer to more services and people.
Beddington has a grocery store, pharmacy, and health center all in one easily accessible location.
I may have to move in with my family again if the cost of living increases (cost of groceries, gas, rent, utilities, etc.)
It is convenient and beautiful.



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I rent, so you never know where you will be in a decade
Meadowlark park is a great neighborhood. Our home fits our needs.
Financially moving seems impossible. I live in a busy central area, close to where I currently work and with easy access to drive anywhere in the city so until prices go down I am content.
Beltline has everything I need in it.
Inner city neighborhood is becoming too dense and losing recreation and family activities. Petty crime, small yards and lack of large scale amenities (pools,
Because it's affordable, close to inner-city
Can't afford to buy a house, live in R1 neighbourhood with my parents. No variety in housing choice and a single family home is too big, too expensive for me
Just bought a home and have my mom living with us to help her age in place and have loved ones close by.
Prestwick is an incredibly walkable, beautiful neighborhood with good wildlife, lots of dogs, lots of kids, it feels good to be here. Deerfoot-Stoney make the distance fine. Will be perfect once the LRT is here
My partner and I bought a townhouse and hope to stay in it for a very long time.
Currently, I'm a 30 min drive from work and I prefer to spend less time commuting that far. However, I'm a renter and my location is dependent on rent costs. Anywhere inner city is more costly.
Cost of living is rising quickly and rentals are precarious
Low the walkability of victoria park / beltline. I can walk to work, cool shops and restaurants nearby. Only have 1 car in my household b/c of this.
Because this is where my stepkids go to school
I am in a very centralized area with access to the bow River, city amenities and infrastructure, grocery stores, etc. my condo fees don't cost too much.
Rent is getting unaffordable all over Calgary, and we are looking to buy a house which is impossible here, probably going to Edmonton for cheaper house costs
It's getting expensive to live
Increasing gentrification raising costs, losing sense of community due to this, poor road planning makes it dangerous and chaotic to walk and drive places
Nuetral - unsure I don't have a plan, I used to save but work and living been too stressful at Vancouver . Here in Calgary it's slower and smaller. enough for myself for slight savings.
I love the neighbourhood that I live in, but I am concerned that I will not be able to afford it in the future.
We bought our home and appreciate our neighbourhood amenities and sense of community
My family is here and my partners family moved her from BC to be with us. I do love Calgary and being so close to the mountains.



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Pricing keeps increasing, I have to move every year to worse and worse places
I want to stay in my neighbourhood but might be priced out due to the rising cost of rent.
Sunnyside is a complete community it would be hard to give that up.
I can't afford to live in Brentwood anymore :(
I very much like my current neighborhood but I am a renter so the future of where I will end up is always uncertain if I have to ever leave my current residence, I will have to go where I can afford.
I am close to transit, grocery shopping, great parks. I like that my NW neighbourhood has a mix of SFH and multi family rentals, older homes and newer ones.
Want to be in a house, doubtful if that will happen so I might remain in that area but not by choice.
My partner and I have a townhouse in Hillhurst, and its a hard neighbourhood to get in without spending 1mill on a house. They have a school with good grade reports nearby.
My friends and parents live here so I want to be close to them. Close to my work/ inner city. I like living close to major attractions/ restaurants and the river pathway system.
I would like to live somewhere with better transit
We bought a house here and it's our favorite neighborhood
I built my career here and love my company. Housing and costs are the only thing that has made me consider leaving.
The city wants to do better. We want to try, it more than I've seen elsewhere. We want to be a community
I live in the heart of Calgary on 17 ave and 8 st sw. I have everything I need within 100m from my place. I live in the middle of 4 parks as well so I have greenery around me.
cost of living in Calgary is to high for me as I recently retired
I've lived in lower my royal for a decade and I don't want to live in a condo anymore, but there's no town/houses to move into without leaving the community or having a million dollars.
Costs are rising and city government is becoming too woke
We would like to stay in our neighborhood but we are planning on buying a house in the next 2-3 years and we won't be able to afford one in our neighborhood
I live downtown next to alpha house, it's getting worse and makes downtown feel unsafe and non enjoyable
I'm not trying to live downtown forever. Might move to Vancouver if rent prices keep going up here. Might as well pay Vancouver rent and actually live in Vancouver. Atleast there, they cap rent increase at 2% annually.
Council has made it increasingly expensive to live here without improving any services. My tax dollars are used to fund their pet projects instead of being used to provide safe streets and other public services.
I like my house and Im comfortable here.



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I'm "neutral or unsure", because there are multiple neighborhoods that I connect with So, I can't be sure if I'll stay in the neighborhood I currently live in (South Calgary), or move to another (Beltline, Mt Pleasant, or Crescent Heights)
Close to family of my significant other, but far from city life. Probably a nice compromise.
Just bought a house
This is where we bought a house and started a family.
I live in ertlon it is very expsenive i alsk live in an apartment. I plan and hope i can buy a house one day.
I plan to travel the world and see what's out there before making a decision.
Quiet R1 neighborhood Still not under attack from developers trying to increase density
I love my neighbourhood. It is VERY walkable, has mature tree canopy (losing this though due to development), and we are surrounded by green space. Mix of residential housing types and I can walk to our closest 'main street'.
Priced out of the neighbourhood and quadrant I grew up in. I am moving to the NE where I undoubtedly will be pushing someone out from that neighbourhood who grew up there instead.
The City is expropriating our homes in order for a developer to earn more profit.
We are looking to downsize and hopefully move more central.
With the taxes constantly going up , I may not be able to afford to stay here
It's a great central community with close access to amenities (grocery, coffee, medical and other services within walking distance), good bike and vehicle networks, and as it stands close to friends.
Neighborhood is becoming too crowded. Crime is rising
Feels safe and clean, and it's close to downtown
Change of res/area
Too expensive to buy a house
I'm in tech and the tech industry is not strong as I'd like
As a senior, I don't feel I fit in to the neighborhood any longer. If we have to sell, we can't afford to stay in Calgary
We live in Silver Springs. We like the ease of access to the mountains, downtown and the university. Our neighbors are friendly and the community association is fairly active. I can't imagine us moving within Calgary.
It is close to the green spaces that I enjoy and is fairly safe.
Dependent on the amount of children my wife or I have we may need to upsize which could impact us staying in our community.



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I want to be closer to downtown
Housing prices continue to rise, and rent follows suit. Unless I win the lottery, I'm not going to be able to live on my own.
We just moved back to Calgary 2 years ago and want to remain in this neighborhood for our kids.
I want to move somewhere with better public transit
Close to river pathways, ymca, grocery stores, restaurants and library in walking distance. Reasonable distance to downtown.
Because I'm a proud Canadian- it's pretty clear where this province is headed & I want no part of it!
City plans on rezoning and changing density of a single family home neighbourhood isn't the most clever idea for relaxed living
(PAPER SURVEY) The city has made little to no advancement in improving the quality of life and the community enhancements that communicates and portrays the Beltline to be a favorable place to raise young children
very comfortable lifestyle , easy access to what I want by car and transit, and bike.
(PAPER SURVEY) Job and family are here
(PAPER SURVEY) My kids are still young and like a lake community
(PAPER SURVEY) Affordability at the whim of landlord. Better protection for renters.
I am a senior on a fixed income. I am trying desperately to stay in my home that I've had for 15 years.
(PAPER SURVEY) Providing I'm able to be mobile. i.e. walking
(PAPER SURVEY) I recently moved to a home that is the perfect size for myself and my wife. It's close to work, close to transit.
(PAPER SURVEY) Affordability
Because it is very convenient and beautiful place
The political climate of the province is disappointing and I do not see Alberta as a good place to live if you care about innovation and sustainability. There are better opportunities for young people elsewhere.
Quiet single family area, parklike surroundings.
I'm not sure if my neighbourhood will remain affordable as I expect my family to grow over the next 10 years
i would like to stay in my community for the next 10 years, but i am renting right now and am worried that rent increases will make it unaffordable for me. I would like to buy a home in my community, but that also seems unaffordable at this rate.
Own our home and we are located near place of work.
Children are in university and high school here and currently plan on being based in Calgary for the next few years at least.



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Just bought an old house in an older community. We moved the old house and built a new one. It backs on to Confederation Park which we love. It's an inner city community so we're close to everything. Love the neighborhood.
I like the access to the parks that I have and like the location to get out of the city and not too far from accessing most of the things within the city.
We just bought a house and have a mortgage :\
Our neighbour built a giant house and we are not happy
As it's me and my partner who live in our home, as we grow older, I am not sure whether we can afford this house or whether this would be accessible enough
I live in Shagannappi and the new development plans are changing this area from one that is populated with families in single residential homes and duplexes to one of dense development. A single family house is being demolished and a 5-plex goes up!
I have lived in my neighborhood for 27 years and like where I live, close to amenities, travel to outside of the city, good neighborhood
Because of the planned densification. A three storey townhouse is planned right next to us and it seems more will be coming. We bought our house because we liked the neighborhood as it is, not knowing these changes were coming.
I like the walkability of the inner city
(PAPER SURVEY) Moving
(PAPER SURVEY) Low income. AISH
(PAPER SURVEY) Clean, quiet houses are expensive to buy, good location (next to Crowfoot train station). No crime in area, close to many stores/restaurants
(PAPER SURVEY) Affordability
(PAPER SURVEY) Well I've been in my neighbourhood pretty much my whole life and not to mention its not the best side but greatest for its so diverse and rich with cultures good or bad.
It is one of the best situated communities in Calgary and I am hoping we will experience redevelopment soon.
Need more space
(PAPER SURVEY) Family lives in another province
close to ammenities, walkability, proximity to transit
I don't like the idea of moving anywhere. I would rather stay in the place where I am, instead of starting from the beginning in another place. I also like that there are plenty of employment opportunities available.
I would prefer to move closer to downtown in a detached home. Currently in MacKenzie Towne.
Trying to hunt for a more affordable house to rent



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The housing is very expensive these days in calgary. The salary is not upto the mark like the housing . I think it's going to be worse in the future
We just purchased a family home in the community of Dalhousie and plan to start a family.
I moved here to be close to school
I enjoy the no train system, which typically brings more crime to areas. I love the Nose Creek pathway and the wetlands around it.
Children almost at the age they will be moving out and we will likely downsize to a more walkable community with more amenities and easier cycle commute to work.
Schools do not offer the programs I want for my Kindergartner. I have to beg the Catholic board for my kids admission because the CBE is terrible around the NE.
Not enough diversity in saddleridge
retiring to a better climate
I live in saddleridge. It has become crowded and unsafe. It has become overdeveloped with too many apartments. I feel the community has degraded over time.
Getting too congested. Density is increasing drastically.
We have built a great life together n this home, close to downtown (where I work), and affordable.
Area is in re-development with new younger household moving in.
I'm dependent on my parents.
I'm new to Calgary(only for 2 months), and I've chosen Mission area for living. I think it's perfect place, because it's quite place with good infrastructure, not far away from the Downtown. I wish I could stay here for the next 10 years.
Nice neighbourhood, close to central city, good transit access (MAX Yellow), close to natural amenities, somewhat walkable, lots of hope for the future.
Like the neighbourhood and would like to pay off house soon.
Cannot afford to move.
If the City respectfully redevelops the area, I will remain in my community. If the City does not redevelop the area with a long term plan that respects existing community residents, I will move to another community that the City has not ruined.
Wild life invading spaces. People moving here that are not learning about the right things. Such as driving (who is issuing these licenses??)
Glenbrook is a great place (assuming that the recent local area plan does not ruin it with all the possible development changes)
Stability for children to grow up here and then I will leave for Europe or America. The high cost of living is not worth what we get in return.



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Close to Calgary Parks bike paths, have a lovely home and yard. May move if development in surrounding area is excessive.
I have lived in Martindale for 30 years, and have watched the community blossom and mature. There are more homeowners, and less transient residents, making it feel more secure.
Could become difficult to live in my home. Not great transit. Potential build on designated parkland near me-would change the character of my neighbourhood.
I love Bridgeland, but it is far too expensive to own a home there. That and the opportunity crime from the East Village area makes the area less inviting.
Road support and exits. 12 min commute just to get to a major route
Built a network of great friends. Family is here now and great to be close to them. Access to amenities. Diversity of things to do.
Downtown is the only place I could live in Calgary, there is a community. There is lots to do in terms of building communities in Calgary. Thank you City of Calgary for Cspace! Build more places like that!
Likely, however rapid transit and the vibrancy of main streets in the area needs to drastically improve
Love the access to nature and the mountains.
Good community, established trees, transit accessible, varied types of housing for different stages of life.
My lease is up in April 2024 and the landlord wants to sell the house. I'm also looking to live somewhere closer to downtown. I live in Christie Park.
I may choose to explore job opportunities in other parts of the world. I like Calgary, but I see myself exploring other countries and cultures as well.
Property taxes are too expensive.
City facilities are easily accessible without car.
I live in Kensington, and don't see myself moving elsewhere, other than perhaps a similarly walkable neighbourhood. This is one of the few truly walkable neighbourhoods in the city, as 90% of Calgary is unwalkable, far from transit, and car reliant.
I have invested into a home and won't be able to afford to move elsewhere in Calgary as it would be too expensive with current & future prices. Moving elsewhere In Calgary also has no access to the SE with transit so it's too difficult to see family
I like the neighbourhood I live in but rent may become unaffordable.
Our taxes are climbing annually. Not as affordable for seniors any more although we have owned our house for 30 years. Downsizing is not easy bungalows are pricey, we wouldn't get enough from our house to buy smaller and have money left over.
Will definitely stay in Inner City. Currently renting in Beltline. May try to buy condo close to Sunnyside Station.



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More widened if Roads in NE quadrant surrounding the Airport plus buffer LRT to Airport from Blue Line and Future Green Line.
I like walking to my grocery store. The biggest reason I'm considering leaving is because there isn't safe cycling infrastructure, so I'm uncomfortable going further and exploring more.
Proximity to Downtown, (mostly) walkable and bikeable with great amenities, parks, and Main Street.
It is centrally located, close to my work, walkable, and has or is close to most amenities.
Love neighbourhood but concerned with increasing housing cost. +400/month now. Development- NEED more density & mixed, but hate to see empty lots while heritage torn down. Safety & social issues. Don't need more police. Need social support, housing
Good planned neighbourhood and great neighbours.
Plan to retire in the same place I live.
It is easily accessible to many things.
I have already lived n the same neibourhood for over 40 years.
The school is up the road from my house so it makes no sense to move.
Thanks to Calgary's affordability, free market economy and low taxes we were able to build a good life here. The educational opportunities are good for our children and our neighbourhood is relatively free of crime.
Bought a house in 2020 and managed to get into a neighbourhood that I want to grow and develop with. The house is perfect. The neighbourhood (Mount Pleasant) is already great and will become even greater as time goes on.
Close to my children's school. Plus, we are close to downtown and if we ever tried to move, any property in this neighbourhood or nearby would now be financially impossible
My partner and I just purchased our first home in Southwood and we have enjoyed the proximity to basic amenities as well as the c-train
We are currently teetering on the edge of either staying in our current community for 15+ more years (we have been here 5 already) or leaving entirely to return to home province because of the current policy, legislation and political climate.
We recently bought a new home; have lived in the neighbourhood for ten years already; children attend school and we have made many friends nearby; great park spaces nearby; great access to mountains and downtown.
Too many medical needs in the family so we bought a house for stability.
Own a house: hate moving
I am currently renting, so housing can be unpredictable for future. I have lived in my community for 3 years in the same rental.
I currently live in a 3 storey townhouse. I would like to move to an affordable one level home that is not an apartment high rise.



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I love Mayland Heights, but I think I'm likelier to go somewhere nearby like Bridgeland or Crescent Heights. If I can afford to move out of my parents' house that is---this is not a given in 10 years, sadly.
Mature neighbourhood with lots of green space and mature trees, proximity to transit, easy access to natural areas for biking and hiking.
I like my neighborhood of Somerset but I will likely not be able to find a townhome that meets my mobility challenges / needs and that is affordable in this neighborhood once I move out of my mother's home.
We have lived here for a number of years and we like the community and the activities and amenities that are available here.
Yearly rent increases over 10%. Is anyone tackling the rent increase cap? Even our neighbours from BC have a 3.5% increase cap. As more pressure there is to move to Calgary, without the rent cap there will be pain points for newcomers.
I like my neighbourhood but it does not provided a variety of housing at a variety of prices. If my living situation needs to change the short sighted development restrictions will prevent me from staying in my neighbourhood
I am in a walkable neighborhood thst is more sustainable compared to other neighborhoods (eg more green spaces and native plants).
We are planning on moving to another neighbourhood within the next 5 years.
The Beltline has a great variety of services, close to my work and well served by transit. If I were to move anywhere else, it would still be inner-city.
I love the neighbourhood I live in. It's close to the mountains and there are lots of paths. It's also close to a lot of other amenities. The only reason I didn't choose 'very likely' is the cost of housing if we choose to purchase a larger home.
Right now I'm a first year student still living with my parents, so I plan to hopefully have my own house somewhere sometime in the next few years
Well established, friendly neighbours, accessibility to where I need to go
Unless something unforeseen happens, I'll be here at least until I retire in about 15 years.
I like calgary and see the strong possibility of raising a family here, but not in the suburbs, and I would find it difficult to afford a home near dt.
Resident association fees are high while the association is not maintaining the community as promised and obligated by their tax exemption status. The city is not holding them accountable
I am unsure now if Im going to stay in Calgary because of the proposed changes to my neighborhood and the city. They are unsafe; And the city seems to disregard ALL of the communities concerns!
Calgary is a progressive city and I see a future for my children here
While my current neighbourhood is fine, I want to move back into the area where I grew up.
My neighbourhood is changing rapidly and no longer has the same feel or appearance.



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We are living in Bowness. First because of our good landlord. Then, I like its urbanization more than others. It has surrounded with beautiful parks.
Would like to live closer to a more lively neighborhood like Kensington, Bridgeland, mardaloo, to have easier access to good restaurants/stores/cafes without car and be able to use C train or be closer to downtown.
love the space and connectivity
To have a career and be able to afford good housing Calgary is home. Also the close access to the mountains is why we choose Calgary as home.
When i get married, I'll probably move out of my parent's house, and will probably ly move to another neighborhood where we can get apartment.
Living downtown, do not think this is the best place for family planning
Infills galore. Disappearing natural environment. Shadows to my yard. Cutting down mature trees and not replanting. Traffic and parking have been given no attention with increased density. Living like termites while suburbs are still allowed big lots
Property value is rising, good central location, no reason to move
Plenty of green spaces and bike paths
couldn't afford to move within Calgary
Hawkwood is a neighbourhood that is turning over to young families such as mine. There are great opportunities for my children to have a good social life, education, and recreational activities where we are.
I like that it's inner city, but a bit of a hidden pocket. Family oriented.
We live in Oakridge. Mature trees, lots of green space, access to a great school (Louis Riel), access to activities (tennis courts, hockey rink). And it is SAFE. We had looked to Sunalta (great school) but the vagrants and crime scared us away.
I own a home and will hopefully still be able to live independently. If my financial circumstances or health change, I may need to move.
It is close to downtown, has good open space behind, have renovated house to be the way we like, but concerned about developer led zoning density increases and lack of parking.
Rising rental market
Two years ago we moved because our house was close to Lion's Park C-Train station. After ten years of using the train it became too dangerous for both adults and our kids to utilize. We are much happier now in an area that is much safer.
Moved from BC and bought a house we could afford in 2022. I don't see us being able to afford to move now that housing prices increased.
I like the feeling of knowing my neighbours. I live in an R1 and like low density with lots of yard space for my family and dogs.



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I live in inner city and I will never leave, due to walkability, bike lanes, variety of things to do, close to work. You couldn't pay me a billion dollars to live in the suburbs.
Living in downtown in an apartment. Plan on starting a family within that time and may need to move to a detached home
Inner city but not too crowded.
I can't afford to get a house
I would like to live closer to the core. I live (rent) in Glamorgan which I don't find very walkable, or vibrant. It is a nice neighborhood, but doesn't offer me the lifestyle that the core would, which I would enjoy
We love the old character homes, the access to amenities, the tree canopy, friendly and kind neighbours, lack of monotony and conformity found in modern suburbs.
Locked in my mortgage, cost of living is rising & cannot afford to move unless out of province. I love m'y neighbourhood now but question for how long with the new zoning laws may force me to move with too much density vs crumbling infrastructure
I'm renting and it's all single family homes which are priced at \$700k+ and there are no opportunities for me to buy a house within my budget in this community.
My mortgage has 6 more years and I couldn't afford to move within the city due to a lack of affordable homes.
I would leave Calgary if the cost of living, crime rate, housing and populating increases.
We enjoy living in the Beltline because of all the amenities and it is walkable. However the lack of 3 bedroom apartments may force us to leave as our family grows.
Kids in early school years. Stability.
We built our house 30 years ago across from a natural area, no desire to move elsewhere.
I stay in downtown and I like that the schools here rank top, however housing is relatively more expensive than other areas in Calgary. So as much as I'd like to say it may not be a wise financial decision.
We bought our house with the intention of raising our family here.
Most communities in Calgary have become extremely unaffordable both to buy and rent. i.e. \$500K for a old, run down half duplex. \$900K for an old bungalow. Two bedroom main floors renting for \$2500+/month.
As I get older I may have to sell my home to live in something more suitable for retirement.
Fraudulent landlords. No affordable housing that's budget friendly meaning I do not think that 1300 for a one bedroom is affordable it's not!
My house is paid for, we have a wonderful community and neighbours. We all help each other, has been that way ever since we moved to Westgate.
we just moved there. We won't do any better in our price bracket. House prices are too high to buy anything else. We like it, it's pleasant.



