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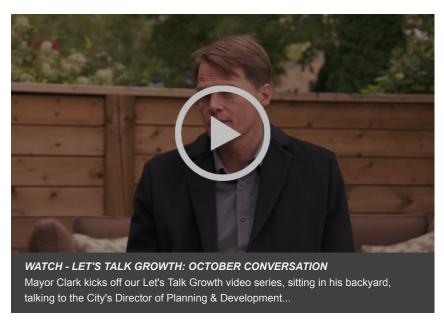
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#### **Message From Project Team**

Welcome to the first project update for the City of Saskatoon's Plan for Growth initiatives! Each month we will provide you with easy-to-read updates on the status of our projects and highlight engagement opportunities you may want to participate in. Thank you for your continued support as we work on these exciting projects!

# **LET'S TALK GROWTH UPDATE**

Over the next few months Let's Talk Growth will roll-out a number of videos designed to help us start a city-wide conversation about what it will take to implement our Plan for Growth projects. Some of these videos are informational, but others will pose specific questions that we want to hear your thoughts on. We invite you to watch and join the conversation.



### **BUS RAPID TRANSIT / TRANSIT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**



In July 2017, City Council awarded <a href="HDR Corporation">HDR Corporation</a> the contract to lead the detailed planning and design for Saskatoon's future Bus Rapid Transit System and Transit Plan. HDR and the City are currently validating the BRT system concept and identifying a "preferred configuration." The City anticipates a report on this topic to go to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation on November 6, 2017. Starting December 2017, the City and HDR will lead stakeholder engagement and refinement of the BRT Functional Plan, Station Design, Transit Network Plan, Park and Ride Strategy, and Implementation Plan.

### Questions? Contact Project Team

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#### **CORRIDOR GROWTH UPDATES**



In August 2017, City Council contracted **Dialog** to create concept designs for future Transit Villages at key station locations along the city's future Bus Rapid Transit Red Line. Site analysis and preliminary interviews between Dialog, the City, landowners, and key stakeholders are currently underway. Dialog is preparing for a stakeholder workshop – anticipated in mid-January 2018, and a public open house in March 2018.

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In June 2017, City Council established the Corridor Planning Program policy framework. Corridor planning is a key initiative of the Plan for Growth and will begin along the BRT Red Line. The program will identify a variety of ways and options to transform corridors into destination locations that can support the BRT system, enhance local neighbourhoods and foster city-building opportunities. Starting in September, City Staff began analysis of the major corridors along the BRT Red Line, and also started developing a 3-dimensional digital model to assist with the analysis and identification of opportunities along the corridors – this will be used as a key public engagement tool at a March 2018 open house event.

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In August 2017, City Council contracted <u>Dillon Consulting</u> to work with the City to develop a Brownfield Renewal Strategy to support future Corridor Growth. This work will review barriers to corridor redevelopment that relate to financial and regulatory hurdles surrounding soil contamination and the perception of contamination. The initial focus will be on the Red BRT Line corridor, however, it is anticipated that the end result of the project will be transferable to other strategic infill areas.

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Funding for many of these projects is provided through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) from the funding in the province.













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