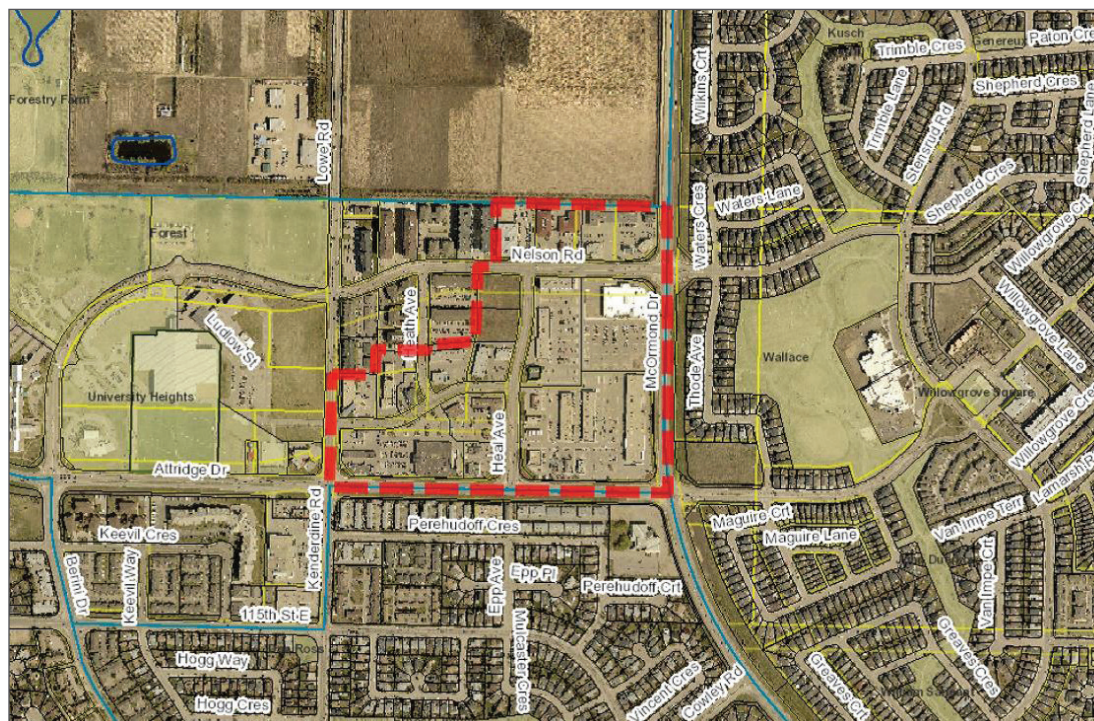


The Centre Mall – Project Area



University Heights Suburban Centre – Project Area

TRANSIT VILLAGES CONCEPT PLANS

Information Package

Project Background

Saskatoon will welcome 250,000 people in the next few decades. Adopted in 2016, our plan for growth will create a stronger social, environmental, economic and financial future for all residents based on the following key components:

- **Corridor Growth** – encouraging growth and redevelopment near existing major corridors and at major development nodes
- **Transit and BRT** – making transit more attractive to more people as the City grows
- **Strategic Infill** – supporting development of the Downtown, North Downtown and University of Saskatchewan “endowment lands” to accommodate more people and jobs within Circle Drive
- **Core Area Bridges** – making the best use the existing road capacity and planning for the future
- **Employment Areas** – ensuring

the right amount of employment in the right areas

- **Active Transportation Plan** – provide infrastructure and support for greater use of walking and cycling for work and personal use
- **Financing Growth** – planning ahead for the costs of growth

Corridor Growth Portfolio

The Corridor Growth portfolio is comprised of the Corridor Planning Program, Transit Villages Concept Plans and Brownfield Renewal Strategy. These projects will address the goals and objectives of the Growth Plan and align with the goals for Transit and the BRT by taking a new approach for future development along the City’s major transportation corridors.

Transit Villages – Project Overview

Transit Villages provide a link between corridor land uses and the new Bus Rapid Transit System. The BRT includes station locations identified at key commercial centres throughout the City. As a result, significant opportunities exist to combine the corridor growth and transit goals of the Growth Plan to create new vibrant and attractive “transit villages” that incorporate a wide range of land uses at densities that are financially feasible, and that support the use of the BRT system.

The City has engaged the firm Dialog to lead the Transit Villages project. A set of design concepts, incorporating transit-oriented development principles, will be prepared for each of the transit village locations at Confederation Suburban Centre, The Centre Mall, and University Heights Square. The process will identify options for the location of the transit station and intensification of land-use mix and densities, to create a design plan for a new urban transit village at each location. Similar work may also be completed for the Holmwood and Blairmore Suburban Centres.