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I've been here for the last 25 years. I love my neighbours. And my kids are still growin - proximity to post secondary will become an issue in those next 10 years and we're currently close by.
I just moved to Spruce Cliff to get out of Bankview. This neighbourhood is so much nicer and quieter. Bankview is a dump.
Love my neighborhood and want it LEFT Alone! No Re zoning removing the 100+ years of only single family dwellings
I want a private life
We will be downsizing, and not sure where we may end up.
This city council is choosing to destroy our neighborhoods with high density buildings
I am in Calgary to look after an aging parent. Once that is no longer required, I will leave Alberta
its a good neighborhood and we have been here for 40years
Own my house and cannot afford to move
We moved from the Beltline to Strathmore, and are looking to move back to Calgary in the next 5 years, once housing becomes more affordable for us.
Can't afford to stay in Inglewood as rental costs continue to climb.
I have lived here for >40 years. My home is almost paid for. I am close to my favourite park
Looking to get out of Calgary
My community is very walkable and close to many amenities that I use
Because I like it.
We do not like living in this city anymore.
I live on the edge of the city
My family loves our neighbourhood and we don't plan to leave. We are close to everything we need and want. We can easily move about the city much out difficulty.
That is ,if I can afford it. I will be retiring within that time so on a budget. I may be able to afford the taxes on my home and will have to leave .
My wife & I love living in the Beltline, but there's a lack of missing middle 3-bedroom units available at reasonable prices. I wish there were family sized point access block apartments like similar European cities.
I'm on 15 av sw, being so close to 17 and Mission is fantastic. I have everything I need close by and walk/bike everywhere.
The Job market is difficult and even though we have a robust transit system, Calgary is still car centric city and its difficult to reach essential service, medical services or even work if you dont afford car and it becomes worst in winters.
Concerned about crime



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Housing prices are becoming extremely unaffordable, as a renter I feel it is unlikely I will be able to afford staying in my neighbourhood (Capitol Hill) for more than another year
Unreliable public transportation plus the highway system is not being designed properly to accommodate increasing population of Calgary. Like people freeze outside in minus 20 Celsius waiting for the bus. Because we don't have a train access around.
my kids' schools are located in a perfect proximity.
We'd like to stay but not if investors take over and destroy much of what is great about our area. Examples, loss of all the mature trees and no room on R-CG lots to ever have such large trees again. Columnar aspens do not = large firs!
I'm currently 20 and with the pricing of houses and apartments in Calgary right now, I cannot possibly afford to start my future here and save money.
House is paid off and Country Hills is a great place to live!
Housing affordability, may have to move to a different neighbourhood to purchase a home.
I would like to downsize my home, and move into an older community. The current housing market won't allow for that right now. So I will stay where I am for now in a 1970s community. I do like it here, though.
No affordable housing
I'm moving to a different city
own a house and if we were to move to another neighborhood we would likely have to spend more than what we would get for our house for an equivalent property
love our house, it's close to downtown, great neighbours and we have a registered suite to help with mortgage.
I enjoy my single family house as it provides my family with privacy, freedom. It is not over developed, the streets are quiet, my children feel safe riding on our quiet street.
Traffic is noisy and deadly. I don't want my family and I to be killed by F150s. We are also at risk of being priced out of our neighborhood, so it makes no sense to put down roots only to have them ripped up.
Depends on job opportunities after I graduate from university. I may also consider leaving Alberta due to the political climate and conservative culture here.
I currently live with my parents to save on housing costs and save for a down deposit, but would never be able to afford the single-family homes in that neighbourhood
Access to amenities and public transit without having to driver
Close to Transit, Parks and Walkable for many daily necessities
I love living in this neighbourhood. My only complaint is seeing the homeless everywhere.
the area we live in is very central to a lot of resources. We are not in love with our house but rather the location.



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We own our home and love our neighbourhood, have elderly family living within walking distance and will stay until they are gone.
Safe, quiet, well designed neighborhood, close to shopping, library and schools - very walkable and no thru traffic.
I will be quite elderly in 10 years and the type of housing I may desire or require is not likely to be found in my community
Depends on what happens with the new Corporate Housing Strategy. R-CG as a base zoning will NOT create affordable housing and will have a huge impact on the mature trees in my community.
Cannot afford houses in our neighborhood; currently live in inherited property that is not big enough long term
Public transit is very difficult to access and unreliable.
concerned that the City is shrinking green space - you can't find a place to sit in Glenmore Reservoir these days
Purchased a house here
Kids in school now in this community
It is very central and close to all the amenities we need.
Walkable 15 minute community. Good transit and services easily accessible.
The neighbourhood I am staying in right now is Shawnee Slopes. I do wish the walkability of the community could be increased in the future (brought on by more transit-oriented development projects around Fish Creek Lacombe Station).
I'm open to changing neighbourhoods if there's one that's just as affordable, but has better access to amenities/stores/transit.
Our neighbourhood is so family oriented and we love our home and neighbours
Might not stay in my current neighbourhood but will likely stay in the area (Heritage communities) for the next 10 years or more.
My neighborhood is not pedestrian friendly, cars are the main mode of transport to a point where they are required for living.
Calgary continues to offer a great quality of life. We are fortunate to live in a clean, safe city with well maintained infrastructure. There is a great variety of green space to enjoy.
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Great community, feel safe here, great neighbours
my neighbor is good
It's close to lots of amenities, including the LRT, and a very walkable community with nice big trees.



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My friends and family live in a different neighbourhood across the city so I'm considering moving to be closer to them
I don't like living in the suburbs where it is impossible to get anywhere except by car
Like so many of my neighbours, I bought the family home from my family who bought it as first owners in 1956. Proximity to downtown, safety, quiet and old growth trees are all big draws to the area.
With raising interest rates we won't be able to sell our current house and move. We also love our neighbourhood (North Haven).
I live in one of the only truly walkable, mixed-use areas of the city that doesn't have enormous oversized arterial streets. So I'll probably stay here as my choices are so limited
I don't have good access to either a car or public transport for the area where I live.
Crime is out of control, taxes as well.
Testing down R1 homes and building 4-6 plexes
We choose the community to live in, to grow our family and help shape our community for the future.
House is paid for and like our yard
My neighborhood has nothing to walk to, every trip needs a car.
No public transport, no LRT, public school overflowing. Hospital 20 minute ambulance ride. Forget about getting their by car
Because i live in co-op housing.
Can't afford to move.
Sick of provincial and federal politics in Alberta. Fearful for future.
Have all services nearby including dog off leash. Old and safe neighborhood. Put a lot of effort into property. Bike trails nearby
I turn 65 soon - a widow living in a large home in the suburbs. I'd like to be closer into amenities: theatre, markets, restaurants. But also close to nice walks - like the river.
Parks, amenities, future library being built nearby, access to highways, friends
We are soon moving from Thorncliffe to Fairview
Renting sucks.
Once quiet residential neighborhood now has insane parking restrictions and and theft and crime has increased in the area significantly (close ish to the train). I no longer feel i can safely send my kids outside to play. & nowhere to park.
Walkability, safety, community, proximity to downtown
It's an older neighbourhood and our neighbours are a lovely community. The houses are old but have character and are well maintained. It's relatively safe and people follow the laws and rules.



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I currently reside in a townhouse by myself and no longer require as much space. I would like to move into a newer bungalow style residence within the neighborhood but only multi storey residences are being built.
Large lots and mature urban tree canopy - lots of parks.
I was lucky to find a rental in the neighbourhood but the owners have sold and I will likely have to move in the next year. I'm doubtful I'll find somewhere affordable in the same neighbourhood.
Waiting for the flames to hoist lord Stanley
I wish this city would stop growing. I'm about to get priced out of the neighbourhood, and soon enough the city.
Too much development happening, some right in front of our house.
Moving here from New Brunswick, it's hard to feel like there is quiet, open spaces. The growth of the city has increased traffic and decreased quality of life
Close to amenities, family, and the river pathway system, safe community, well cared for properties
We were able to afford a home here, but the political climate is worrying as well as the dwindling health care system.
Fabulous access to Stoney trail, Deerfoot trail, and Country Hills Boulevard. Nice amenities near by.
Tuxedo park is an excellent neighborhood with most things that I need within easy walking distance. I love that I can walk to businesses on Center and 4th street within 5 minutes from my house, as well as bike to and through parks for my transit.
Proximity to the west coast. Citizens value their green space and pathways. Vibrant neighbourhoods in the inner city.
I'm fortunate to currently own a place. Were I to still be renting I would have left for an affordable market. The location is great but the city is so sprawled and held back by "road infrastructure" not led by trains and sustainable options.
My community is filled with young families and retirees. This makes it quiet, and safe, with low crime. Most people can afford to maintain their properties which keeps property value up. It's reasonably close to amenities we need.
I like the inner city, as it has close commutes, large trees, historic homes and more attractive neighborhoods than the cookie-cutter suburbs. I enjoy a walking first lifestyle similar to European cities, rather than this Car centric suburb model.
Love the Beltline. My wish is to remain there in the long-term. But would consider other similar neighbourhoods in the area. Walkability, access to transit, amenities, public spaces, and services is on top of my list.
I'm already 77 years old.
Increasing cost of rent is making it hard for me to plan long term for staying in the city.



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Increased cost of living has made it impossible to afford
Will try to hang in as long as possible until City Hall taxes me out of my home, or starts building row-house slums across the street.
I love Kensington - it has everything I need and it's close to work.
Because we love Calgary but not the way the city is thinking!affordable housing No!!
Beautiful neighborhood with great neighbours.
We are seniors and enjoy our neighborhood and home. It's is close to everything we need.
I live in the Beltline, depends on affordability, my rent just went up by almost \$300, will it go up again next year? I strongly believe we need more affordable housing, I'd like to see more empty office buildings to housing, where feasible.Parking\$
I rent and I'm sure the landlord will sell or raise the rent too much for me as a single earner to afford. Little stability for renters.
I just bought a house and I love my neighbourhood.
I would like to live in a neighbourhood that is walkable to amenities, and better transit services.
Move to a newer area, not near a school
Due to lack of tenants rights in this city I will likely be evicted from my rental unit. Rental costs have doubled since I moved back to Calgary from Montreal 10 months ago. The lack of tenants rights and rent control is an extreme problem in Calgary
Without rent control and tenants rights, there is no guarantee of stable housing.
I live in a NE inner city community and 12 years ago when I moved here it was very affordable, now the housing costs have skyrocketed and I will not be able to continue living in this neighborhood, which I love and work in.
We have lived in North Glenmore Park for 30 years, and know our great neighbours well. We like being close to downtown, but also have easy access to the mountains. We enjoy living close to North Glenmore Park and the reservoir.
We've been fighting for amenities in Northern Hills since I was in High School. I'm 37 now raising my family here and we don't have access to LRT, OLA's, affordable recreation, meeting places or Open Green Spaces. I don't see that changing in 10 yrs
I did move from Calgary but moved back because I liked the hands off approach that calgary seemed to have. People fend for themselves and weren't always looking for handouts as they seemed to be where I left. A back to business approach to city life.
Too crowded
Good area (McKenzie Towne), good neighbors, close to all amenities, and seems to be milder weather.
Coveted K to 9 public school and developing neighborhood



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Bay view is a comfortable and quiet neighborhood that is close to nature. If the glenmore landing development proposition does not go through, I am very likely to stay as the quietness and closeness to nature are very important to me.
Close to shopping, amenities, services, parks, schools. Wish there was better public transit accessible.
I decided to live in an area with a certain type of living, low density single family, and I enjoy living like that it is a high quality way of life.
Child in university right now, may move depending on where they end up. Just one of my parents and one sibling live here.
I am living in a condo right downtown and miss the neighbourhood feeling.
Charleswood is relatively inner city, accessible to both walking / hiking / biking paths and Nose Hill, as well as transit (LRT) and fairly walkable to amenities such as grocery stores, etc.
I live in an inner city community and am moving towards walking everywhere.
I live in Discovery Ridge - really like the neighborhood
It is difficult and expensive to move. Our home is close to everything we need so I don't anticipate needing to move anytime soon.
I love it here, family is here and I see an opportunity for growth in Calgary
Close to downtown, close to grocery and close to transit. I love living in Hillhurst.
It has everything I need: services, parks, a variety of housing and is within walking distance of work and entertainment options.
We wish to move closer to infrastructure for downtown commuting - red line. It took me 90 minutes this morning to commute from Mahogany to Anderson Station!
Close to family, good location
I have a small child, so for her sake I want to provide some stability... but i would think differently if it wasn't for her.
The cost of rent and home prices in my neighbourhood (Ramsay) have skyrocketed to ridiculous levels.
live in inner-city after growing up in suburbia. Cons: -The house prices have stagnated compared to the suburbs. -Too many 7-ELEVEN and McD like establishments bring homeless, drug addicts and garbage. Pros - easy access to downtown and amenities
The neighbourhood has good amenities but is disconnected from rapid transit and cycling infrastructure, however with the Green Line and much improved connections to the 5A network along with redevelopment the area could become much more attractive.



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Very nice neighbourhood, that will keep developing.
Recently relocated to Inner city location. Convenient yet quiet. Moved from Copperfield which was too far from downtown and no convenient public transit.
The cost of renting or buying a home is way too high and wages have barely budged in a long time. The transit system is deplorable. I love Calgary as I was born here, but it's becoming hard to stay here.
I am missing easy access to parks and green spaces. As well as recreation facilities. I live in the west Beltline area.
Disabled without a car in Inglewood, which has poor grocery availability and a shuttle bus that runs only every 45 minutes, stopping at 6:30pm on weekends. Sidewalks are dangerously icy. I was assigned an affordable apartment unit here.
10 years is a long time and I'm on temp visa/ renting currently.
Calgary is awesome
Waiting for my partner to decide if/when we live together and where (my place/his place/a new place).
I am not committed to any particular neighborhood.
I cannot afford a house where I currently own my townhouse, so I will have to move to a less safe neighborhood, and buy an old house just to be able to have a private yard.
Property taxes have become and will probably become too expensive for me to afford. Unless the Municipalities Act is changed to allow for different funding sources, ie income/sales tax, then I'm leaving.
I live in bridlewood. Transit could be better as there's only 1 route that goes through. There's limited amenities within walking distance and could be more varied housing types. In the future I look to live in a more dense amenity rich area.
I wish my neighborhood had more local restaurants and stores
My rent is too expensive and transit is quite bad at getting me to work in time.
Just purchased a home and not currently motivated to sell
Can't afford to move to any better neighbourhood
Selling our condo in the next year and buying house but unsure what we can afford with skyrocketing prices
Taxes are too high, and crime seems to be increasing annually. Many break and enters within 500 meters of my home.
The place I'm living is fairly affordable for my income, I have access to walking paths, the reservoir is a beautiful park, Heritage Park is fun, I live on the MAX Yellow (which gets me to my friends and family quickly), and my local Co-op is close.
I own my house, it's a nice neighborhood that's close to downtown and the things i like to do
We'll highly likely downsize and move to another neighborhood once my oldest son graduates from school.



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Love it but if you push out all the RC1 home owners I may be forced to go. You don't really care about that however. I've paid taxes all my adult life. Don't push me out
cost of living, increasing housing rent, sketchy people in downtown
My neighbourhood is central and close to downtown, the airport, and major highways.
I live in Currie, a neighbourhood I hope keeps developing density and increased amenities making it even more enjoyable to live there!
I live in Mission, and I would love to live here long term, but at my budget, I can either rent unaffordably or purchase a place much too small. Mission will not be long-term affordable for me.
Affordability of living in a city
Due to rising housing prices we do not expect to be able to upgrade out of our 2bdrm condo.
I live in Vic Park, it's close to everything, it allows me to have a sustainable lifestyle and climate footprint. I love my home and my neighbours.
As we age and kids move out we plan to downsize and move downtown to be able to bike/walk/CTrain everywhere and not need to drive.
despite our house and neighbourhood not being ideal, with current market (rent, interest, housing prices) we'll have a hard time leaving.
Retired
Close to the Rockies, still more affordable than other cities...currently but that is changing.
Legacy is quiet and low crime rates
Cost. Looking for something more affordable which unfortunately means moving further from the core.
I am currently in the city centre but we are starting a family. There are no affordable homes for families in our neighbourhood.
I live in the community of Mayland Heights and it is, by the far best neighbourhood in Calgary. It's views and access to downtown, and all major arterial routes make it the perfect location.
I was born at the General Hospital, raised and educated in Calgary. With the exception of 5 years in BC, I have always lived in Calgary. I have travelled throughout Canada and some US but always came home to a very friendly & welcoming city.
In 3 years my youngest will be finished at our local school and I would prefer to live a bit closer in.
NW is the best part of YYC to live in. Mature trees, green space, low noise, wild life (deer, coyotes, bobcats, moose...) and great neighbors. Great place to retire.
I love living in my inner city neighbourhood that is close to everything. I have a choice of a variety of housing types to live in as I downsize when my kids move out.
Can't afford it



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The city is raising taxes to rapidly, creating money losing ventures such as green line which will only raise taxes further, providing less services, and driving entrepreneurs away.
Our Neighbourhood is a brand new development and it has most facilities a family with young children needs. Also future transit is close by if green line happens. Overall an amazing place
I live in Beddington, I would like to live more central and I plan to do so when I can afford to.
Moving out
Would like it to be denser, with more dining and shopping options.
It is a heritage area with character, including protected buildings and opportunity to protect more. It contains park spaces, a lively main street with diverse businesses, is well connected to other areas and will be near the new stadium development.
Amenities in close proximity. Walkable. Relatively close (30 min drive or 50 min walk to transit) from downtown, special events, friends and work. Safe. Friendly neighbors. Price point (another 10 minutes closer homes go up in price significantly).
I would like to move to a smaller community/acreage
Too expensive to buy property here.
The transportation and the fact that Calgary is unfortunately a driving city.
We have good neighbours and feel we are in a safe community
Rents are faaaaaaar to high, only getting worse. Soon, I will be pushed out of this (ok, nice) neighbourhood and that simply said, sucks.
The neighbourhood I live in was not my first choice as I wanted to live closer to downtown which is where I work. I chose to live in my current neighbourhood due to affordability. If housing costs change I may want to or need to relocate.
I live in my parents basement, and I staying in my neighbourhood if I want to by a house is not realistic
I love my neighbourhood (Glenbrook) because it is a low-key neighbourhood with low-key neighbours and beautiful trees. I want to stay, but the enormous new builds going in really detract from the quality of life, and I feel I may be forced out.
The houses are not built well, and are overpriced for the quality and location.
There isn't enough culture or street life to make it an exciting place to live. Without transit supports it is also really hard to get around.
I see tremendous potential in Calgary to become a better city where we leverage our existing assets, while also increasing equity, environmental sustainability, and wellbeing.
I live really far from my job - transit isn't great so I end up driving. I would like to live closer to my work or close enough to have other options to get there. My kids are in high school and we don't want to uproot them. So when they move out?!



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Our municipal government is unworthy of respect or trust. The Green Line fiasco will be a financial tragedy that harms citizens for years. Hopefully, one day, competence and integrity will return to our municipal government.

We asked: What qualities of Calgary do you value most?

Options were:

- Rivers/natural
- Parks and rec
- Belonging
- Festivals
- Jobs
- Safety
- Schools/hospitals
- Affordability
- Shopping
- Main streets
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

This city used to have work opportunities, affordable housing, tenant and worker protections, safe downtown neighbourhoods and community outreach for the vulnerable, and good post secondary. NOW over the last 2 years, this city unaffordable, is plagued with crime, greedy landlords, minimal jobs, and subpar education. Its not fair that as a student trying to invest in my future, I have to forgo my quality of education to cover bills from landlords over charging to cover their property taxes, rtdrs lawsuit, and future construction investments that were approved by the mayor and cityhall on October 12 2023. Its not fair the landlord is subjecting the tenants to below minimum standards of housing because they refuse to do routine maintenance because the city approved and changed zoning laws to accept the land parcel and expired building proposal 5 years since the building's permit originally expired, now allowing the landlord/owner to demolish our building which hasnt been maintained due to neglect from the owner as they justified for 11+ years not to maintain it bc of a "future rebuild". The beltline project closed down my neighbourhoods only grocery store and is now threatening the last of small businesses in the area - ALL FOR LUXURY CONDOS -that will stay vacant or be bought up by other companies that will over charged "market rates". Stop gentrifying this city, put a hold on airbnbs, and force condos to become long term rentals. The amount of green and third spaces is dwindling in calgary due to new condo developments and delayed excuses for a new train line. Transit is a joke, it never used to take 45+minutes to travel a 10minute busride. Waittimes during rush hour are now averaging 30minutes yet city of calgary allowed calgary transit to lay off 40% of its staff in 2020-21.

Being close to a mosque

Sustainability

the size not too big or too small

Mobility

More trees for a cooler city, last summer's best was unbearable.



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Bike lanes, community vibes, food and drink, arts.
Harm reduction
Transit system
Transportation - public.
Calgary has lost it's sense of belonging and is not affordable anymore. Comparing to cities like London, there are no entertainment opportunities or transit availabilities.
I would value Calgary seriously implementing full plans to be NZ; it isn't
Pathway/bike systems
Close to mountains.
Predictability of what a community is like and what will be builtNext to my home
Ways to get around the city safely without a car
Cspace
Family
Walkable neighbourhoods and accessible transit options
5A Network
Parks, rivers and natural areas. Facilities at parks, including recreation. Skating, firepits, boats, skateboarding etc. All intertwined. Unique mainstreets- shops, amenities, character, local businesses.
I value green spaces that are accessible, natural areas and art.
None of the above
Walkability, Ease of transport, Less Restriction
Maintain and grow the tree canopy, find ways maintain homes built with old growth lumber and still increase density.
Calgary has one of the best public libraries in north America. The central library is a beautiful example of how well considered architecture and public spaces can create, enhance and nurture people within the community. Spending time in this space creates a feeling of well being. The ethos of this space is inclusive, nurturing, respectful and promotes learning, health and well being. Everyone is welcome from the time the doors are open in the morning until closing time in the evening. It is a refuge, a safe place for everyone in the community and enhancing learning and growth. So good to have a place in the city where activity is not centered around buying and selling.
Micromobility and walkability, arts and culture (galleries, grassroots organizations, free art)
Don't particularly think these are things Calgary does well
I love the history of Calgary. I hope that it can be preserved
There are many volunteer opportunities for those of us who are retired and have a vehicle.



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Pathway and bikeway network - an alternative in our far too car oriented city.
Single family dwellings
I would say affordable but Calgary is not affordable it has no affordable housing! Safe housing! Landlords that don't bully and not fix things properly! Basement suites that have actual fire exits! Still a lot of basements in Calgary that are being rented very pricey and are not up to code! I would also say that calling 311 for almost 2 years straight to get a street light fixed is also not okay! City of Calgary and some of the people working at 311 and the RTA desk need to start doing their jobs instead of being bullies to women like me who are actually trying to care for my community
Connectivity within downtown(+15)
Lots of green space / trees, including on private property. New redevelopments often fill 60% of the lot (compared to 45% for existing homes), plus they pave over much of the lot.
Friends and family.
Reduce car dependency and more densification.
Bike routes and secure parking for bikes- I want to use my e-bike more but security when parked and poor driving when forced to cycle on roads is an issue
I live in Marda Loop. Development has gone overboard here. I value density but the amount of construction and new developments has been difficult to manage and is actually now becoming a deterrent to continue living in the area - I wish development would be planned more by the city and citizens of the community who live in the community, rather than developers who's central interest is profit.
Variety of types of communities, good job opportunity
I value mainstreets with sustainable design practices. Marda Loop has too much traffic and Kensington has too many monocultures of trees. Both have great potential.
proximity to Christian churches
Calgary used to be safe, not so much now.
Marda loop has lost all character it once has and Kensington is close to behind due to luxury developments and a lack of heritage protection. I suggest the city looks into turning 4th street from 17th Ave to elbow drive, 33rd Ave in Marda loop, and Kensington road into pedestrian friendly cities to benefit local communities and business. Look to Mont-Royal street in montreal as an example of success.
Restaurants, culture scene
Lower property taxes
walkability is a major factor in where in Calgary I choose to live
Driveability
Family
Safe, separated bike infrastructure with all the required connections. An example is 37th St SW which has amazing bike infrastructure until it ends at Richmond Road when trying to access Glenmore Park.



