CORRIDOR PLANNING PROGRAM

STREETSCAPING

The design of the public areas around streets has a profound effect on the comfort, safety, and desirability of walking, living, and waiting for the bus on these corridors. There are many unique conditions throughout the study area and these images illustrate the goals we would like to work towards.

PUBLIC REALM - How comfortable and safe you feel on the sidewalk depends a lot on the speed and volume of traffic on the street, as well as on what is between you and the cars. “Slow” Streets, with on-street parking and plenty of intersections, feel very different than “Fast” Streets, where there is no parking and few cross streets or accesses that slow cars down. Other factors such as shading, wind shelter, storm water management, and maintenance are all important considerations for street design. The images below illustrate some proposed guidelines for improving the public realm on different types of streets along the corridor.

STATION AREAS - The new BRT stations will create areas of increased activity and opportunities for commerce, art, community building, and fun! These stations could include permanent amenities like outdoor exercise and play equipment, or they could simply have space for flexible uses such as food trucks, pop-up market stands, musical performances, or art activities. Stations themselves can also incorporate public art and heritage elements that celebrate the community around them. The sketches to the right illustrate how some of the proposed stations could be laid out.

WHAT WOULD MAKE YOUR WALK & WAIT BETTER?
Saskatoon's major corridors connect and often divide the city's neighbourhoods, but they are also part of our lives and identity. As we invest in new infrastructure along the corridors we want to celebrate the diversity in Saskatoon's regions and support local identities and way-finding.
Although Saskatoon’s major corridors connect the city, they are often divided based on geography, neighbourhoods, and amenities. As we invest in new infrastructure, we want to ensure the materials / proposed treatments are cohesive with the environment and link the communities together.

**AMENITIES**

**Options:**
- Sun Shades
- WiFi
- Swings
- Exercise Equipment
- Misting Station / Water Fountain

**Pros:** Provides uniqueness to the space. Encourages patrons to utilize the space while waiting for BRT. Promotes healthy, active lifestyle.

**Cons:** Additional maintenance and infrastructure required. Equipment / technology becomes out of date quickly.

**SOFT LANDSCAPE TREATMENTS**

**Options:**
- Lawn - Irrigated
- Lawn - Ornamental Grass (non-irrigated)
- Rocks / Boulders

**Pros:** Lawn provides green boulevard adjacent to roadway. Boulders provide low maintenance, hardy surface.

**Cons:** Seasonal maintenance required. Irrigation systems for lawns are expensive to construct & maintain. Lawn seed must be salt tolerant.

**HARD SURFACE TREATMENTS**

**Options:**
- Unit Pavers
- Stamped Concrete
- Coloured Concrete

**Pros:** Many different colours, shapes, patterns. Concrete provides long term durability / less replacement. Easier replacement (when required). Minimal annual maintenance.

**Cons:** Periodic settling of unit pavers can cause trip hazards. Seasonal washing / cleaning.

**PLANTING/GROUND COVER**

**Options:**
- Deciduous Street Trees
- Coniferous Tree Massings
- Drought Tolerant Shrubs
- Native Grasses (Drought Tolerant)
- Bio-Filtration Swales

**Pros:** Provides oxygen. Year-round greenery / colour. Entices patrons to the area. Utilizes rain run-off.

**Cons:** Seasonal maintenance required. Irrigation recommended for establishment and drought periods. Replacement when dead/diseased. Additional infrastructure.

**SITE FURNITURE**

**Options:**
- Bench
- Trash Receptacle
- Bike Rack

**Pros:** Provide refuge / rest areas along corridors. Establishes clean appearance of area. Encourages pedestrians to utilize the space. Unifies BRT / Corridor network.

**Cons:** Weekly, seasonal, & annual maintenance required. Elements need to be updated periodically.

**PUBLIC ART**

**Options:**
- Art Platforms / Focal Features
- Electronic Art

**Pros:** Provides uniqueness to area. Emphasizes theme / branding. Injects culture into the area.

**Cons:** Vandalism

**LIGHTING**

**Options:**
- Pedestrian Lighting
- Bollards
- Accent Lighting

**Pros:** Well lit areas can improve security. Accents focal features. Unifies BRT network.

**Cons:** Out of date quickly. Seasonal / annual maintenance required. Often damaged / vandalized.

**WAYFINDING / SIGNAGE**

**Options:**
- Directional Signage
- Poster Boards
- Banners
- Graphics throughout
- Electronic Boards

**Pros:** Provides direction. Unifies corridors. Encourages multi-cultural diversity & ownership. Compliments site furniture.

**Cons:** Out of date quickly. Can be vandalized.