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Message From Project Team

November has been a busy month for the Plan for Growth. City Council Approved the [Preferred Configuration](#) for the City's Bus Rapid Transit system on November 20, and now in the coming weeks we start in-depth engagement on this exciting new direction. Please see below for other updates from our Project Team.

LET'S TALK GROWTH UPDATE

Check out Mayor Clark's second video in the Let's Talk Growth series that speaks about the importance of designing a new transit system to meet the City's future needs.

We invite you to watch and tell us what you think at [#GrowYXE](#) - we're listening.



WATCH - LET'S TALK GROWTH: NOVEMBER CONVERSATION

Mayor Clark and Lesley Anderson continue the Let's Talk Growth video series, sitting in his backyard, talking about the importance of Transit for City Building...

BUS RAPID TRANSIT / TRANSIT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



City Council's adoption of the Preferred Configuration for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system on November 20 sets the stage for planning and design work to identify how the system will function (Functional Plan) and to develop the detailed construction-level drawings necessary for construction. As the Functional and Project Planning on the BRT work ramps up, the team has started engaging key stakeholders. In the coming months the City and HDR Corporation will reach out to different stakeholders in the city to start a conversation about ideas, concerns, and challenges as we move forward. This critical input and information will help shape future BRT designs and how the system will function.

Concurrently, HDR has initiated planning work on two other components of the Transit Plan – the Transit System Plan (for conventional transit service) and the Park and Ride Strategy. These will both be informed by technical analysis and stakeholder input. Visit Saskatoon.ca/engage to learn about BRT Engagement opportunities in December!

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CORRIDOR GROWTH UPDATES



In October 2017, the team from DIALOG Architecture joined City of Saskatoon staff to undertake preliminary site analysis and background research for the future Transit Villages locations along the proposed Bus Rapid Transit Red Line.

DIALOG returned in November 2017 and lead a series of meetings with landowners and City staff to introduce the project, develop an understanding of the existing site characteristics and discuss future development opportunities and issues with landowners as they begin to reimagine each site as a future transit village.

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Stage One of the Corridor Planning Program has begun and is focused on the research and analysis of information along the BRT Red Line corridors. This includes current land uses, densities, available parking, and components of the public realm. This information will serve as the basis for future land use, public realm and place-making ideas and options. It will also be included in a 3D digital model of the buildings and public realm components (such as sidewalk widths, locations of street trees and other street furniture) being created for the BRT Red Line route.

The 3D model of the BRT Red Line will be used to analyze the components of the corridors. It will also be used to help develop and discuss options with stakeholders and the public, and to help guide site-level development regulations and guidelines, including potential zoning amendments.

The Corridor Planning team is also creating several other engagement tools for online and in-person engagement that will be launched in conjunction with the March 7, 2018 Plan

for Growth Major Options Event.

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Phase 1 of the Corridor Growth - Brownfield Renewal Strategy continues. This phase involves data gathering that will directly inform and relate to the creation of a Brownfield incentive program and associated guidance materials in Phase 2. Dillon is nearing completion of their report that will present research, recommended options, and potential components for a Brownfield Incentive program that supports Corridor Growth. Work continues to evaluate and inventory BRT Line Corridor potential brownfield sites, which will support the Corridor Planning Program.

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Funding for many of these projects is provided through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) from the Government of Canada and the City of Saskatoon. The Government of Saskatchewan administers federal PTIF funding in the province.



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