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Today's Challenges

We asked: What do you think are the biggest challenges facing Calgary? (select three)

Options were:

- Rising cost of living
- Lack of housing choices
- Traffic
- Lack of choice in how to move around the city
- Increasing social isolation
- Increased smoke, heat waves, drought and risk of natural disasters
- Lower feelings of safety
- Increasing rates of homelessness and poverty
- Environmental degradation and harm
- Lack of quantity and/or variety of well-paying jobs and economic opportunities
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Green Line going over budget and being a tragic failure.
Lower feelings of safety. Increased rates of poverty/homelessness. Lack of choices in commuting/traveling through the city. Environmental degradation. Lack of jobs. Lack of third and green spaces.
Local government not listening, arrogant about decision making.
Lack of trust
Lack of accountability of police force so they can target marginalized groups without repercussion
Inaccessible Transit and sidewalks
High property taxes.
I would agree with the lack of choice in how to move around the city but specifically Calgary is not a walkable city and with rising costs it's becoming a growing concern for those who can't drive or cannot afford to drive - Calgary transit is not necessarily the best/fastest or even safest option for people
Lack of affordable housing, poor transit infrastructure
Recreation and parks are being removed - now have to drive everywhere
These issues are all connected' they are the consequence of unchecked capitalism and one issue can only be solved if all are solved.
A completely out of touch Council and City Administration that only hears what they want to hear.
An aging demographic that has control and influence over governance.
Crowding and destruction of existing R1 homes
Not enough cricket ground ls
Taxes and spending are out of control.



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The city is not listening. It is spending way too much money on infrastructure that will lose large amounts of money that will only support union workers and will raise taxes
Equitable access to facilities and services.
Safety - specifically the increase in violent crime and homeless tent camps outside of the downtown core.
Danielle Smith
I'm a senior on a fixed income shifting commercial property taxes to residential areas has just eaten up any spare income I had to spend on restaurants or cultural events
Overdoses crisis
City crowding out older neighborhoods
More people are moving here than there are houses available
Going NZ, cutting Fossil Fuel use, Sprawl, destruction of ecological integrity
Lack of public transportation (Green Line not built)
Schooling, Childcare
All of the above
Giving citizens predictability in what their immediate community surroundings will be. Citizens should be able to buy property and not be shocked by what is built next to them. City Hall needs to stop the fake "engagement" and actually listen to citizens. When a community opposes something, the City needs to listen. The City needs to curb their spending and live within their means like all citizens, stop raising taxes.
Increase cost of property taxes, water/sewer, garbage/compost/recyclable collections. All while the city reduces the number of service employees, while increasing the size of management. The excess cost of contracting out jobs only to have that specific job take three to four times longer than if city staff did the work. More often than not, the job the contractors did is subpar and has to be redone.
Environmental degradation/harm and natural disasters, heat waves, drought etc. is too closely related to each other so grouping into one.
too much urban sprawl/ insufficient density in the core
Increasing noise and air pollution from motor vehicles (and the police helicopter)
Honestly- all of it. And it's all intertwined. A plan should address environment & disasters, while also thinking of efficient and affordable housing that can help reduce poverty and isolation. Laneway housing & secondary suites; help seniors stay in place. Increase transit options including actual bike lanes, trains, busses, ride share, which would reduce traffic. Need creative solutions that address more than one thing. There are some good examples in the city & beyond. Adapt buildings and spaces. Cspace. Need to implement more.
Interference by province in scientifically proven treatments for addictions, I.e. need safe supply.
Lack of safe injection sites/lack of empathy for the unhoused
Accessibility. There are many residential sidewalks that still to this day do not have curb-cuts. Snow removal is laughable. I feel so sorry for people with physical disabilities who rely on transit during the winter, as



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sidewalks, curb cuts and cross walks, and bus stations are covered with snow and ice build up for days or event weeks. And there is a huge lack of accessible houses. Bungalows are not being built, and townhomes are being built vertically where being able to climb stairs is the only option. Disabled people should have housing options where they can buy a detached single level home with a garage and a yard that they can access. They should not be limited to apartments and condos only. The city needs to consider this in their plans for increasing housing in the city.
Concern with the lack of regard for our citizens concerns by the city officials.
Lack of single family housing (not Condos!) in the inner city, that is affordable.
no value put on existing and heritage neighbourhoods, no thought to senior style housing (no to townhouses everywhere)
Woke ideology
Multiplying density but not adding additional services like busses and transit routes. Giving developers free reign and removing citizens opportunity to voice opinions and provide local context is causing Calgarians to feel like they are not a part of this city. A lot of major topics that substantially impact Calgarians are discussed and voted on in secret. No one is informed. Our voices don't matter.
Relaxed parking requirements in zoning leading to no parking available on streets. Big problem for having friends over.
Out of touch mayor & city council with their own agenda
Well when landlords are being frauds and social workers are deliberately being bullied to people on purpose yeah I would say that people become homeless! City of Calgary needs to start holding their city elected people accountable too
Safety
lack of the City's consideration of community feedback and input on redevelopments. If people feel that the City doesn't listen, then they lose interest in investing their energies into their community.
No LRT in Calgary North. This is desperately needed - please build now!!
Way too many arterial roads, this city needs a road diet in a big way so buildings can comfortably front onto streets
Cost of living is on the rise, more people are living paycheque to paycheque, the planet is boiling us alive, jobs are overworking and underpaying us, and you limit me to 3 options.
Very unhappy about the city's rezoning plans. Think it is important to preserve R1 neighbourhoods where it makes sense.
The growth of Calgary has to also have growth of Parks. Specifically a new municipal Park for Nose Creek :)
Pedestrian safety takes a back seat to convenience for vehicles
City Hall constantly raising taxes and fees for vanity projects.



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Many drivers either don't know or don't care about the road rules and pedestrians and others are often put at risk, especially downtown. They also believe they need to drive to live in Calgary given our transit challenges.

Reduction in the Quality of Life due to overcrowding from increasing population and higher density development

Costs of running city government are not under control and I worry about continued increases to budget with increases to tax.

A city council that is bought and paid for by developers that want to lower my quality of life!

Spending on frivolous projects and items by the city while many families are in financial crisis. Counselors and the mayor should make far less money and be forced to use public transit rather than city employees driving around Mach E's. There are much less costly options for corporate vehicles.

Seriously these were limited choices

Public transit

We asked: How can the City best address the challenges you identified?

Options were:

- Increasing the amount of housing
- Providing more housing options
- Providing more choice in how people move around the city
- Increasing investment in green spaces and other public spaces
- Providing more incentives for businesses and economic development
- Removing red tape and streamlining city processes
- Incentivizing more sustainable development
- Increasing social supports within our community
- Allowing more variety of businesses in more locations
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

smaller municipal government, lower taxes, less waste, more accountability to taxpayers.

Affordable housing, social housing and housing cooperatives mixed into diverse housing options and improved public transit (more frequent, longer hours, more coverage)

As the city grows, we have a responsibility to look after the most vulnerable in our city. People who face homelessness or are in the brink of homelessness (living pay check to check) need community support. As winter approaches the need for safe, accessible, and harm reduction based homes/shelters/community spaces will be key in keep some of these folks alive. We need to financially support resources that help people that are not runner by the government. Community based organizations.



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Lowering the cost of living. Put a cap on rental prices. Defunding the police and allocating those funds elsewhere to development of social supports and programs.
Stop increasing property taxes on the seniors and middle to lower income citizens who already live here, as we have been taking care of our neighborhoods and neighbours for decades and keeping each other safe. By taxing us out of our neighborhood homes the City is falling to middle/upper income home owners who don't know each other and will expect the City to do everything FOR them rather than get to know their neighbours and keep each other safe and take care of their community.
Tax the ultra wealthy
Planning for water (city growth, lack of snowpack = water issues) and electric needs (more renewables, incentivize decentralized power generation)
Addressing the drug problem (specifically in the downtown core and the homeless population)
None of these answers pertain to what I selected in the question before. Change the government and the cities could maybe change for the better. Criminals need to be held accountable and actually do jail time vs. a slap on the hand. The city needs to keep up with the evolving crime/unsafe behaviors instead of enabling.
Increasing transit frequency and routes
Caring about its people, not just looking to make a quick buck. Especially at the sake of it's communities. The rich get richer, the housing crisis and now the lower income population is severely affected.
Leave R1 zones alone. Stop raising taxes and telling us you want affordability. Double tax doesn't count.
Address the root causes of these issues: capitalism and colonialism. Get BIPOC, youth, and other equity deserving groups into paid city planning positions and use their expertise to make change.
Rent control
Ensure developers aren't dominating city hall.
Allow more variety in housing options and use of green space. Bring natural, native plants back into unused lots
Providing housing that is truly affordable. Allowing people to live with dignity by creating housing for people of all income levels
PLEASE stop spending money on sculptures and art when we need to prioritize our city's safety, affordability, and housing crisis!!! also can we get more security in the transit stations or something along those lines?? especially downtown and NE! getting to school is a nightmare everyday, people are constantly smoking on trains, harassing others, and breaking city property.
Reduce the amount of car-dependant infrastructure in the city
Increasing AFFORDABLE housing options
Providing more and better transit and walking & cycling infrastructure
Lower property taxes.



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Single-family unit zoning must end. Urban sprawl must end. Prioritize green spaces and dense, affordable housing. The city won't survive without it because young people will not be able to live her.
Providing affordable housing for those in need and limiting development to affordable options. Tax those with large properties or over a certain square footage.
Creating protections on our parks and greenspace (they are currently non-existent).
Public and active transit, advanced building codes and ordinances, more free public spaces, more trees to keep neighborhoods cool
Animate public spaces with live performances, festivals, and the resources needed to make sure calgarians know about them and can make their way to them
Investing in mental health and social programming to help reduce the barriers that low income and house less calgarians face.
More police to assist any people experiencing crazies. It should always be safe to walk home at night, no questions asked.
Stop raising taxes on households and adding fees for just parking in front of your own house. Your adding fuel to the fire for people already struggling.
Build more MAX lines
Lower taxes and wasteful spending
RENT CONTROL
Just stop spending my money on your pet social projects and your notion of "investment". Please! Pave roads, fix bridges, run emergency services, maintain parks, and provide safe water and sanitation. Stop handing out taxpayer dollars to developers and hockey teams. Is that too much to ask?
Hiring more police to patrol neighbourhoods, expanding car lanes and making big roads to overcome traffic.
Stop the attack on R1 homes Since when has a front and backyard become an evil Thing
Downsize our municipal government. Implement some governance such that our municipal government has some baseline accountability to be not corrupt and be competent.
Stop the wasteful spending and council should be more accountable to the people
Decrease the size of local government
Reduce urban sprawl
Raise speed limits on major roads
Engage with stakeholders to see where access to facilities and services is believed to be inequitable.
Consequences for lawlessness and social disorder! Better police response time. Job opportunities for older adults who were part of the 'mass layoff' during covid.
Increased focus on safety especially on transit, bylaws to prevent the spread of homeless camps.



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Adding more bus routes
Decreasing user cost of public transit. Increased users and lower cost is better result
Stand up to the Province- Calgary didn't vote for the UCP
Tax grabs like parking in residential areas and increased home taxes have to be curbed. Limit growth of the city until infrastructure catches up
by inclusion communication to the populace/public
Reduce cost of housing means increasing affordability. It does not mean providing more housing options
I walk with a walker and you need to provide better access for disabled people to public areas more better planned parking so people can access parks, etc.
Change policies of security and treatment to minor crimes. I have been said that criminals are caught one day and released the next one, and they commit the same crimes over and over... also, changes on the policies for drugs and Marijuana.. there is nothing recreational in intoxicating yourself...
Prioritize funding the entirety of the greenline, keep up with transit oriented housing and expand social and homelessness services beyond downtown
Increase safety. When people feel safe they are more likely to move around freely. It will also make downtown more vibrant.
Community food gardens would be a great start in many neighborhoods; fruit trees provide shade, more food security, could be used to teach children things in a hands on manner and provide a healthy snack while doing so.
Increased police force
Push back against federal government policies that have caused the massive inflation and that has allowed more people to come here than we have housing available
Streamline 24hr transit service
Get past pretty policies and get serious about getting to Net-Zero; make it priority for all City departments
Our increase of homelessness is an outrage and hundreds of thousands of dollars is gone where? I have a number of option and ways to actually mend our City if interested. Please hear me.
I think to combat social isolation parks that are safe or natural green spaces with lots of trees or walkways will benefit the community and encourage isolated individuals to go outdoors. I don't believe that these spaces need to be completely natural, since the north east area has more of a prairie landscape with a few trees for shade and mainly grass covered land.
Keep property taxes affordable. Recently been increasing above inflation.
Allow newer communities and make city centers into big apartment complexes.
greening streets for wellness. everyone needs to be able to see green, even those living in high rises.
all of the above



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Enhanced safety measures
Make it illegal for the City to continue to expand outwards which is highly unsustainable except on the backs of existing taxpayers. Densify existing residential communities if growth must continue.
Actually listen to citizens who engage in providing feedback to the City. The city checks a box that it engages with citizens but does not actually respect the ideas and concerns of the community, instead the city does whatever it wants despite opposition in the city!.
More police and fire
Reducing size of administration
Having ctrain access in SE
“Provide more housing options” low rise Transit Oriented development please!
Festivals, Cspace, human beings live here, not robots!
I don't know what “more choice in how people move around the city” means. As far as I'm aware, people can move anywhere they want as long as they can afford it. Do you mean more subsidized housing? If that's the case, say so.
Rezone areas such as Eagle Ridge, Elboya, Patterson Heights, Bayview, Bears paw, Bel Aire, Stonepine to have low income housing. They all want their gardeners, cooks, nannies, housecleaners to come to their homes and work for minimum wage at the retailers, and by their standards it is okay for them to have to travel anywhere from 60 to 120 minutes one way to get to work/home each and every day.
Reduce property taxes
Take control of higher education and dismantled discrimination in hiring processes
Providing AFFORDABLE housing that is currently disallowed by zoning laws!!!
Investing in LRT transit from the airport to all areas of the city, and building LRT transit in the deep southeast to connect the quadrant to the rest of the city. We don't use transit in the SE because we have unreliable buses.
Greatly improving frequency and quality of public transit
The City (municipal government) should not be in the housing supply business. That way is socialist and will fail to provide a good result.
Implementing the full extent of the Climate Strategy.
Lower property taxes
Holding master plan developers accountable to provide affordable housing options, engage in land reclamation and sustainable development practices - not incentives, accountability
Assistance with rising rent costs - caps on increases per year, rent adjustments, incentives for offering a rental



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One word: coops --- in business and housing. I'm so sick and tired of paying someone to manage things for me. I deserve my fair paycheck, and I deserve a fair rent.

Embedding accessibility as a pillar of all future planning. Calgary has an opportunity to be seen as a world class city for accessibility for people with disabilities

Capping yearly rent increases. Many speculators are just taking advantage of renters by increasing rent 10% yearly and upwards. Without those caps Calgary will soon be less affordable and less including of people with diverse backgrounds. There is a big risk there!

Upzone like Edmonton

Housing and the lack of affordable housing is a major issue in this city, as it is across Canada. As far as I am concerning housing is foundational to a healthy community and is a basic human right. Without housing it becomes difficult to look after ones basic needs creating strain in other areas of social networks. Why not even out the balance of wealth and power by choosing to take action in areas such as eliminating air b and b's , providing tax incentives for the building, zoning and construction of affordable housing and making it available to people who need it the most. Why not also loosen the bylaws surrounding living arrangements that may be unconventional such as so called inlaw suites or outbuildings such as garages being zoned and made legal as places of residence. I would imagine that there are multiple people in the city who could easily make outbuildings liveable and made available to someone they know or someone in the community in need of shelter. Why not incentivize this? Allowing that land holder to also make a small profit off of this arrangement and take the financial strain off of someone who is in a position who has to build their social equity from the ground up and cannot afford to pay 1500 dollars monthly just for a place to rest, bathe, eat and have some privacy. Furthermore, I would like to suggest that for people in the community who are considered to be vulnerable in some respect, due to challenges that they may be dealing with , that they have their basic human rights honored and respected. One of these human rights is privacy. That is one of the definitions of what a home is. It is a private place in which a person or a small group of people can live their lives in the way of their choosing. I would like to heartfully suggest that if we can collectively find a way to house people, especially vulnerable people, that we then also make a grand gesture of respecting the boundary of that household by acknowledging that within a persons home they are in a private space. Do not violate that space by spying on people, listening in on private conversations they have within their home or compromising their rights and dignities within that space. To do so is not only criminal, a form of covert harrassment and profoundly disrespectful, but illustrates a deep ignorance of the people doing so. Calgary has a long way to go towards this goal. Start by acknowledging the basic human rights of people in this city. Privacy being one of them. If this basic foundation cannot be maintained, it doesn't matter how the city looks from the outside. Start with basic respect.

More funding for roads and less on bike lanes that can't even be used in the winter

How much more population growth can our current freshwater supply sustain? What happens if we grow past that? What happens if there's a prolonged drought?

Increasing investment in safe micromobility infrastructure, similar to edmonton's recent investment.

Allowing clearer methods of communication between city council and the citizens of Calgary and allowing citizens enough time to respond. EXTREMELY poor communication with this new administration!



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Revitalize downtown. Why do areas like the University District look better than 17th Ave or even Stephen Ave?? Why is downtown nightlife so sprawled out and lacklustre?
Preserving Calgary's history
Density increases built form and lessens green space. There needs to be balance, not the free for all proposed. Sustainability needs to consider environment, infrastructure and peoples needs
More sufficient design for bus stations and public spaces and retails to make city lively. The downtown is not readable you cannot recognize which building is public and which ones are private. It doesn't attract people to browse
Focus on real, tangible issues not make believe racism, climate emergencies and drag queens
Make sure that there is enough road, parking and car infrastructure. Although improving transit and biking is good, we want to make sure there is enough infrastructure for cars. We should assume that almost all of the households in Calgary will have a car, and in some cases will have 2, so we should make sure our infrastructure accounts for that. I do not want Calgary to turn to a European or third world city where using cars is difficult. Calgary is cold and having good car infrastructure is important for quality of life. Also all residential and commercial developments should have minimum parking requirements, so we do not turn into Karachi, where there is not enough parking so people double or triple or quadruple park on the road as there is not enough parking.
Make city more walkable - ie, ensure there are groceries, health services, pharmacies within walking distance in each neighborhood (the 15 minute city model)
Blanket upzoning is not providing more choice for Calgarians it's removing choice. It's removing affordable choice. It's also removed the voices of Calgarians in how our neighborhoods develop. I no longer feel like a part of this city. You could provide ACTUAL opportunities for us to engage, and then actually listen, instead of being driven by greed and profits and developers wants and needs.
mode choice (for real!)
Focus on the core issues...safety, basic services, efficiency. Often times this city puts focus on things outside of it's responsibilities (social issues, international issues, climate hysteria).
Traffic: the road closures downtown (and surrounding areas) are brutal! They all seem to occur at the same time. Doesn't feel like any planning goes into the scheduling. re: safety - I don't know the answer but everything that has been done doesn't seem to be working. We don't ride transit anymore after a few scary experiences.
Require all developments to have more parking spaces on site to relieve the congestion of on street parking.
Lower municipal taxes for residents and businesses. Reduce spending on public art, bike lane maintenance. Ban Short Term Rentals..
Enforce the law and keep people safe more than just a sense of safety but real safety and obeying Canadian laws, more hospitals, more trains



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I think we need to remove the bottle depot and instead install a garbage clean up program for homeless people. This will limit them from scavenging through garbages (increasing litter) and instead be productive in cleaning up the area. They can get stable housing in exchange, it will feel like a job.
More police presence, focus on homeless/drug problem
STOP DESIGNING EVERYTHING FOR CARS. Emphasis intended. The rest will follow.
Remove mayor & city council
We need to stop encouraging people to move to Calgary until we can actually support our population. The housing and cost of living crisis is a function of out of control demand combined with poor supply. Why does the Mayor and Council tell everyone to move here because it's 'relatively affordable' when it's clearly not? We don't have anywhere near the amount of social support in place to meet the needs of our current population, let alone another few hundred thousand.
Ensure that policing is used most effectively. Ensure that the City's spending is the most effective which would reduce taxes and other costs, thus reducing everyone's costs.
Stop allowing fraudulent landlords and their family members from renting places and being fraudulent! Do checks on rentfaster and other sites to make sure! Do something about it!
Removing homeless shelter from city centre. It's imperative to make city centre safe and exciting.
Safety and crime prevention
Make recreational options affordable for everyone (e.g.; Calgary Zoo, Science Center, Calgary Tower, theatre, etc.)
Deal with the opioid crisis
Solar on public buildings
Ask Province for Building Code Reforms to legalize 6-8 story European-style Point Access Block apartments.
Reduce cost and become more efficient
Transportation problems need to be addressed. We can't call our city a "global city" if we don't have a way to get around the city without needing to drive or freeze outside in the cold. Trains should and waiting areas should only be accessed by people who rides Calgary transit.
Increasing cycling and pathway infrastructure--it doesn't exist in the many part of central North and NE Calgary
Smart development only within TOD's along major existing transit routes. Leave the R-1 and RC2 alone. More required off street parking for new developments.
Provide more co-op and public housing, including sustainable passive apartments and converted office buildings. End car-centric development, invest heavily in transit, and introduce 15-minute cities. Defund the police, who are only there to protect the ruling class, and invest that money into housing and social services. Build more safe consumption sites and provide free, no-barrier mental health support for people who use drugs. Eliminate barriers for the unhoused to secure shelter.



