



South Central Bus Garage

Land Use and Outline Plan – Outreach Summary

- Public Event and Communications-(Dec. 2025-Feb. 2026)

Project background:

The City is proposing a Land Use and Outline Plan for the future South Central Bus Garage to be located at the Alyth/ Bonnybrook/ Manchester area of southeast Calgary. This project supports The City's long-term transit plans. Calgary Transit needs more bus garages to keep up with growth. The new South Central Bus Garage will replace the aging Victoria Park facility, providing more space for bus maintenance and storage. This upgrade will help expand and modernize transit services, ensuring reliable transportation for Calgarians for years to come.

How we connected:

We held a community outreach information session on December 10th at the Blackfoot Hotel for members of the community to attend and receive information and ask questions on the proposed plan. Additionally, we developed a webpage to help provide background and information on this project <https://engage.calgary.ca/SCBusGarage>. A project team e-mail was created and monitored on the web page and we provided a direct link to the development application process as it was activated <https://dmap.calgary.ca/?p=LOC2025-0229>. The event was advertised through targeted postcard delivery (2500), bold signs (4 locations), paid and organic social media channels (Facebook, Reddit, Bluesky, NextDoor, and Calgary Transit X), impacted leaseholder e-mails, landowner letters (~100), 50 Ave SE newsletter update, Councillor toolkit, 311 script, and web page updates.

Purpose:

The primary purpose of the webpage and event was to inform on the Land Use and Outline Plan as to how and why this project evolved. Given the minimal impact for input, as to how it would impact what was being presented, we were not seeking full engagement through specific questions but rather creating space for presenting background and process along with conversations for clarification and concerns to be expressed.

Who we heard from:

The in person open house event was attended by approximately 50 people (some who noted they were there to represent on behalf of Wild Rose Motor Cross Association – and not sending members on mass), the webpage had 1,133 visitors.

What we heard:

The following compiles community comments from the outreach event regarding the proposed South Central Bus Garage and its impact on the area with respect to the adjacent businesses, community and current leaseholders who directly use the site.



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- **Concerns over motorcross track displacement:** Many attendees highlighted the importance of the Wildrose Motorcross track, used by families and the community for decades, and expressed distress about losing this recreational space due to the bus garage development. They emphasized the track’s social and mental health benefits and urged the city to consider relocation support.
- **Calls for preserving recreational spaces:** Comments stressed the need for public BMX and dirt jump spaces in Calgary, noting disappointment that recreation is not prioritized similarly to other municipalities. There were appeals to maintain and find alternatives for motorcross facilities to prevent unsafe street riding.
- **Requests for alternative bus garage locations:** Some participants suggested relocating the bus garage further out in industrial areas or using existing underutilized land to avoid displacing the motorcross track and preserving community benefits.
- **Need for coordinated planning and realistic timelines:** Several comments urged the city to align decisions about the bus garage development with efforts to secure a new home for WRMA (Wild Rose Motorcross Association), cautioning that current schedules may threaten the association’s viability and emphasizing collaboration.

Verbatim Section:

The following are a collection of all written comments received at the Outreach Event at Blackfoot Hotel on Dec.10, 2025. This was part of invited process in addition to the conversations and questions that occurred at event between attendees and City project team.

These comments are provided in original form with no changes to spelling or grammar. Although some attendees provided names & contact information these have been removed in alignment with City Policy.

- What is the plan for public BMX in YYC?
- Need spaces for recreation – disappointed that this is not prioritized as other municipalities make it happen
- Public dirt jumps are needed!
- How long does Wildrose have left?
- Is there possible locations the city would consider moving us to?
- Will the city help us move?
- If funding doesn’t come through, do we get to stay until it does?
- We are a community, that is losing our home. We ride there 6 days a week – as a family, all 4 of us. It is devastating to my husband and I as we have been members



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for 20 years. It is even worse for my 2 boys. At the track, it doesn't matter if you're fast or slow, big or tall, everyone is friends. Moto kids are a different breed and this is our outlet. It provides a mental break where the world doesn't matter while you ride. I understand this is for the greater good but it is going to tear the moto family apart. Please take this into consideration if we indeed need to move and if the city is willing to help us re-locate.

- Spaces for motorcross are needed in Calgary region – social / economic/ recreation benefits supercede the cost of land for a bus shelter. Future generations benefit from the recreation spaces. It can't all be golf courses!
- Please accommodate Wildrose Motorcross Association. We could have had 1000+ people show up today and voice our support for keeping these lands a motorcross track, as it has been since the 1960's. Instead, our board + small group of members attended with the common message to please work closely with us to find a solution.
- Long time resident of Calgary says: This is the wrong location for the Bus Garage and should be moved further out into another industrial park. Hope would be to find another location for motorcross, although this may be unlikely. Bus Garage not a benefit to the area.
- We want to make sure that everyone knows just how important motorcross is to us and how much this facility has impacted our family over the years. We understand the city's needs, but also hope that they can find space for us to continue in the sport we love.
- I would rather see land use for "replacement bus garage" to only be from 11 street SE – East to Deerfoot Trail and north to Highfield Cres. SE. South to 12th Street with the Evraz Metal Recycling facility GONE.
- Do not flatten the Wild Rose Race + BMX track.
- A new bus "terminal" use the land used for parking and wasted space at 11 street SE between Royal Flush Ltd and Greggs Distributors.
- Do not lose another racing facility in Calgary as the people in the sport will use the streets.
- It is unfortunate that the current user seems to be pushed to the side and the project is being pushed through the process.



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- Decisions on the future of this plan & the future DP process should be lock step with the city finding a home for the Wild Rose Motorcross Association (WRMA).
- The schedules being presented do not appear to be realistic & they would greatly impact the viability of the WRMA's future.
- Rehoming the Wild Rose MX with the City of Calgary.
- How long can the track stay.
- Participant since the 1970's, but attended the park in the 1960's after the Paskapoo Ski Hill Area motorcycle track and the Nosehill days: **FIRSTLY** thank you for the 60+ years of the TRACK!! It has been a big part of my family and my life. Please consider an alternative location and continue the recreational uses and enjoyment the PARK HAS provided for 6 decades. I understand the need for the transit infrastructure so I get it. Have a Merry Christmas and hopefully the City Of Calgary can provide more smiling faces into the future decades. P.S. I was one of the Calgarians who got to voice on the Stampede Park horse Track Aug 3, 1975. We love to Ride.
- The Calgary Motorcross track has been in Calgary since the 60's – there are over 50,000 dirt bikes in the city of Calgary, the park is unique and no other city in the world has a motorcross track in the city limits. I think the city could find an alternative site and let the club stand. We have been moved once already and the costs of relocation will kill the club. Let us not lose another star attraction for the citizens of Calgary. (former president of Blackfoot Motorsport)
- I started riding at Blackfoot Park late 1960 and sad to see it go. Where are we to go? Parents take their kids there, now haul to Bragg Creek etc. Now kid will be hanging out where. End up riding their dirt bikes back alleys, parks
- Long standing member of the Wild Rose MX Association: My kids & I have been recreating at the park for 10+ years. The facility provides a safe & organized environment for us to enjoy our chosen sport. My wishes going forward would be: 1) allow the facility to remain as long as possible. Please do not evict WRMA & leave the park empty until construction materializes. 2) we need the support from The City Of Calgary & REDS to find a new home in Calgary. The current facility is a considered "World Class" with over 30,000 users/year & The Association has never required support from The City to operate.