

Survey for Terwillegar Park Footbridge and West End Trails available until October 5

Citizens still have an opportunity to provide <u>online feedback</u> on specific design aspects of the Terwillegar Park Footbridge and West End Trails. The options and the surveyshared at the September 21 open house can be viewed until **October 5** at <u>Edmonton.car/ivervalleyprojects</u>.



"We wanted to provide an additional feedback option as we know many citizens throughout Edmonton care deeply about our river valley," says Rob Marchak, Director of Strategic Projects with the City of Edmonton. "Our team was pleased to meet over 200 citizens attending the open house to share the vision for increased

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The survey asks for feedback on specific design elements such as different footbridge pier, entrance, lighting and handrail options, along with preference for degree of trail slope grade/accessibility. The two initiatives are part of the City's River Valley Connections projects which received <u>\$72.9Min funding for five initiatives</u> from the federal and provincial governments and the River Valley Alliance. A small portion of additional funds was provided through the City's general finances and parkland reserve.

The footbridge will link Terwillegar Park in southwest Edmonton to the River Valley Oleskiw lands in the west end. Over five kilometres of new and upgraded trails will connect the footbridge to the existing river valley trail system. The projects are the City's next significant step toward creating a world-class connected river valley park system.

Asummary report of the September 21 meeting and an earlier stakeholder representative gathering will be shared online. Input provided will guide city administrators in project planning and decision making.

The City will continue to work alongside community and stakeholder representatives in the coming months. Edmontonians can follow project updates online and will have an opportunity to see final designs at an open house planned for Spring, 2014.

All of the River Valley Connections projects are scheduled for completion in 2016.

For more information:

Call 311 or visit Edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects.

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