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Concentrating mixed use development around the LRT stations so people don't have to travel across the city for their jobs, shopping, health care or other purposes.
Housing Cooperatives are the only true affordable housing; invest in this
Build the green line North to make getting to work & downtown entertainment faster, more efficient , and more safe. The number one reason we don't leave our home in Huntington Hills is because the bus to downtown is horrible. We need LRT now.
Advocate to other levels of government to implement aids to cost of living (tax relief or rebates etc.)
Stop the feds from taking all our money. Bring back the energy sector
Providing non-market housing options in walkable neighbourhoods where there's access to services, amenities, and frequent public transit.
Prohibit short-term rentals to increase available housing supply for sale. Likewise limit ownership beyond primary residence. Housing should be for living, not a commodity. (Also need more densification)
Make public transit come more frequently, expand its area, and then make it free, public services should be free, its a puvlic service and should be free, payed for by our taxes. Raise taxes on [removed] if you need to. Increasing public transit use is another small way we can reduce emissions. Less cars on the road, less emmisions, hopefully we can make a start at leasening the effects of climate change.
Rent control. Better bus routes and tracking to let people know when they are running late. More train stops
Decrease population growth drastically. Stop the damn "come to Alberta" campaigns. Stop supporting immigration. Too much population growth is making life impossible for those already here.
Stop urban sprawl and density.
Imposing rent control, banning corporate ownership of homes, and adding a tax to ownership of multiple properties.
transit-oriented development to capture access to housing, greenspace, services, etc.
Maintain industrial zoning laws, but allow commercial to be built wherever the market demands it. Restrict the number of parking spaces commercial can be built. Require all new commercial spaces to be mixed used buildings to keep people close to amenities and densify the city. STOP building single family homes entirely, there are enough in the city and it only costs us more in the long run. We severely need to focus on walkability, separated bike infrastructure which receives the same priority as car infrastructure and dense neighbourhoods where all required amenties are within walking distance, not in a big clump next to a main road, spread them out.
Protect existing heritage and older neighbourhoods, buildings, and greenspaces from being torn up and turned into developments
City Council could resign so competent people can run the city and clean out the civil service. We need value for our tax dollars.
More inspectors
Provide basic housing to all who need it. Police driving rules more often and more stringently.



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If the City truly believed in addressing Climate Change and all the resultant impacts Calgary would begin the work to address limits to growth. Growth should only be allowed if the 2023 emissions and energy use are not exceeded. Otherwise the Climate Crisis will only get worse
Address the SOURCE of drug addiction and homelessness. Stop using bandaid solution.
Need to take a hard look at city expenses, including staffing, and make hard decisions to reduce.
Respecting land title stipulations when it comes to park land, further protecting park lands and natural habitats of animals, protecting fragile ecosystems and our City's drinking water source at the Glenmore Reservoir, by not drastically pushing for growth that the city cannot sustain.
Focusing more density into newer built communities instead of shoving it down the throat of people that chose to live in lower density communities.
Considering the declaration of the Mayor that we are in a climate emergency, environmental sustainability that leaves no Calgarian behind should be top of mind in visioning future City plans.
Increase affordable housing, and implement rent controls
Eliminating unnecessary red tape of all processes, creating more efficiency, reducing the number of staff that are needed and overall saving money, allowing savings to be passed on to taxpayers
Better and more public transport And increased safety and reduced crime
Making complete streets a standard practice. Every street should consider pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users, etc, rather than just cars.
All your answers all lead only to the direction your pushing. Nothing there I want
stop catering to nimbys and developer and increase densification. also stop building on the outskirts of the city. invest in transit.
Enforcing rules and bylaws for encampments, open drug use and providing supportive housing/ treatment facilities
Rent control!!
Lower taxes to increase affordability. Stop wasteful projects like green line.
Density - needed in ALL communities to drive development, BETTER TRANSIT service
Plan better infrastructure. Overpasses, etc, need to be built before new communities are put in.
Ending sprawl.
Reducing taxes and the size of the municipal government.



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Moving Around Calgary

We asked: Walking or using a mobility aid

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Only option to get from locations to transit options as transit does not go close.to most residential housing, only on main streets.
My community does not have daily amenities within walking distance.
I only walk outside around the neighborhood during spring and summer
Travel is for short distance only
There are no Transit options within 5 minutes walk for my destination.
Walking dogs
I can't drive so when the bus/train is going to take longer, I'll just walk.
why would you not walk if the community is walkable? people are too reliant on cars.
I don't have a car
Enjoying nature and architecture
Walking or using a mobility aid is not possible in the majority of Calgary suburban neighborhoods. Need curb cuts to be mandatory and snow removal to be improved significantly.
I don't have a driver's
I live in a community where I can walk to most places I need to go
The spaces I walk are well maintained or well thought walk paths, making it desirable and not a hurdle to accomplish the commute route
Not safe
I would always choose to walk but most needs are too far away from me unfortunately
I live in downtown



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I do not use a mobility aid
I walk in my community
Have to because no easy access to transit
social
If things were in walking distance, I would walk. But really nothing is and I'm not even in the boonies. I'm in Capitol Hill!
Benefits to health, societal constraints (remove self from traffic) and environment. Lead by example.
Allows me to avoid the stress of driving and parking
Active mobility infrastructure is key for Calgary.
Concerned about Governments! Trudeau!
I can't drive due to mental illness and need to rely on transit
As a pedestrian I feel extremely unsafe in the city of Calgary. I have had multiple instances of cars acting belligerently and find the pedestrian infrastructure in the city to be seriously lacking. Try crossing crowchild from Kensington road. Suggested improvements would include elevated pedestrian and bike pathways.
My use of walking is limited in winter months to the failure of the City of Calgary to have sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. Lots of talk about walkability but no real action to enforce City Bylaws related to sidewalk clearing
I walk for leisure. Calgary's winter weather does not sustain walking as a mode of transportation.
Because it's a nice day out and I have nothing better to do.
I can leave when I want rather than having to try to schedule around infrequent transit where other riders don't mask



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We asked: Driving

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

I am privileged to have a vehicle. To be able to pay for gas, my registration, and insurance. However, maintaining the vehicle can be a financial burden at times.
To get to locations where transit will not take me and to transport multiple or heavy items.
Decades of social engineering of our cities requires it.
Allows access to a variety of places at my discretion in the shortest time
It is necessary
Cant afford a vehicle because the job of living is too high.
I don't like driving in Calgary—the roads are big with very short on-ramps to merge, drivers are so impatient. I only drive if I can't get there other ways
I have the financial ability to afford a vehicle
I dislike driving. It's dangerous, causes pollution, and traffic makes the city noisy, dirty, and unpleasant. If there was less waiting time between buses and more train lines, I would use public transit always
Driving is almost a necessity in this city, but only if you can afford it and this city is not inexpensive.
Need it for big weekly grocery shop, moving things around, getting to mountains and suburbs to visit family (transit links and variable / unreliable schedules make using public transit to suburbs impossible).
Dont drive
Lack of alternative
I do not have a motor vehicle. I really like the scooters, etc. that the City provides to get around on
Using my vehicle is my only way of getting to errands but strategically placed parking for the disabled is an extremely short supply.
i am able to afford taking ride share/taxi when needed; i have friends or family who are able to help me with car trips sometimes



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Not great options to get where we want to go otherwise, and do not feel safe on transit
Overpriced luxury
It's the only realistic option to get where I need to go sometimes
My job requires me to drive to different parts of the city.
Driving is 20 minutes and Transit is 3 hours to get from work to my kids school
Transporting groceries, or tending to multiple errands in the same day is problematic via Transit.
IMPORTANT: I do not have a drivers licence. When I “drive” it’s more like ride
only if necessary, I drive to visit friends and family in South Calgary because there is no train line that goes to their communities...
To live in the deep SE means you have to own a car unless you’re going to spend hours on transit daily.
Occasional need to transport large items. I do not own my own car.
Forced to drive when travelling to places where other modes are not available/convenient
For the distances I need to travel and the locations all over the city I need to access for my day to day I have no other choice, public transit, bike or other modes would be a full time job just travelling
I hate driving. If it were possible to never do it I would
I use the car when it is not convenient to walk.
I know the route will not encounter many difficult intersections or unsafe driving conditions.
I NEED a vehicle because despite living in inner city I cannot get to where I need to go in calgary unless I have a car.
other modes require WAY too much consideration
Driving is essentially a requirement outside of the city centre. For example, I would have to walk 30+ minutes to the nearest grocery store.
Driving is faster if there is no traffic or accident but still takes a long time
I need to transport things, or it is too far and time consuming to take transit.
I drive to work because there is no transit
Forced to due to a lack of other options
I need to drive for my job
Often it's the only real option because Calgary does such a bad job on other modes of transportation (eg, some places have no bus, no sidewalk, no bike path)
Work, School, after school care, Errands, Kids activities. this is impossible to do with out a car .
The only way to protect myself from being murdered by an F150 is to drive an F150



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Some times it's the only realistic option.
I would bike or bus to work regularly if I could manage transportation for my children to/from school - currently I need to drive to work in order to be able to pick up/drop them on time at school.
Calgary is far too auto centric and needs to actively reduce car lanes and impacts of expansive roadways and parking lots
No other option
There is often no other option.
Forced by design practices of the past and present. Job site isn't always within range of transit or multimodal transportation methods.
Building a city around the needs of drivers is detroying Calgary.
The transit system is horribly slow and inconvenient (takes 52 min on transit vs 12 min drive)
I live in the Beltline a lot is close to me, my parents live in the NW, so I drive to see them, bigger errands and some leisure activities. Also, will the city charge for parking on the street?
I use a car sharing service (Communauto) i suggest Calgary invests in partnering with services like this so they can expand in Calgary. The extreme increase of cost of living in this city is going to make more citizens unable to afford a car or be a two car household. These services are much better for low income people who cannot rely on Calgary's embarrassing public transit network
I don't enjoy it and use a little as possible
This is logistically the only mode that calgary supports. Weather is also a reason for this, but the city is so spread out that transit becomes obsolete. Current transit systems are always late and unreliable - even efforts to include public transport have failed. Not to mention, public transportation is incredibly unsafe.
Because it gets me somewhere that another form of transit doesn't or won't effectivly service.
I purchased a hybrid vehicle to help offset any driving.
I rent a car as needed. Walking is my primary mode of transportation.
For most of the city, this is the only way I can get somewhere in a reasonable amount of time.
I own a car but choose not to drive it as often I as can
No other choice - transit service sucks.
I don't feel like I'm going to be "victim blamed" if someone kills me, which I do feel walking or biking because of a street design, education, and enforcement system that is hostile to anyone not in a car. This is not a positive, really.



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We asked: Taking the bus

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

It is too time consuming
Only option as LRT is not available in most neighborhoods and it is physically impossible to walk from day for eg. Harvest hills to downtown core.
I literally have no other options available aside from walking as the city has made everything else so car-centric that isnt not feisable to walk from downtown to the universities
Used in the past, services are late and not efficient.
Reduces traffic
I have no other choice
I take the bus to events where there's a lack of parking or where it's expensive, such as stampede, comic con. However, bussing takes at least an hour to get to downtown.
It is easy for me to enter and leave the bus
i do not use this mode as calgary bus transit is unreliable, takes forever to get places and is very inconveniently placed around the city.
I do not feel safe travelling as a female alone on transit. I have experienced multiple incidences and close calls before deciding to get my license
Bus isn't reliable in calgary
I have no choice. I do not drive.
I'm disabled and don't feel safe on it
Rarely use this option due to difficulty in navigating routes and unreliability
Can't afford to drive
Outside of walking it is one of my only options



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buses are inconvenient, untimely, expensive, and often dirty
When I was younger and using it, it was inconvenient, not sure how it is now.
Rarely use, as it is not convenient
It can be sketchy, people get stabbed at night! Again we need security 24/7 on platforms or the wheel things where you must pay to get in.
Don't use it anymore- it's not safe!
Most time it is not possible to take the bus when you're using a walker or any other public transportation.
i have a transit pass through work
Not a great option, especially during the winter with snow and ice, bus stops are dangerous in winter for seniors
Bus service is unpredictable, inconvenient, and unsafe. Travel time increases from 20 minutes (car) to 90 minutes (bus/train). There is no incentive to use transit.
Save money on parking downtown (transit itself is NOT cheap)
When buses are on schedule, and connect, this can be a good method of travel for most single destinations.
Rarely use-too many transfers, too much time
I really hope we can add a dedicated fare card system (like Presto, OMNY, Oyster, ETC.)
I would not even consider taking public transportation until the City clears out the drug addicts.
Most transit has you going into downtown just to get to the other side of the city. The circle route(s) no longer exist, now a 40 minute bus ride takes 135 minutes.
The bus is useful sometimes but the travel times to get to certain places is shocking compared to the time it takes to drive. From my area to the Rocky Mountain Climbing Centre is 1 hour 50 mins by bus on a Sunday, and just 20 mins by car. The inconvenience of the bus system has stopped me from attending events before. I see great potential in Calgary but the bus system is definitely flawed when it can take over 5 times as long to get somewhere by bus than by car. It's quite aggravating.
Too expensive and not safe
our bus systems struggle greatly. I will use a bus to complete the final bit of a majority train transit journey, but otherwise would rather walk or drive. improve train lines, and ideally supplement with trams rather than buses.
The deep SE doesn't use transit because we don't have reliable transit. Buses are too infrequent to make it worth while to use. If we had LRT transit with shorter commutes, we'd be more inclined to use it. I shouldn't have to commute for 90 minutes for a 20 minute drive.
Have to
Frequency and reliability of buses is a problem. Routes are not efficient.



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Used to always take the bus when I lived in Vancouver but here I only do it when absolutely necessary because the bus is too infrequent, unreliable, and indirect (all while being extremely expensive)
I used to use this more often, but now live in a more walkable neighbourhood. It can be difficult taking the bus. Long times between busses. Some routes only run at peak hours. In other neighbourhood it was sometimes impossible for me to leave neighbourhood
Can get work done or just meditate while travelling
Bus stops are not accessible for people with disabilities in the winter.
The bus works for me if I am travelling 8 km or less. Amore than that takes too long.
The route is quick, convenient, accessible, and requires me to do minimal trip chaining with out increased rates or long waiting times.
It is the only public available translation for me
Not safe
Concern over safety
only when necessary (not an easy option)
Not frequent enough.
The bus system is too slow and does not announce stops
My neighborhood does not have adequate bus service to meet my needs
It can be convenient but most of times it's not due to not frequent enough buses and too many stops
Other than rush to downtown, quite a walk to the nearest feeder bus.
Rarely use, but okay when I do.
Calgary transit is not low cost unless you have a low income bus pass! Otherwise just like housing prices and rental prices it's ridiculous
Do not use Transit as do not feel safe, doe snot go where I want to go.
I don't take public transportation - it's inconvenient and not safe
Not reliant and takes forever. Frequency an issue
I don't drive, so I don't have a choice
I would love to take the bus more but it's often not reliable or doesn't get me where I'm going
Good for when parking is expensive or if I can just catch 1 bus to where I am going
Not convenient to use :(
I work at the airport but the time it takes via bus, even the 300 is more than three times longer than driving.
I don't have a choice.



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Don't have to pay for parking downtown
To avoid parking downtown during the week.
The cost per ticket often costs more than the gas in my vehicle.
Only option to get some places (paging the airport - yeah I know, uber/taxi/drive and park)
I use it as little as possible. Dirty and unsafe trains. We lost our transit link to C-Train so the bus doesn't really go anywhere I need to go, if you can guess when a bus may show up.
I have no choice but to take it
I live in the Beltline, I either walk, take the train or drive, no bus but I used to take the bus for school and work.
More bike paths and better train travel would be preferred (looking forward to the green line) but the buses horrible schedule accuracy and long wait times are extremely frustrating. I prefer to take the bud over driving because I am fortunate enough to live centrally in west hillhurst. I have heard the struggles of my coworkers who are living in the suburbs who are struggling to afford their vehicle payments, gas, and insurance prices, but would have a nearly two hour commute due to Calgarys abhorrent public transit network.
I don't use because of inconsistent times, overcrowded especially when weather is poor
I no longer use public transit as I do not feel safe or comfortable using it
Parking downtown is too expensive; however I do not feel safe using the bus or LRT so it is a dilemma
Bus is inconvenient in my neighborhood
Because there are some places that only make sense to get to using transit (downtown has expensive parking), or it gets me directly where I need to go.
I have the time to take the bus.
for commuting DT it is more environmentally friendly and cheaper to take bus
Bus service should be improving based on environmental emission concerns, not just efficiencies.
I would use transit if routes were available to et to my destination in a reasonable time frame.
It was the only option available for public transit
I use it because I have to. Transit needs major improvements.
I only use transit when I am going to a single location; when I have numerous things to do in different parts of the city, it is far too slow (it would take me 2-3 days to do what I do in one day).
I would love to be able to use transit more
When the roads are bad due to weather
I would use the bus if it were more convenient and less time consuming.
Usually walk instead since transit is terrible



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We asked: Taking the LRT

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Transit is overpriced for the quality of travel. Understaffed, the majority of Transit riders are low income citizens who cannot afford a car, or living within the inner-city/downtown area. Yet the CTrain security and quality caters to downtown professionals who only use Transit for convenience rather than necessity.
I literally have no other options available aside from walking as the city has made everything else so car-centric that isn't not feasible to walk from downtown to the universities
I use this mode of transportation with walking when I am not able to walk fully so where my car is out of service/it is more convenient to use the train.
It's not connected to everything.
Less traffic
It's necessary to get to certain locations
I can only use some of the trains
I do not feel safe travelling as a female alone on transit. I have experienced multiple incidences and close calls before deciding to get my license
I would use this more if it actually reached areas of the city I go to, as it stands our transit infrastructure could use work.
See above. I can't drive, no choice.
I'm disabled and don't feel safe on it
Favourite mode of transportation. Anti social behaviour is incredibly bad and city is struggling to make it better
I use this mode infrequently but when I do it's because of the cost and convenience.
Can't afford to drive
Outside of walking it is one of my only options



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It can be sketchy, people get stabbed at night! Again we need security 24/7 on platforms or the wheel things where you must pay to get in.
When Council and Senior Administration regularly take the LRT at all times of day, so will I.
I don't use it - it's not safe.
I don't feel safe on public transit
i have a transit pass through work
I do not feel safe using this mode of transportation
There should be a "I do not feel safe" option
I don't think it's safe
LRT is too busy, inconvenient to use, and requires a car to get to / from the station. Travel via this mode takes 5x longer than car (twice as long as bike). There is no incentive to use transit.
Save money on parking downtown (transit itself is NOT cheap)
I would like to see this service become 24/7 to permit travel for late night/early morning work, (Bakers, warehousing, hospitality/food).
Rarely use, but great when I do
I live in the north central and don't really go to downtown often. When the green line comes I'll be a far more avid user of the LRT.
See above.
Refuse to take the LRT.
Too expensive and not safe
need more train line coverage very badly. green line should have existed 10-15 years ago, and additional lines should already be in progress. the fact that the green line is just beginning construction is a failure of our city.
I don't have access to the train as it takes me 30 minutes to get there by bus, and the buses run ever 45 minutes. Build LRT lines for the Deep SE for us to get places.
Have to
I rarely take the train because I live one stop outside the free fare zone and I would rather walk downtown than pay the exorbitant ticket price
Do not often use any more. Would take more often if it went to more places
When it is a viable option.
I rarely use this mode since moving out of the downtown core, I enjoyed using it then and wish I had access to it now.
Parking downtown or near Stampede is too expensive.



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Feels like I'm teleporting from one place to another
I would use this option more if there were more free parking spaces for park and ride
It is convenient, on time, reliable for routes, and I know that the routes I am taking I will be safe either it is close to downtown, or the stops I know are well lit and higher likelihood of having many passengers at stops rather than being vacant.
I would take the train nowadays it is unsafe
Not safe
Concerned over safety
only when necessary (not an easy option)
Used it much in years past, when it was safe. These days it's a sketchy place to be.
I used the train for over 20years and now refuse to go near a station. There should be gates for paying customers only as well as security at all stations.
I would use lrt more if it was safe and in my neighborhood
My neighborhood is not serviced by the C-train
20 minutes to the nearest LRT station, and no parking when I get there.
No other option to get to work on some days.
Only use for special events which is rare. Comfortable using.
Do not use as it's not safe.
I would not feel safe
I don't take the LRT - doesn't hit enough of the city and it's not safe
Too crowded and feel unsafe and not frequent enough
I don't have to pay for parking if I go downtown.
I don't live near an LRT because North Central Calgary lacks that feature
I would love to take the train more but it's very focussed on rush hour and so it's not convenient or reliable, eg on weekends
It's not safe traveling on LRT anymore
Good for when parking is expensive or if I can just catch 1train to where I am going
It is available and sometimes it is the best option
LRT to the airport would allow to me to take transit to work (Airport) instead of driving.
use only to avoid parking in downtown
i do not feel safe and will not use it



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Feel unsafe taking it from either downtown or jome
Too far
I don't have a choice.
Don't have to pay for parking downtown
Parking costs downtown and at Saddledome is costly.
Cost prohibitive
It's great where it exists. The safety hub strategy will be helpful. Need to activate the public realm around transit stations, not simply police them. I like the European model of transit.
See above. An unsafe, dirty system.
Helps me get out.
No choice but to take it
I live in the Beltline, I am comfortable taking the train, though I don't take it later at night, I don't have the need.
Expand all lines please. The LRT is the fastest and most convenient way to move around the city. The TTC in torontos network of streetcars that go directly to their subway system would be an amazing thing to consider implementing in Calgary so we need to rely less on vehicles. Travelling in cars is proven to increase stress, poor mental and physical health, increased feelings of anger and isolation
I used to frequently take the LRT as I do not feel safe or comfortable using it
VERY concerned about safety so I try to avoid taking the LRT. Too many homeless on it. Beef up security or make the station access requiring a ticket to keep people out if not taking and paying for the LRY
Lrt is inconvenient in my neighbourhood
If I can access the place I need to go by LRT I generally use LRT, most places in the city aren't accesible by LRT.
for commuting DT it is more environmentally friendly and cheaper to take the LRT
It is the most efficient and cost effective way to travel downtown
Don't have to park or pay for parking at large events
I can take my bicycle with me, so I can combine recreation and tasks (at one location) into a single outing.
I would love to be able to use transit more
Roads are bad due to weather.
I'LL BIKE When safe routes exist to my destination. CITY Must do better job of provifding these routes.