These goals are about building places to bring people together and providing more transportation choices so Saskatoon will be a healthier, more sustainable, accessible and attractive place to live.

Dialog’s Project Approach

The development of Transit Villages presents a significant opportunity to re-shape Commercial Centre sites from suburban auto-centric malls to vibrant, mixed-use, transit oriented hubs of their respective communities. This re-imagining of the Centres also means significant transformation, bringing new residents, jobs, and businesses. Without proper phasing and implementation, and an understanding of existing communities and their needs, this change can be a disruptive force, creating unwanted impacts.

In developing a framework for intensification and to direct growth to key areas, along with integration of transit infrastructure, a significant range of stakeholders must be engaged in order to build effective support and secure buy-in. This includes key stakeholders such as developers, landowners, members of the public, business associations, and rights-holders. Close collaboration with stakeholders enriches the planning process, creates a sense of ownership for those involved, and supports better outcomes.

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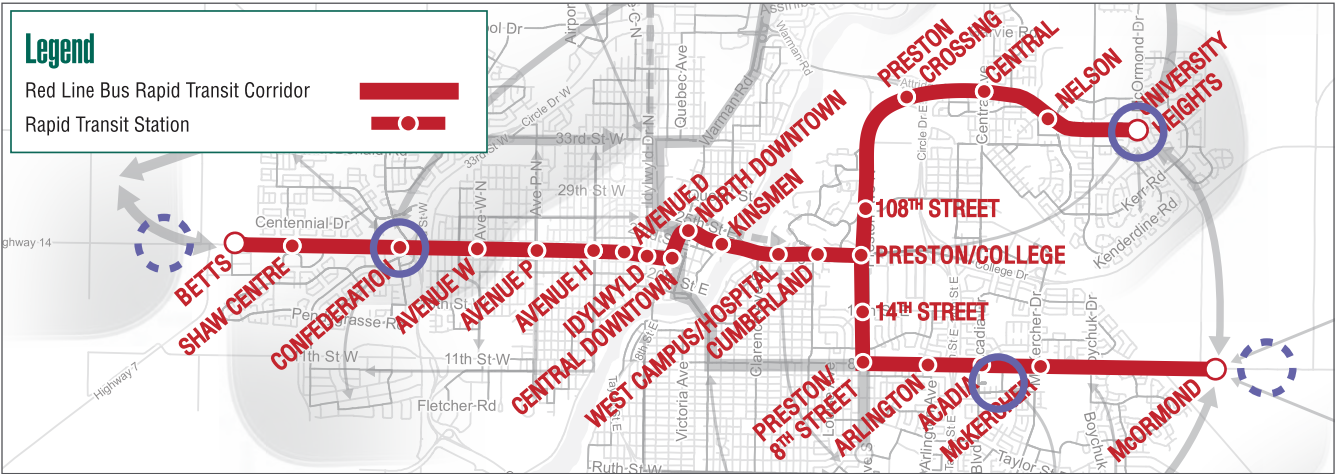
Dialog Architecture, Engineering, Interior Design, Planning Inc. has been awarded the contract for the Transit Villages project. Dialog is an award-winning firm with offices in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, and San Francisco.

Dialog brings a wealth of experience in transit oriented development (TOD), urban planning, and transit system and station design to the project. Their innovative and creative approach focuses on collaboration and consultation through all project stages by multidisciplinary teams in an interactive planning and design process.

Engagement Process and Project Schedule

- Stakeholder Interviews** November 2017- Landowners and key stakeholders will be introduced to the project in focused meetings that will provide opportunities to hear their aspirations, concerns, and priorities in an open and candid conversation.
- Public Engagement** - The public will be engaged at key points throughout the project. Among other specific questions, we will be looking for participant input on the concept plans, their design directions and supporting guidelines around height, density, and land use.
- Stakeholder Workshop #1** January 2018 - We will bring together all stakeholders for dynamic, highly interactive charrette-style workshops. In doing so our objective is to gather insights from participants, but also have them share their perspectives with each other; so that participants can hear from each other what their concerns and priorities are.
- Stakeholder Workshop #2** March 2018 - This workshop will engage stakeholders in refining and testing some of the key ideas and initiatives brought forward in the plan frameworks. This may include the height and massing of development, location and character of open spaces, and opportunities for creative place-making in each transit village.
- Late April / early May 2018 – Final Concept Plans
- June or July 2018 – Presentation to Planning Development + Community Services Committee and/or City Council

Maps



Transit Villages locations – Red Line BRT Corridor



Confederation Suburban Centre – Project Area