

Corridor Planning

College Corridor Plan
Introductory Session
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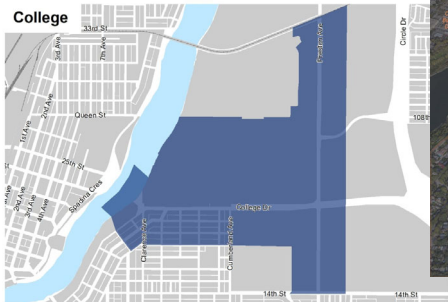


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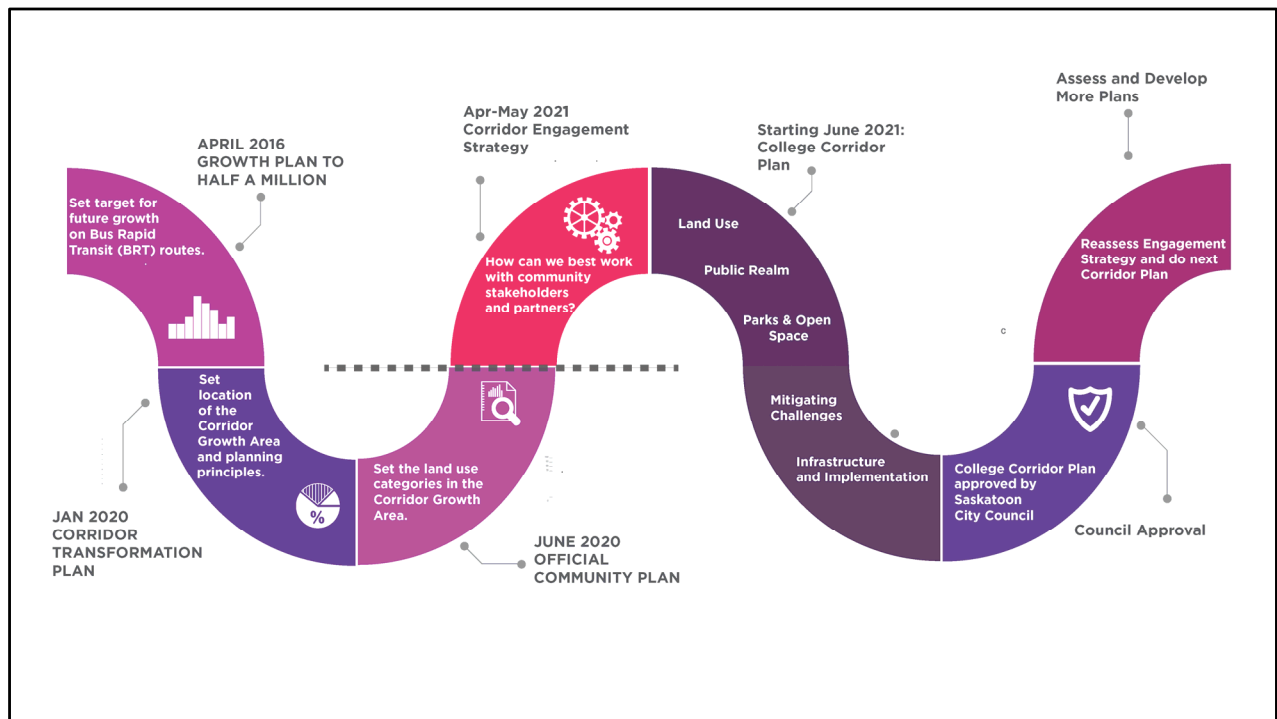
COLLEGE CORRIDOR PLAN - IDEAS, OBJECTIVES, PROCESS

College Corridor Study Area



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The College Corridor study area boundary includes College Drive from the University Bridge to Preston Avenue, as well as Preston Avenue from 14th Street East to the Canadian Pacific Rail line. The study area boundary has not changed during the process; however, a new map has been created for the College Corridor Plan to help make the area clearer. The new map was created with features such as aerial photographs, with more details and context. A new interactive map can be found at saskatoon.ca/corridor.



Process: The foundational documents – the Growth Plan, Corridor Transformation Plan, and Official Community Plan - have all set the direction and principles of the Corridor Planning Program. Since April of this year, we've had one-on-one meetings with organizations and community members on how to best work with community stakeholders and partners. That helped to inform the engagement strategy for the project. Currently, the first phase of the College Corridor Plan is underway.