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We asked: Biking

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

This city is too large and cold for this option to be considered acceptable year round.
I used to love biking but the city has allowed rentals to stay inaccessible and given the crime rates downtown its not worth risking a bike being stolen.
this city does not have enough PROTECTED bike lanes for this to be a viable option for me
I would not feel safe biking on any public roads in Calgary without bike lanes with BARRIERS, not just paint. Paint doesn't solve any of the problems facing cyclists.
Love cycling in Calgary. More divided bike lane!!!
Distance is relatively short to my destination
Better for faster, and more important trips, compared to walking.
when weather allows and walking is too far/long! when it is cold, we need better transit.
Protected/separated bike lane network is woefully incomplete.
This is the most efficient way for me to travel but is frequently inconvenient or unsafe due to poor infrastructure, and I am limited in what parts of the city I can access
Planning to in the future when health improves
Cycling routes are enjoyable, safe when routes are plowed and well lit, and equal/faster than other forms of commute. I am only deterred by inclement weather, poorly lit paths (uoC to downtown paths aren't great) and the paths are not in great condition or I would feel unsafe taking too many road paths close to cars.
I only use this if absolutely necessary. The bus system is not reliable in terms of when it shows up, or where it picks up.
Nice for a casual Sunday ride along the river. But not to get to where I'm going.
Love cycling for leisure but not advantageous for type of work I do
only when necessary (not an easy option)



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Not practical for 1/2 the year in Calgary.
I bike for recreation. Too many busy streets to bike to get groceries. Would take 1.5 hours to get to work - would endanger my life. And to get home, I wouldn't be able to get up the hills.
I do not know how to ride bike
Bicycling is [removed] cool.
Only convenient and safe near pathways and cycle tracks. Build cycle tracks to LRT stations and have safe bike parking.
I might use this feature if the 5A infrastructure was in place in North Central and NE Calgary
Would use way more if more protected space was set aside for bikes.
Weather issues and drivers are not responsible
I am sadly not brave enough to battle the cold
Benefits to health, societal constraints (remove self from traffic) and environment. Lead by example.
Active mobility infrastructure is key for Calgary.
Biking is one of the best things for my physical and mental health. I took it for granted in a Montreal and have missed having such a safe city wide bike network. The changes downtown have been wonderful but it would be great to see this infrastructure extended to other parts of the city. For example, I recently attempted to bike from Kensington to chinook. It was wonderful for a bit but when I got towards chinook i felt extremely unsafe and was nearly hit by a car. I recommend looking into Tom Babins YouTube project called shifter which is all about urban cycling in Calgary and the recent developments to the cycling network in Edmonton.
For leisure, occasionally in the summer if weather permits.
I'm not going somewhere in particular I just feel like getting some exercise
separate bike lanes have made this option way more appealing, more bike lanes connecting areas would also help
Long way to go for commuter safety on roads.
I would bike more if cycle paths were available. Many paths just end and dump you in high volume roads. Cycle paths are in dire need of expansion
I don't always feel safe riding on the road.
Although I do ride my bike, I typically don't ride it to get to destinations, just for recreation.



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We asked: Scootering

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Unsafe and a nuisance
I use it very rarely.
Its only conevient because calgary transit is so unreliable.
this city does not have enough PROTECTED bike lanes for this to be a viable option for me
Those electric scooters are so unsafe.
Totally fun, not cheap, very convenient
I hate the scooters, they get left in the middle of the road which messes stuff up for people with disability aids
So House Ph # do use public transportation with a walker using my scooter would be 10 times worse.
No scooters in my area
Protected/separated bike lane network is woefully incomplete.
I would love to try a scooter but I am afraid of falling.
I use this only when necessary due to time to catch transit, because of the cost.
No comment as I do not use this mode
Would do this more if the bylaw would make it legal.
It's not a safe mode for me
don't use this method.
Is this e-bike?
I value the offering of this mode of transport, however I have yet to test it out.
Sccoters pose a danger to its users, but mostly those around them.
In summer
Quicker than walking and can leave it once used



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We asked: Taxi/rideshare

Options were:

- Low cost
- Less travel time
- It's convenient
- I am comfortable in different types of weather
- It helps me be healthy
- I am concerned about the environment
- It is physically possible for me to travel this way
- I enjoy it
- I feel safe and comfortable using it
- I do not use this mode
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

When scooters and walking are not accessible and transit is unreliable, Uber is an option but it took 45% of my income to just commute to a job because transit (BRT) in a busy area rarely showed up as scheduled.
I only use this in emergency and have no other option
During later hours transit is not an option and some locations are impossible to reach by transit
It helps me get to the airport
Taking a taxi all the time is just playing too expensive for a senior on fixed income.
I am able to afford this mode to supplement my usual travel modes
I only access this mode when traveling or attending an event where parking is limited.
allows us to only have one car
Safety when out drinking
Use it when travelling to dinner in areas where parking may be limited.
I rarely use this mode and only out of necessity due to the cost when I already have to maintain and operate a vehicle for my day to day.
Been scammed before. Wary of using
Not enough cars to share.
I only use this when commuting to the airport, as I do not have a car and commute in other ways is not convenient or reliable. I wish there was a less expensive way to get to the airport, as I travel often for work.
Do not use
Forced to because of a lack of other options
I use Uber rather than taxi
Too expensive



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used to go to/from airport only
My bus is only available during rush hour, and I can't afford to get my license back, so I'm forced to use taxis
I will not take the LRT so taxi when I need to go to a function
Only use this if consuming alcohol.
Because couldn't get the transit
Sometimes it's the only realistic option.
use only when necessary (e.g. to airport)
I would use this if it were at all affordable, if the drivers weren't terrifying and if I didn't get ripped off by a cab driver every third time I use it.
Only option in some cases. Transit via LRT or bus aren't consistently reliable (catching a flight, etc.). Again, the airport dilemma.
Rideshares are a great way to induce traffic.
Expensive for pensioners
I prefer not to use this service but have needed to in times where I cannot rely on Calgary transit. Such as getting home as a young woman at night.
It is sometimes the only option to get around if you can't walk long distances
I'm drunk! Or my car is in the shop! Or I'm going to the airport/ traveling and don't want to pay for extended parking at the airport!
To not pay for parking at the airport
I only use taxis as a last resort, such as when going to the airport or for a medical appointment where parking is inconvenient.
Only use this if I am going somewhere not possible by transit eg: airport at 5am
Only use it when unable to drive.
Only use this mode when going out and at times prices are hiked.



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We asked: Other (please specify the mode and what motivates you to use it)

We received the following feedback:

I cannot get to my kids school with transit and they do not offer a bus as we are downtown so I'm forced to drive.
Share the cost and effort with a family member to get necessary chores done
When I lived and worked in the inner city I walked all the time. Now it is difficult to do so as we could not afford to buy a home in the inner city and my new job in the NE is poorly serviced by transit.
I use those mode of transportation when it is not convenient to drive myself or take the train.
I previously used transit however the transit system and especially the trains and blatantly dangerous now. I would not recommend anyone use the train unless they want to get stabbed or inhale toxic meth fumes.
I would prefer to take LRT to work, which will be more feasible when the green line comes up centre street.
I would ride my bike more but I have had two bikes stolen from downtown so I tend not to go downtown and leave my bike locked up for a few hours while I attend whatever.
I would use public transportation more often if it there was a more extensive transit system that was reliable and easy to get around on
I use taxis because they are unionized and don't charge surge prices.
Ctrain dirty and dangerous. Bus not convenient. Hate scooters (or people on then and discarded over public sidewalks). I only use taxi to ride to airport
Cost and convenience are major factors
I love uber
We need more short route streetcars
Walking could be made safer in Calgary, many parts are dangerous for pedestrians. Macleod Trail is one
Prefer to walk always but need better enforcement of pedestrian rights
Cost and time. Time is the governing variable
I must to be able to drive Two appointments and errands. Even then Parking is a huge issue and in the winter, many businesses, etc. you're not provide adequate street cleaning it's almost impossible to get across rutted ice.
I purposely selected an area that allows me to walk to shops & restaurants, use the LRT or drive. We paid more to live in an area that is so convenient. Now the developers with the City's zoning changes are going to overpopulate these areas! Horrible!
Fee assistance
C train



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Our extensive multi-use pathway motivates me to get outside to explore and enjoy other areas of the city and modes of transport opportunities.
I run/walk/bike the pathways and natural areas in Calgary, because they are beautiful and calming. I think Calgary needs more pathways, especially one connecting the nose creek corridor between 96 Ave NW north into Airdrie
Walking, Cycling, Bus and LRT give more choices and freedom to travel without the inconvenience of cars (parking, pollution, traffic, stress, cost, etc...)
I would use transit regularly if it was a viable alternative. It is nowhere near good enough.
I just felt like running. Forrest Gump
I ride my bike for recreation and exercise. I use my car to buy groceries and get to work. I use the transit when parking and navigating downtown is an issue. I take a taxi or ride share to the airport.
mainly walking and biking with transit when needed, and driving only to reach parts of Calgary with insufficient transit access (there are lots, sadly)
I have to use a car in the SE as buses are too infrequent, too long to get anywhere, and I don't have any close access to the LRT. My commute is 20-30 minutes, but to get to the train is 30 minutes plus an hour to get to my work.
Rodeshare, when needed. Taxi, when needed.
Air Travel. I am more comfortable in different types of weather other than Calgary's winter.
Calgary's bike pathway system is excellent.
Pop-a-ride ride sharing, because it is cheaper means to travel long distances where there is no transit. Example, banff or red deer, or edmonton.
These are the strangest questions ever. Ridiculous really. I drive because I choose to drive. I walk because I enjoy it. What does my comfort in weather have to do with anything? Of course driving costs more! Honestly...
I like cars, as it is really easy to go everywhere except downtown and can carry people and is good in cold weather. I would walk more but in winter snow and ice clearing is an issue in Calgary. Bus shelters should be cleared and let bridges should be cl
Way too expensive.
I use modes with an emphasis on convenience, safety, and cost.
Perception of Safety at transit/train stops is decreasing. Transit use within downtown is more expensive than scooters or walking. I also live 10 blocks from the nearest train which is further and less efficient
City transit is not convenient.
Only use a taxi if necessary for a hospital visit etc.
You need to ask why we don't use these modes of transportation.



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My own car
No transportation other than
Have to drive basically anywhere, including to take the LRT. otherwise, I'm spending more than twice the amount of time to get somewhere.
Walking. Proximity to Main Street
Cost and convenience are primary motivations. Would take bus and train more often if routes were more extensive and their frequency was significantly increased. Would walk/bike more if amenities were nearer.
I have an EV and e-bike and use them as much as possible because I am concerned about my health, particulate pollution and climate change
I'm not near an LRT line so seldom bus or train anywhere as it's not convenient. I drive everywhere now but recognize that I won't always be able to do that, hence my interest in moving closer in. A cab ride downtown would be costly from my home.
Would love to use the LRT but do not feel safe doing so since covid
The bike path that follows nose creek from the Bow River, to the north kind of ends at Harvest Hills, and then you have to do street riding, to go farther :(
The hybrid model (train+bike) - environmental benefits, gets me to work, enjoy the ride (when frequency of trains is acceptable) and it solves the challenge of accessing work in a sprawled city. We need more train lines yesterday. Start growing north.
Run-commuting. I get my exercise for the day before work. Saves me time and money. I do this year-round thanks to Calgary's strong investment in pathways.
I prefer to raft in summers.
I take taxis sometimes, especially when going out with friends, evenings and weekends.
Driving - ease of use and accessibility to all areas of the city
Car. Quicker than any public transit available. Taxi and Uber rates are outrageous
Reduce lights. The recent John Laurie light is a good example of a bad decision. Make these roads restricted access or consider roundabouts rather than lights
I would use public transit more if it was more convenient (e.g. less transfers, less time, reliable service, allowed for multiple destinations on a route))
Ski's because there is a ton of fresh snow, and my neighborhood is hilly some days and it's literally easier to ski where I want to go.
I cannot reach everywhere by walking alone and I cannot afford a car, and I don't feel safe biking/scooter near/on the roads in Calgary.
I'd like to use public transit or active modes more, but it's often really inefficient and takes longer than just hoping in my car all the time.



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LRT - Cost of ticket is less than downtown parking; but often trains are too full during peaks time... so often drive anyhow.
I mostly walk because transit options are poor.
I cannot afford to live in areas with good transit or to be able to walk to work.
Convenience is king. I enjoy walking but have few destinations to walk to in Beddington. I walk for physical enjoyment and exercise, not for travel.
Please stop the Green Line financial tragedy from continuing.

We asked: Errands (groceries, pharmacy, etc.)

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

A mix of walking and driving I am fortunate to have these services nearby (depends on weather/ time of day)
Easier to move around as disability
Walking, Driving and Bicycling depending on weather and which store/pharmacy to go to.
No preference
Currently driving. While grocery stores are somewhat close, not close enough to conveniently carry groceries home, so I drive. If more corner stores or small grocery it would be possible to do smaller more frequent shops. Love the pop up farmers markets this summer!
How come I can't choose more than one? Because it depends on if I am alone or with my children and what I am picking up. Picking up a prescription does not take up a lot of space picking up groceries could.
grocery delivery service
Delivery apps
I walk to the grocery store in forest lawn and I usually can it back with my groceries unless my son comes and picks me up
drive, walk, and bike
1) walk or bike... 3) Taking the LRT if optimally running. Again, I like the European model of cities and frequent access to trains. I enjoy that experience.
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle
But it would be nice to walk if something small was required to be purchased



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We asked: Work

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

I prefer to work from home because the transit system is not convenient.
I'm retired
N/A work from home
Both bus and/or LRT
Wfh
Work from home
The proffered way to get to work will depend on how far away work is.
I work from home
Retired
I work remotely.
No preference
i work from home
not applicable
retired
Scootering would be nice, but my work is in a no scooter zone... Sometimes I walk. Sometimes drive. Depends on construction
Again I believe there isn't just one ideal situation. The point is to enable multiple ways to acheive what one wants to depending on their indiviudal situation. I would like to take the bus, walk scoot and bike around the city and on occasion I may need to drive.
Loved it when I could ltr to work. Can't anymore so I drive
I am retired
I don't work outside the home
would like to be able to choose modes with close to equal weighting
I take the busor the LRT to work



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Retired
I work remotely
Ideally I could use a robust public transport system, lrt or bus
Some of the questions are not tailored to retired folks, so this one another "NA".
Not applicable.
drive, walk, and bike
1) Walk, train or bike. Depends on travel time and location of future work. Ideally close-by to allow for either.
WFH
Not applicable as I am retired. But when I worked, I drove.
Retired
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle
Depends on what type of job you have. Construction it's easier to drive, office sometimes it's easier to bus.
I am not working.
I work from home.
Retired
From home/no travel required
Work from home



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We asked: School

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

I do not attend school.
Retired
N/A
Not in school
N/A
N/A
not applicable
N/A
Remote
no school
Retired
No preference
not applicable
n/a
N/a
I don't go to school
I don't currently go to school.
N/A
would like to be able to choose modes with close to equal weighting
Do not go to school
Don't go to school
Retired
Not applicable



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NA
I do not go to school nor have any household members who go to school
not applicable
I don't go to school. (Graduated long ago)
drive and bike
1) Walk, train or bike. All are reasonable options where I live currently. I want this same access to all citizens through these methods ideally.
Not applicable.
Not applicable
No
Not in school.
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle
Not applicable
Depends on the weather, what age you are. High school = drive. Jr high = take the bus.
I don't go to school
I am not enrolled in any classes at this time, but I would prefer to get there painlessly using my truck.
I don't go to school
Not in school anymore, but when I was, I preferred the LRT + Bus
I do not attend a school
Retired



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We asked: Going out (dining, arts, events, etc.)

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Share driving with family or friends
Both bus and/or LRT
a mix
Again because Of my disability I must drive. Further, the recent hike in residential property taxes means that any income I had available to spend on social occasions or cultural locations has just been wiped out!!!!
No preference
A
n/A
Walking or scootering
In an idea world LRT, Bus or Walking but none of those are options in my community and they wont be for a long time
Depends bus can work. Just out bus system is not very convient. So I also drive
would like to be able to choose modes with close to equal weighting
Ideally I could use a robust public transport system, lrt or bus
drive, walk, and bike
1) Walk, train or bike. Train to Banff is of high interest as it would replace my need to drive.
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle
Depends on the activity. Pub crawl = bus. Fine dinner exprience = driving.



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We asked: Leisure (parks, recreation centres, etc.)

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Residential property tax increases has just wipe this out for me.
Walking/Driving/bicycling depending on where to go and distance.
No preference
Same as before ps. I've taken the Banff one and it's pretty good.
Cycling is my preference but this is dependent factors such as distance and if I have things I need to bring that I can't bring on a bike. For those I would likely drive.
The lack of parks in North Central and NE Calgary means you have to drive/bus to one of the crown jewel parks.
Ideally I could use a robust public transport system, lrt or bus
drive, walk, and bike
1) Walk, train or bike. Train to Banff is of high interest as it would reduce or replace my need to drive.
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle
If these things were close enough, I would walk, except in winter.



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We asked: Visting with friends and family

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Hi Drive, when I must visit family.
No preference
I'd like to say walk, or even transit. But many friends and family live on the furthest edges of the city. Not accessible these ways. Need to drive
would like to be able to choose modes with close to equal weighting
I don't visit my other family because they live in Manitoba, my kids live here. I don't really visit them anymore because of [removed]
Ideally I could use a robust public transport system, lrt or bus
drive, walk, and bike
1) Walk, train or bike. Train to Banff is of high interest as it would replace my need to drive and provide the chance to connect with friends and family during the ride.
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle
Depends where they live in the city. Likely driving to meet up to a central point, as the city is so spread out.
Combo of driving and biking.



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We asked: Extra-curricular activities/hobbies/programs

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Both bus and/or LRT
mix
Depends on specific event
We should property tax increase means that I can no longer afford this.
Walking/Driving/bicycling depending on where to go and distance.
No preference
Walk for extra-curricular as often as possible; use car when going some distance
would like to be able to choose modes with close to equal weighting
I walk
There is a lack of hobbies/programs in North Central and Northeast Calgary because we don't have community centres like richer and more central communities do
Ideally I could use a robust public transport system, lrt or bus
drive, walk, and bike
I would like to take the bus, LRT, and bicycle



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We asked: Other (please specify the type of activity and how you would prefer to get there)

Options were:

- Walking or using a mobility aid
- Driving
- Taking the bus
- Taking the LRT
- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Taxi/Rideshare
- Other

We received the following feedback:

Doctors and mental health appointments-all of the activities would be preferable to access by LRT unfortunately LRT does not go to most places and the stops are very far apart as well as the frequency of actual trains are too far apart.

Bus and LRT the same for me.

I always prefer walking and biking to driving. I prefer driving over taking the bus or train. I don't really enjoy taking the train, bus, or ride shares as I find them unpredictable and I feel less safe.

With increasing population, i think improvement to our LRT and bus services and making them reach more areas will make traffic improve as well

I doubt this question will be useful to you. I'd like to walk everywhere if there was a '15 minute city'

Going to doctors appointments taking bus or LRT

Anything in walking distance will walk. (Around 5km max) everything else I drive to.

In an idealized version of Calgary, transit would be encompassing and efficient enough that owning a vehicle would not be necessary to get around all areas of the city.

I always prefer to walk, then bike then transit but depends on convenience as that is number one factor

In general, I want to be able to get nearly everywhere I need or want to go regularly without driving a private car.

I would prefer to walk or take transit to all of my activities, if there was a more extensive transit system that was reliable and easy to get around on

In a perfect world, we'd have the 15 minute cities where everything is within walking distance. I would prefer to never have to arrange alternate transportation that contributed to climate change.

These all depend on weather. In good weather I bike. In colder weather drive or rideshare or train.



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Sometimes I need my car because of my autistic meltdowns and social anxiety, I need a quick escape/somewhere private. If people were more kind and accommodating I would feel better about public transit.

Any time that I can walk or ride my bike, this is what I prefer.

The LTR is the best form of public transport. It needs to be expanded greatly

please pause the Green Line train. it is and will continue to be a financial train wreck.

To appts, including physio

It is nice to walk/bicycle within existing communities as recreation. not as commuting. Need to differentiate walking/biking between recreational users and commuters as they are two different groups needing two different types of infrastructure

Recent cost of living, including property tax increases means I can't afford to go out, unless it is extremely important.

Mountains: I'd like to live somewhere I'm not forced to own a car. For the mountains having a train would be excellent, and I personally would likely use something like Communauto to drive to specific mountains for day hikes.

Invest more money in our transit system please

I have to drive most places because transit is limited at my destination or the bike routes are not direct.

As long as parking is available in the core, driving will remain the default for those who can afford it. The amount of time it takes to travel to other places with transit is infeasible except for commuters heading to the core for work.

Besides driving all other options are inconvenient for me

Whenever LRT is selected, it is always the preference over a bus, but the preference to travel by public transit go hand-in-hand.

Would like a variety of options to get to work. LRT, Bike, Bus, etc. provided the travel time is reasonable.

See above.

Home improvement goods (IKEA, Home Depot, Lows, ETC.). Doing this via a car share van or truck would be nice.



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I drive everywhere because the SE has no time efficient transit options. It's faster for me to walk at times than to take the bus. Why does the city not look at LRT transit for the SE like the do in all other areas of the city.

I would really like to be able to bike everywhere because I'm not so reliant on transit, but the routes aren't safe or useful.

I would LIKE to be able to walk or scooter to everything. Better for me and environment. But not always convenient or accessible.

I get to therapy via bus and lrt

In an idea world I would prefer to use public transport or walking to get everywhere except when required to transport heavy/lots of items. If it was possible to rely on public transit for most things then I would be sell car and use rideshare.

When I can I'll take the bus or ltr. But the bus takes so long between rides. Or isn't on time. It sometimes doesnt take you where u need to go. One day I'd like to bike for small convince but it's kinda dangerous without bike lanes.

I have looked at bus routes to access parks around the city. It's not easy.

Please make the LRT available to cyclists during the winter months.

Long distance travel, light rail commuting to banff, red deer and edmonton would be amazing to visit family. Even just to the airport would be huge.

As I typically have a dog with me, my options for travel are limited.

I can walk to some things, but you don't offer that choice (both walking or driving). You need to rethink your question designs.

I am driving because the public transportation is not convenient enough however I prefer to walk or public transport if they would be easier

Walking would be great if I live close and the snow is cleared and the weather is ok, like above -5. But if cold or icy or windy or carrying heavy stuff, driving is good, so driving should always be an option. Transit needs more bus frequency

Have to drive everywhere.

Most services I use are best arrived at by driving. Any other type of transportation would make the access to the services frustrating and very time consuming.



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Note: I want to take transit but safety concerns have stopped me from doing that.
Visiting friends in the suburbs is the hardest as I feel driving is my only option, but I'd rather something more environmental.
It's not possible to bring equipment like hockey bags or golf clubs without a car. Better roads
The LRT needs to be more widespread across the city for it to be more convenient
We live in a fairly isolated area with very sparse bus service and only 1 gas station within walking distance. Driving is necessary to go anywhere.
In all options, driving is the last choice but I'm so often forced to because Calgary does not provide anyway to reasonably and safely reach by transit or walking
I just want to move out of Calgary because that's how much I can't stand living here anymore due to certain things that have happened to me! Having to block almost everyone I know from my phone in order to get rid of one person from contacting me
The weather and distance to work, kids school, errands all demand driving to get where you need to go
I would love to use public transit, but too inconvenient, does not come into neighbourhood 24 hours, and cTrain terrifies me.
Inglewood is a great neighborhood to walk to most everything you want to do except major grocery hauls. It is a good example of how if you promote local business that service the local population you really don't need to drive anywhere.
Look, without secure bicycle lockers / storage, cycling is a non-starter year round.
I used to bike when running errands, but a few friends had their locked bikes stolen (locks cut) or in one case, the rear wheel stolen because it wasn't locked as well. Unless I have secured bike storage, I tend to walk instead. Too bad, I liked biking.
I want activities within walking distance, but that's very hard to come by when your neighbourhood never had the land available for these amenities despite being built in 1997.
Nobody should be constrained to a single mode of transportation. The City should be improving choice!
I wish walking and cycling were more convenient, full stop. I don't have easy access to separated bike routes, and I won't bike on the street with other vehicles
Church - walking



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Always walking.
Going into the mountains in public transport
Prefer to bike but many of the places don't have amenities to lock up your bike safely.
A mix of walking or cycling is preferred if distance allows. More cycling infrastructure would be great, especially in Heritage Communities (Elbow Dr. for example)
I'm confused about why this question is structured this way. I would prefer to answer that it would be great to have a variety of travel options to achieve all of these outcomes - ie I like to bike to work when I am able but bussing is also great.
Would like to walk to work downtown, but I'm assuming downtown living space is unaffordable.
I use my e-bike and EV car as much as possible and want to use my e-bike more but secure parking and safe routes is an issue
Would love to see a train to Banff
I would love to see more emphasis on bike and public transit infrastructure to provide more transportation equity in the city.
For my of the situations in which I prefer using the LRT or bicycling, I like them both equally.
1) Walk, train or bike. Train to Banff is of high interest as it would remove some barriers that force driving or limited mobility options and lead to driving through convenience and current design practice that influences this decision.
I would bus more if it was more reliable and efficient. Don't want to waste 45 minutes bussing a 10 minute drive.
I live in the Beltline, I have lots of activities around me, I do drive when going farther in the city or out-of-town.
Cycling and public transit are the only way forward to remain a modern, sustainable city.
If going to Stampede with 3 people it is cheaper and much more convenient to drive and pay for parking than to take the LRT. Make it cheaper after 6 pm and on weekends so I might consider taking it
Would prefer to walk or cycle but driving a vehicle is faster since destinations are far away
Please emulate Edmonton and invest in the city's biking infrastructure.



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I walk when activities are close and drive otherwise. I bicycle for fun. Generally, don't take transit(bus) as not convenient, doesn't run often enough. I used the LRT regularly when I lived close to a station.

I prefer to drive to places I need to be at a set time or that require me to haul things with me or back home; or if I need extra clothing or materials; or if I want to have my bicycle with me to do some recreational riding before returning home.

Walking is the most reliable method, considering buses and trains are almost always late, OR the driver speeds through every stop far earlier than scheduled for some indiscernible reason.

I love to bike to our XC Ski areas in the city when the MUPs are clear enough to get there. For example, Confederation Park and Shaganappi golf course.

i want shops & recreation within a few km so that active transportation is a reasonable option. Also a well-connected public transit network to visit family using it and fast connection to the mountains, and my kids on public transit rather than in my car

For almost all activities, I would like a choice of several options to get there or a combination of several options. For example, taking the train and then hopping a scooter or bike on a nice day and bus on a cold day. Today in Calgary car is only option



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Social Mapping:

We asked: Think about the places you visit regularly – for work, school, daily needs, or fun. This will help us learn about your experience in your neighbourhood and across the city. Click “Add Marker” to drop a pin on the places you visit often in the city. Categories provided as an example were:

- Going out (dinner, movies, etc.)
- Daily needs (food, pharmacy, etc.)
- Work
- School
- Recreation
- Other

We also asked: Think about the places you would like to travel to in the city, but can’t because your preferred way of travelling (walk, bike, transit, drive, etc.) doesn’t get you there easily. Use the comment field to describe why, if you wish. Marker categories were:

- Walk
- Wheel
- Bike
- Bus
- LRT
- Drive
- Other

Under ‘why’ for geographical pins, we received the following feedback:

Climbing gym that’s accessible by bus, but not fast enough to make it worth it.
Going to the climbing gym without owning a car
Bike lanes are sporadic, feels unsafe
No bike lanes, riding on the road feels unsafe
The MAX Yellow doesn’t run late enough (despite being part of the Primary Transit Network). I’ve been stranded after work and had to sleep at friends homes because the bus couldn’t get me home after my shift.
This whole thing is not safe or comfortable for walkers and wheelers. Please consider changing how we cross here.
E-bike share stations around the city, at major destinations and at MAX stops / train stations would be great!
An LRT connection to Signal Hill would be a game changer. I’d also love to see the area redeveloped into a walkable community, with all the same shopping and more.
A train to the museum would be cool... Just sayin’
HSR to Edmonton, PLEASE!
A train to Banff is something the City of Calgary needs to encourage if we’re to ever meet environmental targets. It would also be great for tourism!
Turn the MAX Orange into a Streetcar with a right of way, beginning the process of revitalising 16th Ave.



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Elbow Drive desperately needs micro-mobility infrastructure for all the students using the route to get to school and the adults headed to work this way.

The bus is often stopped here while the parallel 14th Street has a green light. Please allow busses to pass for more efficient transportation.

Cyclists are supposed to use the South side of Heritage Drive, but the crosswalk here is closed and the light only turns when activated by a car. This leaves cyclists taking the long way around, doing something dangerous (running the red), or waiting for a car. Please redesign with all modes in mind, using Dutch style lighting and sensors. for efficiency and safety.

A Central Station somewhere here would be great for regional connections, HSR to Edmonton, and the airport connection. It would also drop visitors right into the heart of the city (with easy connections to the rest of the CTrain lines).

The 8th Avenue Subway would make a bike difference to the city, and give additional character to Stephen Ave!

Regional rail to Okotoks please!

High quality bike infrastructure would be much appreciated here.

A streetcar going up and down 17th Ave, into the Culture and Entertainment District, and then to East Village would be delightful. It'd bring this whole area together - especially on game days or during Stampede.

Please consider pedestrianising 17th Ave so it can be peacefully enjoyed. Banff Ave is way more pleasant now that it's exclusively open to people and transit vehicles. 17th Ave would be so much more vibrant this way!

A streetcar running down International Ave and 17th Ave SW would be a great way to continue revitalising this area and connect some of the best food in the city.

Chestermere is right on the edge of the city. We should have LRT integration to cut down commutes, protect the environment, and save money on expensive car infrastructure.

Regional rail is vital as we approach 2 million.

A bike share with ebikes around the city would be a great way for visitors to hop of the plane and explore all that Calgary has to offer.

Being able to bike to the airport, park my bike, and go would be AMAZING!

I enjoy traveling and have considered a career at the airport, but there are no reliable ways for me to get here. A train would make a HUGE difference.

Better cycling accessibility (and parking) to Spruce Meadows would improve my being able to engage here.

With the Calgary Cavalry growing in popularity, an LRT connection would be very helpful here. It would really bring us into the category of "world-class sporting cities."

Please don't wait 40 years to connect Alpine Park to the rest of the city via LRT.

Regional rail is a must as the city continues to grow. Cars coming into the city everyday is hard on the infrastructure and makes traffic worse. We should be getting ahead of this issue and adding regional rail.
Why is there no LRT connection to COP? A train here would be great and could go on to Cochrane, helping commuters get into Calgary much faster.
Please consider a protected bike lane along Fairmount Drive. This would make commuting much safer for all ages and abilities.
LRT service up and down 52nd Street would go a long way to reducing congestion here. Please consider it.
This whole shopping area is hostile to people walking or wheeling. Please work with the landowner to redevelop the area into something vibrant, pleasant, and actually inviting to patrons.
Please accelerate the Green Line plans. This area is built for transit and shouldn't have to wait so long for mobility.
The bus route that connects Chaparral to the Somerset Station is very circuitous and makes it difficult to visit friends in this area, or for them to leave and visit me.
Riding here, the wayfinding to Fish Creek is quite confusing and unclear.
A bike lane along Southland Drive would be a great East-West connection.
24th Street is missing a micromobility lane. Going downhill is okay, but coming back up, I lose speed and irritate drivers, putting my life at risk. A bike lane here would also make the reservoir more accessible to people who are more risk-averse.
Extending the Heritage Park tram to Heritage Station would be a very cool transit project that would set the city apart. It could also be a beautiful feature to have if these parking lots were redeveloped into housing with a cute mainstreet.
Lights would be very good to have here. I commute through this forest late at night, and although I'm sure it's safe, it is very uncomfortable and spooky. I'm sure people less willing to take risks are even more uncomfortable coming through here in the dark.
With density coming to the area, please plan ahead for LRT service in Currie.
Please establish standards for shopping areas being accessible on foot. The multi-use path is helpful, but beyond that, this area is a disaster for walkers/wheelers.
Drivers regularly run the light after the advanced green has past, please consider a redesign of this intersection (and ones similar to it) to make them a "Dutch-style" intersection, allowing for all modes to move efficiently, and safely.
A protected micromobility lane would be VERY helpful here. I can't imagine any risk-averse people wanting to cycle along this route. Please connect all the way to Richard Road and beyond.
There is no clear indication that I should move on to a multi-use path. My first time cycling in the area, I wound up among traffic, going South on 37th, not realising there was a safe place for me to be cycling. A clear and consistent visual language is sorely lacking here.



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Coming to this intersection from the West, I have to hit the pedestrian beg-button, rather than wait for the light to turn, because it is sensor activated, but not by my bike.
Mountains!
Bike path to Okotoks
More direct bike path to/from Chestermere
Bike path to Airdrie
Pathway to Harmony/YBW
Connect Pathway all the way to Cochrane
Just by this land already, make it a park, and connect the Confederation Pathway to the Nose Creek Pathway through here. Tunnel under Centre Street for unimpeded flow.
Big disconnect to get across Deerfoot from Nose Creek Pathway. There is a pathway starting at 12 Street NE
There is a disconnect between Brenner Dr, the bike path along John Laurie and Edgemont. Put a paved pathway here to connect to Edgemont.
Separated bike path all the way to the terminal. Great for bike packing trips, commuting to work, or taking the family somewhere cool safely.
So I and may others would not have to drive to work. It's the only means of public transport I would consider for getting to the airport
I walk to walmart
Why? I wish i'd bike but only safe option is on sidewalk which is illegal
That's a great park, but it is 40 minute walk from my home on Bonaventure Dr, I'd love to bike there without riding on sidewalk (it's illegal)
We should implement more bike infrastructure so we can get around more quickly than walking
I agree with the person above that 2 roads parallel is too much.
This and following stop (in what now is Balzac) can connect bus service to future hospital, Cross Iron and west and east Balzac employment hubs, and to future Calgary-Edmonton train
Future transit stop should be here and the area around should be under the city of Calgary to ensure TOD and higher density development. Airdrie having all required stores within a 5 min drive (or LRT trip) to this area and Livingston main street, including future North hospital make for the perfect designed development as population continues to grow.
most of Airdrie and future Balzac community will be working in Calgary
Bus frequency is very poor to get to downtown. Should put back BRT in place. Encourage people in this lower income neighbourhood to travel with other options than car.



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Protected/separated bike lane that goes continuously from Bowness to Montgomery - ensuring safer commute. Currently dangerous in many places and does not encourage people to bike
It is important that this growing community be connected to other places rapidly and conveniently (other than through cars). Commuter rail to Downtown Calgary and connecting to Banff, Cochrane, the airport etc..
Tons of events and festivals here, but very inaccessible by transit. Shouldn't have to walk across the highway for such a major destination.
Beautiful park, very hard to get to from the south without a car or living cycling distance close by.
Grateful for the bridge placement, but it's awkward to use as a cyclist and slow as a pedestrian. Should have steps are be better connected with the adjacent communities.
Needs better bike access from the south. 17th has the bones of a great multimodal intersection, but 26th St SW is too busy for cycling
Should be an interconnected pathway to access the university and local schools from Currie and the northern neighbourhoods.
Great pathway to the West going alongside Glenmore trail. Need a viable connection to Chinnok mall without crossing multiple parking lots.
Fairly difficult to get to the reservoir by public transit. Too far to bike for most.
A regional bike route (paralleling regional rail?) between Calgary and Okotoks (and Cochrane, Chestermere, Airdrie, etc.) would help promote alternate travel modes.
Bike infrastructure is poor in the NE. Very car-centric, busy "stroads" rather than streets separated from roads. Crossing Deerfoot when travelling East-West by bike is one of the major challenges here.
Bearspaw Farmer's Market: would be a great place to be able to cycle to. It's tough getting over Stoney and Nagway Rd has narrow shoulders.
MEC: 10 Ave SW needs safer bike infrastructure, rather than just a designated "bike route"
Safe separated cycle tracks to Confed along Northmount Dr are needed! It's a busy bike route.
Connectivity to park isn't great outside of driving to the few parking lots
Airdrie to Calgary bike connection would be awesome
Would love to see the bike path connection to Cochrane completed!
Groceries should be accessible right to the front door with parking for all kinds of bikes, including cargo bikes.
Schools and community centre should be an accessible hub for Ranchlands community by bike, foot, stroller, wheelchair, etc
Lack of connected and safe cycling routes to nearby neighbourhoods

Missed opportunity: this area could have had only parking in the garages and left the streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and other wheeled options... Could have been a cool human-scale design!
Lack of connected/safe cycle routes
Very car-centric and busy lanes
In addition to high-speed rail between Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton, a basic heavy rail service along the existing rail lines is not only more economically feasible than HSR (at this time), but could provide more options for housing and help revitalize neighbouring communities.
I just hope that the area around Westbrook is actually developed soon. The walk from 17th Ave is shoddily maintained, frozen in the winter and incredibly sketchy.
I swear, every winter, the road up Nose Hill freezes and the busses can't make it up. Last month, at least, there was a detour route planned, which was nice.
Additionally (see marker to the left), Bike lanes along Northmount Drive or Capri Avenue could provide that bike network connectivity that would attract more commuters to cycling. It's a great place for it, considering the schools and commercial areas dotted around.
There are a lot of schools on Northmount Drive that serve far-reaching communities; There is an obscene amount of traffic at rush hour and the busses get incredibly full. I think it would make a lot of sense to have bus priority signalling along this route (and other routes like this) It would make bussing a more attractive alternative, taking people out of cars and reducing traffic.
Some sort of rapid transit connecting the west and the north-west more directly than taking the train, the 9 bus or the 20 bus
Faster, higher quality transit mode instead of the 300 BRT and Route 100
Bring back the bike path! remember when it used to run up beside Barlow to the terminal? A surprising number of people fly in and out of this airport with their bikes. I used to bike to work here and it was not very pleasant.
LRT to the airport, and it should stop in the same station as a high speed train that goes to Edmonton and Lake Louise. There's ample land. Make it seamless, no stupid long walks outside in -35 degree weather from the terminal. When I worked at the airport I would have used this every day.
I go to this Home Depot all the time, and I don't really need to drive, but biking or walking there is a terrible experience.
Putting the LRT station at Erlton, or not building the rec centre on the parking lot beside it was such a missed opportunity. It is awful getting from Erlton to the MNP centre, especially in winter. Instead it gets used heavily for 10 days a year during Stampede and then is essentially useless the rest of the time because it's too difficult to get to from Lindsay Park for daily users.
I hate getting to Lindsay Park from the other side of Macleod. The path is poorly maintained, the sidewalks on Macleod are super narrow and wayyyyy too close to traffic. The light at 25th Ave is super long and the



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<p>crossings are never shovelled in winter. The city has made it so that the only viable way to get to MNP Centre is driving. Terrible place to try and visit.</p>
<p>14 St NW has a great multi-use path parallel to Nose Hill Park and just south. It needs to be connected to other great bike routes like the 24 Ave NW cycle track, and eventually the Bow River Pathway and downtown.</p> <p>It's currently very confusing to bike on 14 St NW, new MUPs need clear signage, and preferably stay on the same side of the street.</p>
<p>A street car from downtown would be a game changer for 17th Ave East. More reliable than the bus, more capacity per car. The buses are super full up here at peak times. Running it through Inglewood would also provide a great connection to the Green Line and the transit hub at Blackfoot Diner.</p>
<p>Barlow trail is like a wall dividing all the communities to the East from the rest of the city. There a few (not enough) ways to walk or wheel across Deerfoot, but almost none across Barlow. The few "safe" crossings are rarely clear of snow in winter, and you are inevitably getting sprayed with salt/slush on the sidewalk, or taking your life in your hands on a bike on the road. This is a busy area with lots of potential to become a denser employment centre and for residential towers. It needs to be easier to get here.</p>
<p>9th Ave should not be a through street. This is a destination area that is treated as a commuter corridor for cars every evening and it is awful to walk in. Stop with the lane restrictions here. Expand the sidewalks and put in a protected bike lane. Make it more comfortable to walk, especially with the new LRT station coming.</p>
<p>Bury the LRT downtown. The decision to cheap out and run it at grade restricts how frequently the train can run, makes it compete with cars, and generally degrades the experience and benefits of riding the LRT. Would also save on winter maintenance costs! I don't take the train as often as I'd like because it is so slow through downtown.</p>
<p>Build an LRT on the busway to Rockyview. It could connect to the the Blue line at Westbrook, and run south to MRU before heading south to the hospital.</p>
<p>Buses are unreliable and infrequent. It takes too long to get to the LRT to make it worthwhile.</p>
<p>This Glenmore access from Deerfoot north and having to merge over is dangerous and makes it difficult to get to from Glenmore to Deerfoot north and to to merge over 2 super short lanes onto Glenmore westbound</p>
<p>How will Rangeview commuters get downtown other than deerfoot, or a connection via Stoney?</p>
<p>How will the city ensure the Deerfoot upgrades will be minimum 3-4 lanes in each direction to keep it from bottle necking for 2-3 hours twice a day and keep it that way for years to come.</p>
<p>Why can deerfoot northbound not get off at glenmore here? With the deerfoot upgrades, we need better connections between these two roads.</p>
<p>The deep SE needs a way to get to UofC, MRU, and the children's hospital without having to drive 45 minutes, or without having to drive 30 minutes or bus 45 minutes to the LRT before taking 30-45 minutes on the train just to get to UofC, not even the children's.</p>
<p>How is this area of the city connected to the airport aside from the ring road? It need an LRT route up north</p>



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The UofC turn off needs to be reconsidered or re-routed. It affects traffic too much to not be looked into at this point.
East/west LRT routes. The city tends to only go North/south which makes it more difficult to use transit.
52nd street expansion. This route is incredibly busy during peak hours and it needs another lane in each direction to handle volume of traffic.
Blue line LRT extension? Another LRT dead zone in the city
A major Shopping district for Calgary with no LRT access especially from the South
It is impossible to get from deep SE Calgary to MRU by bus or train. It is a needed LRT stop.
Build east west LRT transit connections. This area needs the LRT
This shopping district is too traffic congested and it's at times blocking commuters to new Brighton, cooperfield etc.
LRT access for the SE in general is needed and isn't here yet. But it would be amazing to see the SE connected to MRU, UofC, and the airport by LRT
The SE needs LRT access. Communities like Riverband, Ogden, seton, should all be able to get the train to the SE 130th ave shopping centre as driving here is too much at times.
SE Calgary has no LRT access to the airport to close to it. World class cities have airport access via transit.
South health campus. Only hospital for SE and deep SW Calgary that has no LRT access. It's too hard to get here by bus
Closest LRT station for Douglasdale, McKenzie but it takes 45 minutes by bus, and 20 by car.
This Park-and-Ride is far too big. The "adjacent" Vivo centre is almost a 10-minute walk from where the 301 stops. The parking lots should be further from the bus terminal so that people walking from the bus stop to their destination can have some amenities and a nicer experience. Hope this is considered in long-term Green Line plans.
Why did the City tear up so much of 10 St NW to build a new drainage pipe and then re-build the same terrible roads? Painted bike lanes become snow piles in winter. There is a serious lack of ways up the North Hill toward 16 Ave. We need better.
It's unbelievable that 5/6 Ave NW wasn't upgraded to 5A with recent repaving. This is an important east-west thoroughfare connecting several schools and businesses. I used to ride it to work every day and never felt safe with the painted lanes and sharrows. City of Calgary needs to do so much better when streets are renewed.
20 Ave N needs a cycle track from the bluff over Nose Creek to Banff Trail LRT. This direct route would connect to many amenities and schools, and provide a safer and more convenient east-west corridor for people in the area. Good routes are needed about every four blocks to achieve a functioning cycling network.