The process of a Corridor Plan leads to the Plan being presented to City Council for consideration of approval. At the conclusion of this Corridor Plan, revisiting and tailoring the engagement strategy to proceed to the next Corridor segment will begin.

Land Use and Density



Corridor Plan objectives – Discussions around and use and density are needed to encourage growth along the Corridors. A Corridor Plan will examine each area specifically to determine where density can best be accommodated. There are areas in the College Corridor Plan that are appropriate or more suitable to accommodate density and there may be some areas that simply are not, or may need special considerations. Through the College Corridor Plan process, the Plan's goal is to set those expectations for land use so that there is certainty for residents, developers, and City staff. This will help to ensure density and development applications do not pop up in random areas through the city.

Public Realm



Corridor Plan objectives - Public Realm is another major component of a Corridor Plan. We will look at how the streetscape could be improved, or what amenities may be needed to make the Corridor a more inviting place for users, visitors and residents of the space. This could include public art, street furniture, design elements, sidewalk reconstruction, etc. Essentially, the question we are asking is how can the College Corridor be re-imagined from a busy street for traffic into a place for people.

Park and Open Space



Corridor Plan objectives - With added density expected on the Corridors, what opportunities exist for efficient use of park and open space and is there opportunity for more usable space for the public and residents in the Corridor area. Are there existing spaces that could be enhanced or improved to function better?

Infrastructure Requirements

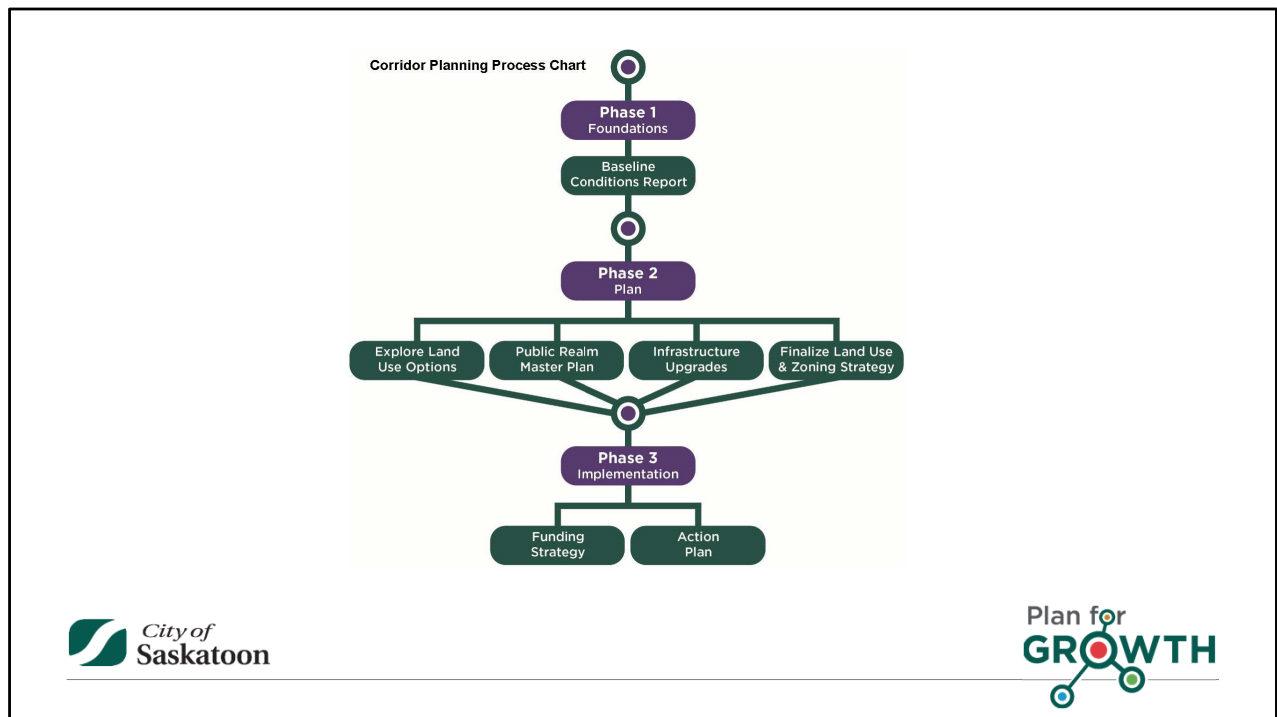


Corridor Plan objectives - With added density, infrastructure requirements are likely, so the Corridor Plan will address what upgrades may be needed to accommodate growth. The Corridor Plan will also look to ways to address potential pedestrian safety issues, local traffic issues if they exist, and how upgrades could benefit the local corridor and surrounding neighbourhoods and not just the street itself.