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More frequent bus service needed in outlying areas. Would give real choice for ways to work. I was scheduled to work Christmas Day one year and there literally wasn't a bus going here from the North Pointe terminal.
The lower bridge should be for non-car use to reduce the currently massive distance between river crossings
Transit service is so infrequent in the evenings that I used to walk from the Women's Centre all the way to the city hall C-train in winter instead so that I could at least move and stay warm
This whole area is so hostile to pedestrians with all the fast-moving four-lane roads and aggressive drivers bearing down on you while you're still in a crosswalk
When I have appointments in this area it is impossible to get back home or to my office without riding on sidewalks due to the unsafe huge, one-way roads
It is so awkward and unpleasant to get here from west of Macleod Trail. Would like to visit more often if it were more accessible.
I wish the bike route from the Bow to Fish Creek was more consistent and more clearly marked
I wish I could safely bike to Nose Hill so I could go walking here
I would visit the businesses around here more if it was easier to get to this part of 17 Ave by bike
I would visit Mission businesses more often if it was safer/more pleasant to bike to and in Mission
Drivers very aggressive turning off 9 St onto Memorial. Have nearly been hit here.
Sidewalk too narrow and too many old driveway ramps - not safe for elderly people who aren't steady on their feet
This road is too wide and fast and the sidewalk feels too exposed. Does not feel safe.
Almost got hit by a car turning right off 9 Ave here. Road design encourages drivers to go too fast.
Would bike and walk here more if it wasn't so unpleasant next to the busy road
This stretch of the pathway is in terrible shape
There is a bus stop here that essentially leaves people with mobility issues stranded due to lack of sidewalks
There is no sidewalk to this medical building!
Getting across all these intersections from the river to Tom Campbell's Hill by bike is too stressful
I had to see a specialist here and had to take multiple buses and wait on the side of a highway while cars sprayed snow at me to get there and back. Took forever.
Scary at all the intersections between here and 9 Ave - cars don't seem to see bikes
Bike lane needs to be completed to connect 5 St to the river
Cars turning into the strip mall don't look for bikes



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Sidewalks too narrow around this intersection, especially considering how busy this area is for foot traffic
Very hard to get a break in traffic on a bike to cross or turn onto 2 Ave
This path is far too narrow for how well-used it is. There are also spots where it feels too exposed to fast-moving cars.
Hairpin turn from skate park to bike/ped overpass stinks. Bike/ped overpass is too narrow.
Scary intersection with cars turning too fast off of Memorial.
Intersection prioritizes cars and neglects everyone else.
Painted bike lane is a pile of snow in the winter (at which point I give up) and has a strange amount of gravel the rest of the time (which feels unsafe).
Scary and inconvenient to get to the bridge from Sunalta. Narrow sidewalk up 14 St and in the underpass, and a scary crossing at a the SW offramp.
To get back to the river pathway. Why has 5th St SW not been connected all the way north to the Bow River?
From Kensington Rd to the river is all terrifying on a bike for accessing the river pathway or to get across the river. Narrow sidewalk on 14 St. Scary crossing at the offramp on the NE side. So hard to get to the north river pathway to head west, and to get over to Sunalta.
To do up Inglewood
Go to see friends, family, and shop.
Go to see friends/family
Bike to work
Safer sidewalks and pathways to connect to these businesses
A train to Edmonton is so overdue it's embarrassing.
Getting to the Crowfoot LRT on foot by Crowfoot Cir NW is annoying. There's no sidewalk on one side of the street and it's too dark.
This is the only way to get from the community of Riverbend to Deerfoot meadows. Currently there is only a dirt path here but it should be paved.
What a hill.... Very steep, mixed-traffic makes it more uncomfortable to cycle on. I once had a UPS van parked in the bike gutter. Terrifying.
To get here from Hidden Valley, Sandstone, Macewan, etc on bus requires that you transfer at Dalhousie first.
Hidden Valley is incredibly car-centric. Not much to do here if you don't want to travel far (car or bus)
The new bike lanes along 17th Ave and 37th Street are nice!



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Proper bike lanes up and down 45th Street connecting the neighbourhoods of Glendale, Glenbrook, Rosscarrock, Westgate and Wildwood to 45th Street Station, Edworthy Park (and the other side of the river) and the various commercial pockets along the corridor.

I'm legitimately unsure as to how one could get here without a car. Deerfoot City seems so disconnected from the rest of the City.

Separating the red and blue lines and going forth with the 8th Ave Subway would be great for frequency and reliability of both lines.

In addition to high-speed rail between Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton, a basic heavy rail service along the existing rail lines is not only more economically feasible than HSR (at this time), but could provide more options for housing and help revitalize neighbouring communities.

A regional rail connection to Cochrane provides a cheaper, more sustainable and space-efficient transportation method than driving.

Intermodal connection between busses, regional heavy rail, the airport, and high-speed rail. Also serves to connect the north of Calgary directly to downtown.

A heavy rail station here (or in Keith) connecting other cities, downtown and the north west

The multi-use path here, between Sarcee and 37th Street, is mildly uncomfortable with the cars rushing past.

Reducing commute times from the North to the rest of the city

The noise from traffic here (and at any other station along Crowchild) is a serious issue for accessibility. Noise barriers would be greatly appreciated!!

Name redacted is so right, let's bring streetcars back :)

This bridge is very uncomfortable for anyone not in a car or bus.

This intersection is scary!!

Dalhousie Drive is unnecessarily wide. You could fit an entire bike trail here and the traffic would still be fine.

Considering the new dense development around the area.

The 8 bus gets way too cramped by the time it gets to Shaganappi - a BRT along Shaganappi Trail would be very nice.

This is a blind corner for cyclist trying to cross. This could use better lights, visibility or something to encourage using this bike path more. I always am afraid a car won't see me when I am traveling northbound and stopped at this 4 way.

I wish I could take rail to get here and visit for a day trip easily with my bike.

High speed rail, let's get that project GOING

I wish I could take the LRT here. I always uber now and it gets expensive when you travel for work.



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I take this intersection everyday nearly, and there needs to be a audio signal to walk. So many pedestrians attempt to walk on the left turn of the vehicles. Or vehicles race through the turn into oncoming pedestrians. This is an accident waiting to happen. There needs to be audio signals or something here.
Cool businesses here I used to walk to when I lived near 17th, now trying to bike here I don't even attempt because of the congestion. I don't frequent these businesses anymore because of it. Too far to walk, too hard to bike/move once I'm there by bike.
Biking here is fun, but the route for the Montgomery greenway is not well indicated. Better signage for the route would be nice.
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More lighting needed here for cyclist at night commuting from the UOC campus to DT. I nearly slip in gravel when I can't see it.
More lighting needed for cyclist and runners at night. This is scary area to commute in the dark.
More lights here for nighttime runners and cyclists!!!
Lighting here is needed so badly! I bike home from the university and on both sides on this bridge it is too dim once summer is gone. Very distressing and could look so pretty in the evening with lights.
Better indication of designated bike lane at this intersection of cyclist and walkers. I worry of a collision when I approach here on bike. Even just painted would be nice to have cyclist dedicate to one preferred route and for walkers to anticipate our presence when continuing through this area.
I can easily access these businesses with my bike. I am in the way when I dismount and walk the sidewalks. I avoid biking here even though I like visiting these businesses.
Biking through Kensington is tough, I have to take the river path to get here.
Anything besides driving would be preferred. But everything else takes too long.
Plow this street to provide bike access to the bow river trail as a higher priority in the winter
This whole district around Portland St should be opened up to mixed use. and made more bikeable/walkable. This is currently not easy to reach by bike because crossing Ogden Rd/26th is difficult.
New train station here on the way to Foothills Hospital! get rid of Banff Trail and open the community back up, build dense housing in the commercial strip malls.
Re-route the train to stop at ACH!
How did the train not run directly through the FMC campus? Re-reroute the train under a new McMahon to here, then to the Children's Hospital, then through U of C and over to the existing track at Crowchild.
It is downright dangerous trying to reach the PLC from the West. Barlow trail essentially cuts off all non-vehicle traffic, there is no way to cross safely on foot or bike. The roads are slick and sidewalks often not cleared at all in winter. East Calgary is very poorly served for bike infrastructure.



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14th is a dumpster of a road. Something needs to be done to make it nicer. Wider sidewalks, trees, bus only lanes? Anything to make it less suck
Can we bring back streetcars?
Why would we extend the LRT all the way out here? Build a regional train that sends people straight to downtown instead.
To get groceries
Recreation
Regional rail connection to Vancouver. My body yearns for the ocean and my girlfriend has eczema and access to the fresh ocean air would make her better. I am begging and pleading.
Create catwalk between alley and bus stop on Harvest Hills Blvd N so my grandma can get to the bus easier
Connect bike highway on Elbow Dr to 5 St SW cycle track
Create bike highway on Elbow Dr to provide quick, easy, accessible north-south bike travel in the SW. Connect the numerous schools along the corridor and create direct route to downtown.
Pedestrianize 1 St SW between 17 Ave SW and 12 Ave SW. Big patios for sidewalks, nice safe quiet place to exist as a pedestrian.
Dedicated bus lanes on 11 Ave SW / 12 Ave SW would be great to improve reliable, frequent service and make it easier to get around the Beltline. Bring back the Beltline circulator (loop down 11/12 Ave SW between 14 St SW and 6 St SE) and run it every 5 minutes.
Streetcar down 17 Ave S would be great for access across the corridor
Provide good transit access to Ts'su Tina for upcoming Taza development, provide streetcar connection down 37 St SW to Westbrook
Re-open Memorial Dr eastbound lanes to people walking and wheeling. Calgarian's not in cars deserve nice wide spaces to move. The pathway is crowded and doesn't allow for biking next to a friend. As speed disparity between electronic micromobility and regular micromobility increases, wider infrastructure that allows for easier passing should be adopted.
Add cycle track on 20 Ave N as supported in the CTP and North Hill LAP. There is no good east-west bike corridor in this part of the City (Confed Park is full of hills, biking through the community on 19 Ave N or 22 Ave N is indirect and has dangerous conflict points)
Biking on 19 St NW is a deathtrap. Add protected lanes between Northmount Dr NW and 5 Ave / 6 Ave NW. There are no good north-south bikeways in this area of the City (10 St NW is also unprotected).
Sidewalk are narrow and crowded, cars are loud and pollute the air. Kensington Rd should be a pedestrian street with big sprawling patios for the restaurants.
Sidewalk are narrow and crowded, cars are loud and pollute the air. 10 St should be a pedestrian street with big sprawling patios for the restaurants.



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Sidewalk are narrow and crowded, cars are loud and pollute the air. 33 Ave should be a pedestrian street with big sprawling patios for the restaurants.
Sidewalk are narrow, cars are loud and pollute the air. 17 Ave should be a pedestrian street with big sprawling patios for the restaurants.
While there is a bike lane along this road, there are not connections to the businesses or residential buildings. Riding a bike through a parking lot is not safe.
There is a great bike lane to the east, so would be a natural extension to reach the University, Children's Hospital, and University District.
While there is a pedestrian overpass to Market Mall, it is not accessible from the community without jaywalking across the road.
Pathway is not cleared in the winter, cutting off a well used bike and walk connection
Sidewalks behind houses in this neighborhood are not very visible to drivers as they are in the middle of the block. Would greatly benefit from curb bump outs to increase pedestrian and bike safety.
Extremely wide road with lots of room to add bike lanes. Would connect to existing lanes on 40 ave to the east and could connect to Market Mall and other bike lanes to the west.
Making the bike lanes here physically separated from traffic would greatly improve safety, especially on the underpass section.
Bike connections and bike parking at the LRT station would greatly increase the number of people within a reasonable travel time. This could also help open up the possibility for removing parking to allow more future development in the long term.
There are limited access points for pedestrians from the surrounding neighborhoods and the university. A stretch of 32 ave has no sidewalks at all, so people walk in a narrow strip of grass right beside the road. The street lights are timed in a way where pedestrians have to wait a significant amount of time to cross, even though there isn't much traffic.
Walking to the mall is a hostile experience from almost all sides. With so many people moving into University District, there are now a huge number of people within walking distance.
There are several bike lanes on nearby roads, but no connection to the mall. Design is exclusively targetted at cars, even though there are thousands of people within walking and cycling distance.
Affordable housing being built would benefit from added biking infrastructure connections to the University, Brentwood Station, University District, and Market Mall. 32 ave is not that busy of a road and could easily lose a lane of traffic to allow a cycle lane.
Bikelane on 12th is a critical connector. Could be widened.
Students and staff would benefit from having the option to safely bike to the University.
Lots of businesses here, would benefit from people in the surrounding neighborhoods being able to get here quicker and safer by bike.
Bike from Ramsay into beltline and vice versa



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Have an occasional train from the south go to northeast instead, rather than needing to switch trains downtown.
Access to station is poor (either wait for a bus 30 minutes or drive/park, defeating the purpose of transit) If you can even get a seat on the train during rush hour. (and avoid being assaulted outside of rush hour)
Literally faster to walk 15 km than take the bus here.
Safer connectivity required across Deerfoot Trail from the river pathway network. Most grades are far too steep for the average recreational cyclist.
High speed rail would be nice.
Would extending rail service to outlying towns provide more housing options? Longer commute, perhaps, but greater supply nevertheless.
Convenient
Prefer to walk to anything and everything. Love being able to accomplish all my tasks using my feet
The bike path along 16th ave is dangerous and drivers on 20th ave are too aggressive to get here safely from Capitol Hill/Mount Pleasant
No safe way to get here on a bike from West of Deerfoot
Lrt should follow all main roads through the city, especially the ring road
too far from ctrain to walk
walking is too far, driving there's not enough parking
Taking a train to the airport from the inner city would be my preferred method of getting to/from the airport.
I would like to cycle on 14 St north to the Bow River pathway and Kensington, and south to the Elbow River
17 Ave SW is unsafe to cycle on but I would really like to cycle to local shops and restaurants that I visit often
Easy reservoir access (non-motorized boats)
Easy Reservoir access
volunteer, recreation, concerts, leisure
When I go visit friends or family in other parts of the city
Exercise
The neighborhood is very walkable for almost anything I need
Shopping
Commute to work
Recreation
Remove need to drive to LRT



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Streetcar / more dependable transit could make 4th street into a Toronto style Queen St experience...! Streetcars would be fantastic throughout downtown.
Not a world class city until Calgary gets a train link to Downtown (ideally direct).
I wish we did not have to give so much space to vehicles. especially parked ones. More pedestrian / bike space.
There should be a train to Canmore / Banff so I did not have to drive
Protected bike lane to improve cyclist safety and accessibility to businesses
Pedestrianization of 17th ave to improve safety and access to businesses
Protected bike lane on 17th ave to improve cyclist safety and accessibility to businesses
Protected bike lane both directions on 8th ave to improve cyclist safety on this major cycling route.
Protected bike lane on Kensington Road to improve cyclist safety and accessibility to businesses
Protected bike lane on Inglewood Main Street to improve cyclist safety and accessibility to businesses
Cycling on Bonaventure is difficult. If 4 lanes were replaced with 2 + left turn lanes + bike lanes everyone could use this road.
Very high densities
Less expensive, although significant time planning would be required
The big roads surrounding the University are terrible for cycling. Super inhospitable.
Walking and biking should be the best ways to get lots of people to the Stampede, Flames games, events, etc. In addition to the LRT. But the whole area continues to prioritize driving and downgrade the walk/bike experience.
17th Avenue is pretty terrible to get to by bike.
The bike lanes added to Bowness just don't cut it. They should be protected lanes. And the front-in angled parking should be converted to back in to reduce conflicts with cyclists.
Despite being a great place to walk, it's really hard to get to Nose Hill by walking. Except for a couple spots, the park is largely closed off to people on foot. You shouldn't have to drive to get here.
The FMC is a super popular place to go to by bike. But 29 St is terrible for cycling. It should be a lot better.
There's a real lack of bike infrastructure in University District. A big miss for what's otherwise a great place.
I wish University District was better connected by LRT. It's super far from the University station.
LRT would make MRU more accessible.
I wish there was a train to the airport. Or at least decent bus service with much better waiting facilities.
I wish it was safer to bike in the Downtown. It is super hostile to anyone not in a car.



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Community Conversations

In addition to the online options, sixteen pop-up events were held across the city, each strategically chosen to ensure a presence where Calgarians already go. These events served as an opportunity for the public to gather insights into the direction of the program and provide feedback to shape the direction of the plans.

Calgary Today

We asked: What qualities of Calgary do you value most?

Options were:

- Rivers/natural
- Parks and rec
- Belonging
- Festivals
- Jobs
- Safety
- Schools/hospitals
- Affordability
- Shopping
- Main streets
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Quality of transportation
The people who make the difference
Safer schools
Expand affordable housing outside the peahery of the city and DT
Police are very helpful when you need them
Attract common wealth games
Bring more affordable housing options as homes are becoming unavailable for young generation
Need better parking at the hospitals
Affordability
Diverse facilities/Multigenerational facilities
Schooling system to bring moral ethics
Bring seniors back into the community
Connect stadiums. Combined soccer and football stadium!
Diverse ethnicities make up for better communities
Less tax



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Reduce bus price
Increase development (A happening city building and developing)
I would like to see robots and more video game news
Supports for arts and culture. KPMG Arts Assessment 2020-2021
Investment in walkability and micromobility for stronger communities
Business area, retail. Eau Claire. See old Montreal and restaurants around
How we recycle
Look at St Catherines in Montreal
See Guell Park in Barcelona
Calgary has the best parks
Calgary is the safest place I have ever lived
Advertise natural spaces outside of Calgary to encourage more visitors
Healthcare is facing a challenge of lack of nurses. How can we encourage/support youth in the middle-senior education.
Young talent is leaving the city. More youth going to BC and Ontario. In exchange, more seniors/families coming in
No to APP Only CPP. Be a part of Canada
City is so friendly. Wouldn't want to live anywhere else
Calgary schools are great



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Today's Challenges

We asked: What do you think are the biggest challenges facing Calgary?

Options were:

- Cost of living
- Housing choice
- Traffic
- How we move
- Social isolation
- Smoke/heat waves/etc.
- Safety
- Homelessness
- Environment
- Jobs
- Other

Under 'other' we received the following feedback:

Poor street clearing in winter
Calgary to not become like Toronto - expensive/sprawling
Stop urban sprawl
Concerned about lost sense of community
Air pollution
Concerned that nothing gets maintained after it gets built and won't let community do it
Need for more schools
Want to see peace officers working earlier and longer. Enforce no crossing on the red light
TRANSIT
Affordable housing
Concerned about the cost of electricity increase
More greenspace in the NE (family space)
Need better transit
Accessible housing that allows pets; rent control
Need improvement \$ and plan for anything built for many years
More festivals and events
Need new 'Whitehorn' letters at 32nd Ave and 52 St
Hwy 16/17 NW needs upgrade to support the weight of trucks
No gas stations or place for emerg services pullout or rest stations on the ring road (need them)



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Busline 72 and 73 was the best loop, should offset with LRT times (every 5 min)
No one goes downtown anymore (no reason)
Affordable housing
Need a 4th LRT car on the train in the morning (Fridays)
Concerned about safety on the LRT (no peace officers, don't know what to do)
Kirby West Station - safety issues with people crossing LRT at red light. Need enforcement
Improved transit citywide. Greenline sooner
Less wait timings for bus and more bus accessibility
Post-secondary campuses from NE (Sait and U of C) by bus without many transfers or long rides (1+ hr for many students!)
Light programming to include letts at school corner King George 20 Ave and 10St NW
More solar panel parking coverage like Telus Spark
More ways to get here (other than by car)
Quality of transportation
Food security
More public transit service
Keep environmental areas green
Bus timing isn't great
Easier permitting process
Social polarization
No parking min for suites!
Crime, gangs and drugs on the rise
Residential parking fees
To stop being seen as sterotypical "closed-minded" Albertans that don't progress
Allow for flexibility on housing types such as Cancube Industries (pop-up houses)
Deerfoot is the problem everything else is okay
Build in adaptability of buildings from the start so they can transition over time
Invest in housing at train stations with all retail and services that you need



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Don't issue anymore buildings.
Do more for tourists
Improve transit
Safety on the C-Train
Accommodating the increase of residents
Don't like the towers - just don't see Calgary as a big city like that
Overground Transit to avoid traffic conflict and accidents
Safety on internal roads is not people in NE communities
Economically diverse options for commercial districts is a must!
Snow clearing is not effective
1. Commute system 2. Recreation facilities, Each community should have a Rec centre
Poli clinical health centre for each community to avoid long wait times
Crime issues on LRT at night
Recreation facilities are not enough for children and families
No transit connection to the airport
Multipurpose rec centres in the city
C-Train to airport.
NE Area left out for development compare to other part of Calgary?
Lack of parks. Lack of schools (primary/high) (NE). Shopping
The challenges is snow removal everywhere in the city
Increased immigration allows individuals with poor and negative intentions to migrate to Canada
Safety at train stations when its dark. More lighting and police presence.
Safety standards decreasing. Higher homicide. Major neighbourhoods have hostile environment
Startup support
Need more cricket grounds. (100 and teams)
Northeast highschoools have high violence rates. Saftey and confidentiality is limited
Cultural/art opportunities at a young age



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Real safety - not getting hurt or attacked
Need indoor basketball facility in the NW
Balance between fire safety and keeping people out
Turning commercial buildings to residential is a big problem
More housing cooperatives
Overpriced expensive art. Example peace bridge
Program open to all not only for homeless
Why are all homeless services at high rent district/downtown?
Needles not safely disposed of
Get rid of the safe injection site - Sheldon Chumir
Security in the downtown area (each of sense of security at night)
lack of housing choice. Prioritize after dability



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Calgary's Future

We asked: Headlines

We received the following feedback:

Calgary now amongst the top three metropolitan areas in Canada
Calgarians can now easily afford to live and work in the same community
Calgary added a train line to the airport
Calgary stops the suburban sprawl
Calgary is the top North American city list with the highest solar-energy production
Calgary now cleanest city in North America
More density! Zoning allows for all kinds of housing (co-ops, duplex, laneways)
Cyclists are educated on etiquette of sharing r.o.w. so we can all travel safely
Councillors are invested in their community and listen to the people who live there
Calgary has stopped the Urban Sprawl
Kids are too soft! How we are leading the change for a stronger generation!
Not just an affordable place to buy a house. Parks and natural areas are abundant. Lots of opportunity to live a good life.
The city of Calgary is providing more grants for home renovations and upgrades
Young adults and new families can afford housing and basic needs. With quality included
Calgary's housing prices are more affordable. Calgary's economy is booming. Calgary remains the cleanest city in Canada
The people make the..... Difference
Hopefully, Calgary will not be next Toronto. Agree! Urban sprawl of GTA is exactly where Calgary is headed if we don't change our ways.
Calgary has enough affordable housing for everyone
The city is more resilient to Climate change.
Increase quality of health care and school systems
Oil and Gas leaves Alberta
Calgary is a world -leader in urban and community development
Stop the suburb sprawl



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Calgary has added a train connection to the airport
Calgary's Economy is more diversified than ever, and housing is becoming affordable once again.
Protected from flood risk upstream of Bow River by constructing the upstream flood mitigation reservoir (for Bowness)
Indoor public botanical gardens. Throughout the city. (winter is tough)
Housing prices decreased!
Services are well integrated into community. Business is thriving and their contribution to the city reduces taxes for residents.
Housing is affordable and safe
More cricket grounds in Calgary. Better structure for highways and intersection - Add roundabouts instead of lights
Office lights are off at night reducing our City's energy consumption.
To become one of the most "accessible" cities in Canada
Calgary is home to international companies that brings jobs to Calgarians, creating stronger economy and strongest economy in Canada
Reduced poverty/homelessness (more supports) and Housing Affordability
Calgary roads revitalized! Trees trimmed (dead trees removed), new plants to spruce it up!
I would like the transit to be better...Heating at all individual parts of transit needs improvement
City to provide more green spaces and parks. Trains to the airport and other cities. Better Transit. Known for its beauty. Has an architect on development approval that approves design like Edmonton
A city with better transit
Public washrooms in Parks (look at Japan)
Calgary is the first city in Canada to achieve a crime rate of zero percent
Lower taxes
Calgary is the city that has the lowest crime rate in Canada
Our city is... greenest, best tree canopy and not just concrete. Transit to the Airport!
A city where transit is safe and not built just for cars
More jobs opportunities and vacant stores and offices in downtown bec of high leasing prices so leasing price should go down of malls and stores
Better pavements maintenance of streets, traffic lights curbside



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To remain lower rent price and home prices among all Canada
To expedite uniting line in doing surgeries and operations by providing more doctors in al fields of medicine
To expand public libraries and parks for kids future
To support and expand City of Calgary Fair Entry Program by enrolling more recreation companies and museums in Recreation Cards
On-street parking isn't an issue anymore
Better entertainments (conventions and concerts)
Increase in minimum wage
More affordable food. More help with food insecurity
Better Land Use Bylaw standards for developing parking spaces. Focus on integration of landscaping to reduce heat islands.
City re-visits colar grant programs for residential solar installation
Calgary develops more affordable housing and maintains and develops new green spaces
Affordable food. Minimum wage increase
Improved healthcare - affordability, decreased wait times
Calgary Public Schools rated highest in the country
More organized traffic. Homeless Shelters. Prices to stop increasing education food
Festival opportunities in more enjoyable settings (not just in parking lots like stampede and chasing summer, but in parks)
Education opportunities are better. Housing is more affordable. There's more job opportunities. Things are environmentally friendly.
New multi-family buildings are prioritizing wide sidewalks and public space for residents
Urban setting need to align with more sustainable strategy for future. Less urban sprawl and more core density. Better transit access to reduce cars.
Zombie Dinosaurs
Allow opening day care centre in the residential area
Overpass at Sarcee and Bow for access to Edworthy etc.
Calgary more IT bused less oil reliant
Upzone all lots to RCG



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More tourist attractions
Battalion Park school get new playground
Calgary is amazing
Downtown needs more park space for those who live and work
More playgrounds and splash parks
Calgary prioritizes parks improving transit access, and arts and culture opportunities
A palace with a sculpture of Queen Elizabeth
Interesting and attractive city. Like TO and Ottawa
No pollution and no littering
Better public transit please
I love the greenery and the cold chilly weather here
Respect
Safer Transit and becoming a more "walkable" city
Safer and more welcome transportation
Safer Transit
Better public transit, more continuous buses and longer routes
Like that Calgary is so big
Safer schools
Nice people
I want no more pollution
Nicer citizens and caring
Calgary adds an app for Access Calgary
Calgary adds more density and options for people to live
Being helpful to people
Be kind and helpful to seniors who need it
Be kind to everyone
More pools



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Calgary focuses re-development on bedroom communities that already have good services
Be kind, helpful, sharing is caring
Safer communities, schools, transportation
More opportunities are added for multi-generational living in Calgary
More nice people and creative idea the help the planet and animals
Calgary improves accessibility across the city.
Calgary leading Alberta in tracking mental health and addiction services
Calgary adds new schools in new communities
Calgary landed for building/maintaining community while increasing housing density
Calgary adds more affordable rental housing for new immigrants.
More electric cars. More high rises make the environment safer. More vegetation a green city! More job opportunities
Less use of trees, and more affordable prices for people, jobs for more people who need jobs, more nature, and access to a home, food and water
Calgary is the #1 most livable city in the world - the Economist
Nose Creek Park newest jewel in Calgary's ever expanding parks portfolio
Walking distance to grocery stores
Best livable city in the world
Train connecting downtown, airport, all 4 city quadrants Edmonton and USA.
Commuting times have decreased!
Improvement in schools for education!
Please build/improve C-Train system (see Montreal's subway/metro system design) super-efficient and ecofriendly
Calgary's improved transit system (from an out of town uni student)
If you build new buildings (commercial) consider LEED certified type of designs
Connections (better ones) to Canmore and Banff and consider sporting gear
More skateparks
No need for more sky rise just better thought out living spaces that don't make you feel like a shrimp
Calgary leads Canada in arts and culture



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Please have better regulated rent control. There is no point in developing if it costs an arm a leg and my kidney
New arena finally completed and open next month
Calgary tower could use a face lift
Calgary ranked as #1 safest place to live in Canada
Calgary has Canada's cleanest and most efficient transit system
Canadian's flock to the top cycling locale in NA surprisingly, it is Calgary!
Canada's best city for community, inclusive neighbourhoods and safe living. A go-to lifestyle!
Calgary: Canada's biggest tech hub
Street infrastructure: sidewalks both sides of street including in suburbs
Calgary addresses traffic and congestion in our city
Please improve bus/transit service connections including North Calgary to Airdrie to Red Deer to Edmonton, etc.
Calgary is the most affordable big city in Canada
Young daughters are leaving due to lack of affordability (expensive to drive due to insurance) Would like better transit. Will our city have enough water to accommodate growth?
More vertical buildings, less sprawl.
Like removal of parking min. Increased modes of transportation. Increased walkability. Safety, shops, retail, coffee shops etc. Improve walkability. More cohesive bike structure
Expansion of transit. Improving roads (pot holes) /overall road maintenance. Better CPS enforcement of road rules
Not enough pathways are snow cleared
Smarter urban planning and public parking spaces pls! Efficiency and safety moving in and around spaces.
Sat. Neighbourhoods where people can walk to work from home easily
Consumption patterns down, Quality of life index up
Aging in place
This right here is the headline: Associate article references new innovative approach that effectively incorporates "Local Expertise" into city initiatives such that they better deliver on what individual residents want and need
North American first track set XC skiing along plowed pathways



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Improved sidewalks to be able to age in place and walk more places safely
Friendliest city in Canada with the highest quality of life
Finding ways to build connections with neighbours. Create a sense of community
Please leave room for landscaping. Some of the new places have concrete front yards :(
Kindergarten students are learning how to lawn bowl
"More ways to get around other than by car"
More transportation connections. Make it easier to access services locally.
Deep commitment to preserving Heritage and Communities
Calgarians can get to and from airport with reliable transportation
Calgary receives global recognition for most bike-friendly city
Inclusive technology and in person options to connect
Basic human rights and standard of living for everyone
Kids walk to school safely
I would like to see developer's influence over planning dramatically reduced
First sets of citizens elected to "Local Area" councils citywide
Shade spots in every park/playground to keep cool in summer months!
Affordable housing ends homelessness
Feels safer
City transit need to improve more. Like to commute 10 km one should get 1 ride, not to take 3 ride.
C-train line to airport!
More park space
Less pollution in the future
Leisure Centre Services need to be cheaper. \$15 per usage is too high
Stop making life expensive. Bags are already bio-degradable why add to the cost of living?
Calgary is a safer city with lots of amenities, parks and smooth transportation. Variety of shopping in all neighbourhoods.
Get the info out there for newcomers. 311 people might not know
More pop ups for newcomers and Canadians foreign



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City of Calgary inaugurates its 10th C-Train line
Attracted tech companies and new talent
Major transit usage increase!
Calgary has a diverse economy, not relying on O and G
Community centres team up so local areas can better share amenities - rec spaces, skating trails, food and more!
Infusing sustainability and Climate change lens and Transit accessibility
News headline City of Calgary has reduced taxes by 3% and increased services by +10% for the 5th year in a row
Better snow removal in communities
Calgary is still a lovely place to live. Cost of housing is affordable and getting around is easy.
Safe, crimeless city
People engaged in the future of our city
Calgary is safe. Crime is on the decline
There are more trees and green areas. Lots of fields to play in and views to enjoy!
More community and water parks
Calgary is a city of many great neighbourhoods
Suggestions from private citizen? We would like to have more security/watchers in the community especially at night. Look outs on the street, to avoid vandalism, stealings in the garage/(residential community - in particular. Thank you
People and government are on the same page as each other
The City's parks, paths and pedestrian spaces are well designed and provide great access around communities
Better handicap accessibility in all buildings, especially outdoor malls
Better quality roads and sidewalks are essential for accessibility
Safer, slower streets in my neighbourhood
Stop buying ugly imported art...Improve C-Train safety!
Lots of active transportation options. Designated routes
Safer city. Accessing parks. Love my community



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Green Line built!
City of Calgary opens connection from Tuscany to Haskayne Legacy Park.
Calgary is leading in the most EV charging stations
High speed train between Calgary and Edmonton
More basketball, soccer/football courts and fields
Bike path from Calgary to Bragg Creek
Connect the C-Train to the hospitals
Connect C-Train to airport
More accessible sidewalks for wheelchairs and strollers - all over the city
Prioritize snow removal in the NE communities. Prioritize accessibility. Increase safety - to be able to walk freely at different times of the day - especially around SE communities (Whitehorn)
Better cost of living especially for new comers and immigrants. Prioritize safe neighbourhoods
Housing is a the biggest problem in Calgary
Safety issues: car theft around the Transit stations. Safety interms of street lights. Street lights mostly on main streets
More amenities in NE/SE communities - grocery stores. More diverse options for superstores are needed. Mcknight to Cornerstone needs for more grocery/retail choices (affordable)
More affordable housing in Calgary. Work to eliminate homelessness in Calgary
Calgary a hub for economic development!
Calgary has the best accessibility to health care systems!
Safest LRT/transit system in North America
Everyone loves our public healthcare!
More places to sled in the winter
More nuts for squirrels!
Expansion of LRT to Chestermere, Airport. Expansion of Deerfoot Trail and other major roads. More businesses to Calgary
The city, the province, and the federal government partner to complete social housing projects! Social housing!
Calgary Transit: One of the most user friendly in the world!



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High speed rail to Edmonton complete
Homeless people have homes! Finally!
The City prioritizes providing services and ammenities to new communities that are less - accessible by transit.
Calgary focuses on building affordable and sustainable housing
Immigration support services can be strengthened (particularly around health care)
Calgary adds more services and ammenities to keep pace with immigration in new communities.
Where is out access to primary care?
Calgary's economy grows to attract new people and businesses to the city
Why doesn't the NE get the same level of service?
Program evaluation of social and healthcare initiatives is lacking
Make mission part of greater downtown
Grassroots healthcare starts at the primary care level
Dog parks and playgrounds exist in HARMONY!
City can help do more in community health advocacy
Downtown is wonderful
Airplane
Better transit - No need for a car it's so easy.
No homeless people or drug addicts around the streets.
More clubs and fun places. Transit is a lot faster. Cool jobs for young people.
Better Transit safety. Opportunities for those who didn't do very good in high school. Better post-secondary opportunities for immigrants. Programs for teens. More mental health classrooms. Employment and rehabs for homeless people.
Help the poor and homeless, keep things affordable, help people and the Earth to be more safe.
Traffic is reduced. More hospitals (shorter wait times) More indoor facilities for winter play
No homeless people and world peace
City of Calgary provides more opportunities among the youngsters to start their own startup!
More services and better road network/transit/road maintenance at the edge of the City (NE - McKnight)



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City of Calgary headline in 10 years. It would be like New York, in US. Our city is very clear and beautiful Global city
Great access to hospitals and medical facilities, with quick timelines.
Calgary should be safe, affordable and all you should have facilities (access/availability)
More trees in parks, enut (nat. areas) are well protected, communities (newer) are greener
Homelessness reduced by a whopping 50% in the last decade
Calgary is safe and has great access to hospitals.
Calgary is beautiful in all respects
In 10 years everyone will be kind to each other
City of opportunity and affordability.
Calgary should be safe accessible, more job opportunities and more business opportunity
City transit is so good, people don't need cars!
Calgary is a city of opportunity, that supports newcomers
No more poor people!
The city is affordable for its new and existing residents
Calgary improves walkability in suburban communities. (inter-community connections)
The city improves safety on transit to provide better service to its residents
I like to see a a little jrap
Calgary adds more rec centres an schools to reduce demand
Green Line. More High schools in the south
Calgary is a world leader in the energy of the future (nuclear, renewable, etc) Best talent and ideas
Ring Road LRT. Finished Green Line. LRT to Banff. Traffic on Anderson. Taller trees. Invest small economic hubs.
We need a Quality disc golf course in the south (Like Baker)
Calgary where every neighbourhood feels like it's own small town
Calgary streamlines development to create more affordable housing
Take back ugly rail corridors for Green Links
Urban street car loop



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Calgary is a very well-connected city whether by car, food or bicycle. Easy to get get around - from one side of the city to the other SAFELY. Well-thought out growth for new communities
Place vacancy tax on undeveloped lots to fund other projects, parks, housing etc.
Calgary has its own green ring - a walkable, cycling friendly park circling downtown and connecting neighbourhoods.
Distinct communities that provide housing choices to support economic development. ie. community of single detached or condos. 75th Ave and Heritage on Macleod Tr Seton
Look to Bostons cussess and to preserve neighbour contract. Big think projects
Common sense City, Friendly, No motorized scooters on sidewalks, Pro small business, financially responsible, happy, Great parks
Inflation is too high and needs to go down soon everything is too espensive and needs to go down
Calgary is now at the top form movie production (filming-surging local businesses and giving jobs to young Canadian talent!
Calgary provides stable and affordable housing for seniors
Calgary attracts business and talent from across North America!
Calgary leading solutions on environmental crisis
Calgary priorities including schools and recreation centres in communities across the city.
Calgary' the happiest city in the world
Calgary, Canada's most walkable city
Calgary has wide spread in transit service
Solar lighting on existing and future infrastructure
Calgary' a city with affordable homes in every neighbourhood!
Maintain or increase amount of greenspace
Speed limits increase, i.e Stoney 110 km/hr, Shagg 80km/hr No more 40km/hr limits
FMC - Ottawa partnering with homeowners to help retrofitting homes. Bring to Calgary fed greener homes loan. Incentives to retrofit secondary properties
SSRIA, Smart Sustainable Resilient Infrastructure Association. 16 unit build 80K/unit passive housing
Calgary is a leading edge, global city. International recognition for forward thinking - climate, urban design, tech, citizen engage.
Plate based registration for street parking discriminates car collectors. (i.e. disabled parking is transferable tag that can cycle between vehicles)



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EV charging stations adopted by private business rather than public
Front yard setbacks are too large
Affordable (market) housing is plentiful
More streamlined and timely process for redevelopment
Noise concerns densification is needed, but is expensive. Impacts that changes to greenspace will have on people. Build in research parks. University is well done. Needs school
Nobody is building affordable units, skewing luxury when we see infill/redevelopment trying to get top dollar
Increase density. Maintain greenspaces and increase car-free transportation options = Healthier Connected Community
Safer city. Addressing addiction and homelessness
Parking is not a major concern especially in neighbourhoods that do not have lanes/alleys
RCG concern. Redevelopment and affordability. Reduced parking requirements doesn't work citywide
Better connections (SAIT) Between bus - LRT - BUS. Streamline rapid transit
Concerned about lack of ability to weigh in/provide feedback on high rise development next door
Mixed use, mixed income communities
Must have established infrastructure BEFORE huge new developments. Better public transportation. Better access to schools. Adequate traffic control. Parking spaces for 4x/x6/8 plexes
New arena deal announced!
Concerns about densification on green space and wildlife. Had 2 bobcats in the yard this week. No yards and decrease habitat
Future public access to greenspace and review golf course options for densification of housing
Better transportation. C-train and public transit. More biking
Calgary is a safer city than it is today
Our road infrastructure isn't prepared for EV weight/especially in collision scenarios
Improved community safety, decrease property crime from increase CPS investigation (taking serious)
Improved transit access to key facilities in locations in under represented areas and improved walkability. Also - bike racks with security cameras
Calgary in Ten Years: "Safer because of effective gang suppression and enrichment of teen ages lives"



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We asked: Muni and Paper Surveys Headlines

We received the following feedback:

New Headline "2033" 10 years from now International Award for Dignity, Civility and Compassion award goes to Calgary, Alberta Canada and all other places that honour the right to be civil and caring
New Hockey Rink. New Train System
I wish for a safer city.
Develop public transportation. Provide an employment to everyone. To welcoe the cultural diversity
More funding for mental health, addictions, and LGBT+ support! By-laws for the rental market - rental caps, pet allowance and cap, subsidized housing. Politicians we can trust
Affordable housing! Low density communities. More trees and green spaces. More functional/multipurpose. More events for tourism
A great city like this should always welcome growth opportunities. An organized Art Walk that takes advantage of the City's great building art would be great.
I hope in 10 years Calgary will be kind nice and everything good
The job hiring process got easier. The city became more digital
Homelessness is over
For it to be safe and more snacks
Better health care in the future
More vegan restaurants. More climate action
Free wifi everywhere
More skyscrapers in the city.
Neighbourhod green spaces that also house community solar systems and act as a site for district geothermal systems!
More green: more trees and plant. Cleaner: downtown area, +15....
Stop homelessness, feed the poor! Have more opportunities for all street people!
Me as the mayor of Calgary
Better homeless population treatment towards respect. Has vs has not housed council!
Low income and housing crisis urned for the better. Housing market available for everyone!
End abuse on children, woman and man. No religious, no financial, no ecual, no abuse to hide crimes, physcological abuse



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Arts and culture hub!
First city in North America with FREE Transit!
Calgary has now become one of the most urban density populated cities in Canada. Urban sprawl has decreased to insignificant levels!
To truly be the land of the free. The way God meant it to be.
Queer people of all colours are welcomed
Calgary manages to achieve equal pay for all workers, men and women who do the same work. - Submitted by a 14 year old (take your kid to work day)
Green Line north opens today! Residents are partying like it's 1999 in Ward 3 as the long-awaited Green Line opens to residents at North Pointe. After decades of advocacy, residents are finally able to board the LRT
More clean roads in winter
Stricter bylaws for shelters in downtown area. Clean up downtown area in East Village area. Provide safer Transit platforms for public
Calgary has grown in community and in inclusive ways/example 1. Stronger future 2. More certain of a better tomorrow by being kinder 3. Respecting this land today. People preparing its own mark in the world's history
Save Nose Creek! Make a park around the creek, which will make space for people and animals and create a new park in Ward 3! North Central Calgary needs green spaces. We shouldn't have to drive everywhere to get to a nice park. Support nature where people live and make their lives better everyday!
Increase in Arts, Culture, Film and Music. Less people and animals needing shelter spaces.
Since Calgary is a mixed community, I wish in 10 years there are more number of free, authentic culturally (Arts/Science) vibrant spaces. It could be auditoriums/amphitheatres for artists to come together, share their journeys, express... to warm people of Calgary
More safe pathways for the blind and accessible with cameras due to escalation of accidents caused by scooters on sidewalks, lack of civility on roads. No more scooters on sidewalks even if they ring their bells and fish hook us aggressively we remain blind and deaf of hearing and mostly at risk. Please protect us by stricter laws. Please protect our "legally accredited service dogs" In memory of little Mia
Affordable Housing and Accessible/Universal spaces: Everyone has housing, food, and supports that they need in Calgary!
Public washrooms for everyone! #dignity
Calgary becomes the first Canadian City to create a harm reduction and housing first community to ensure everyone has a safe place to live and access to the support they need - mental health, housing, harm reduction, compassion - community for all



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The last member of the City's homeless has been given the keys to their new, secured, home
A strategy interchanges repurposed as urban adventure parks
Calgary Transit wins international award for innovative BRT approach: how they did what no other city could!
Privacy is a basic human right. Stop targeting innocent citizens and compromising their rights. That is harrassment. If people in positions of power act in this way - they are irresponsible
City to address severe water shortages as the Bow runs dry
Working Green Line
Calgary uses tactical urbanism and placemaking to transform its public realm
Affordable housing. Low taxes. Plenty of Parking
Trained, prev homeless workers open door on new high rise for low-income condos. Attainable homes a massive success. New single fathers shelter a role model for other cities.
More Canadian flags!
I'm a big fan of Calgary and I believe that the asks of former glories, add to contemporary successes, which combine to bless and hold for an Olympic torch of hope, for all Calgarians and their great City. 'The Best is Yet to Come'. Keys the Faith for it is the substance of things hoped for...
Crime rates, property taxes have reduced once again as the city's inclusivity and social planning directives have made it so all Calgarians have access to fair and equitable living; where everyone has a fair chance!
Calgary has eliminated homelessness!
Affordable housing for everyone
A lower-middle class household can afford a single-detached house. Market Affordability
Property taxes reduced again!
Downtown is hoppin!
Instead of show off or pretending just be real to yourself and others. Live would be so much fun and nerdy and we are not here to correct each other
Live Love Art!
Live a healthy long life with good intentions
Justice for All!
City to mandate all new construction to capture and store rain water to offset the drought



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God is with us! Patience is virtue!
Property Taxes lowered again
Do more activities in winter. Do something Big like stampede but in winter!
Homelessness a thing of the past as the St ienhour Downtown ent housed the last of 4500, Calgarians @1st count is now unbelieved by zero - an unmatched achievement by any other government to date.
Satellite offices for seniors bus passes. It's been downtown for several decades since city was 600,000 population we are at 1.6 million. Get with it
No one homeless or under housed
Happy holidays everyone. of all faiths, tiny tim says god gless us everyone. Health, prosperity to all calgarians Albertans
Bike lanes everywhere
Use tactical urbanism and placemaking throughout our downtown all the way to the suburbs to create social and economical resiliency
Better and more compact housing
Flying cars now available in Calgary skies
City exceeds carbon emission reduction targets
Calgary is an accessible city to individuals of all abilities where resources and community supports are both readily available and accessible.
Citizens engaged in government and government accountable
No one is homeless
Prime key to generating and maintaining harmony in social responsibility clean up the internet and cell phone use. I love my morning (early bird) at municipal/city hall. I absord all the peace delivered emjoy discussing Calgary through its History, art and civic service. I don't approve of motorists who rush through a cross walk by trompling thier gas pedals to rush by you near hit runs this is a form of elder abuse, also a great danger to mothers and children the mobility challenged. Early in my math class years, teachers had us think up the largest number possible, I came up with th term 'zillions' which now describe the numbers of hit and run of depration. Verbal abuse you can be vunerable to on the internet.
Calgary has accompanied thousands of new immigrant, family and Canadians by improving housing solutions like rent caps, rent control, co-op housing and build new 6-plexes around family gardens which increase food sustainability.
More equitable
Crime rates, property taxes and cost of living has decreased significantly in response to Calgary's fair and equitable living initiative giving rise to social acceptance and a fair chance for all!