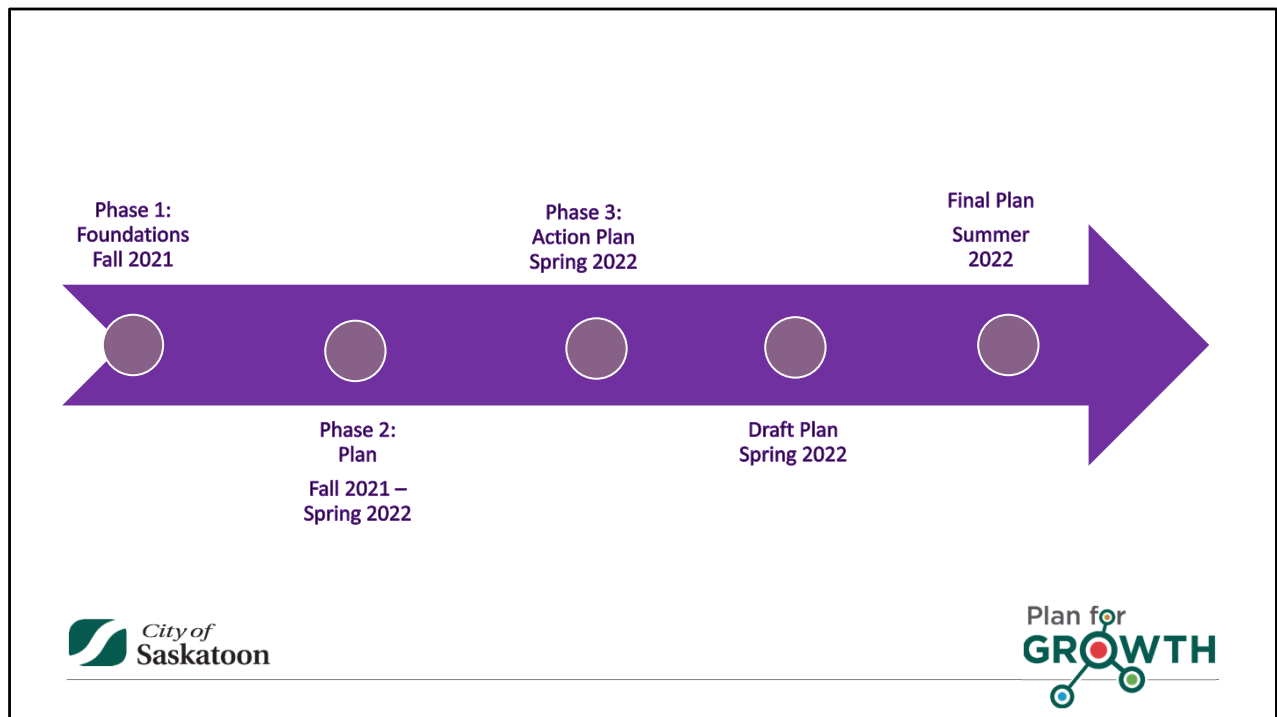
Challenges and Opportunities



The Corridor Plan will also examine how to address challenges that may arise with development. We probably won't be able to solve every problem, but we want those challenges identified so that they are not ignored. We also know that there are opportunities along the College Corridor - what opportunities can be taken advantage of to improve the College Corridor and make it a place for people.



A Corridor Plan has 3 major phases. The College Corridor is currently in the Foundational Phase, or the first phase, which is assessing the current conditions of the College Corridor. In this first phase challenges and opportunities are identified before moving onto the Planning Stage. Phase 2 includes the bulk of work which is the Plan stage. In this stage future feedback is recieved through interactive workshops to determine major deliverables such as a public realm master plan, appropriate land uses and density levels and what infrastructure upgrades may be needed. Phase 3 is bringing all those elements together into an action plan, when can those items be implemented, how can they be implemented and what steps need to be taken to make that happen.



The estimated time to complete a Corridor Plan is approximately one year.

Over the coming months, the focus will be on the Planning Stage and Action Plan Stage, where the bulk of the engagement and workshops will occur. We currently have a target of completing the College Corridor Plan by Summer of 2022.