



Open House

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INTRODUCTION

About the Project

The Campus Plan identifies the Campus Greenway as the primary multi-modal pathway connecting Gordon Head Road to Sinclair Road. The Greenway extends 1.3km through the centre of the campus. The vision of the Greenway was established as a "Big Move" in the 2016 Campus Plan and represents a unique opportunity to address the Strategic Framework priority of increasing the vibrancy of campus life by enhancing the natural and built environment to create more opportunities for interaction and collaboration. The Greenway will contribute to the identity of the campus and aid in fostering respect with Indigenous communities by contributing to a welcoming, inclusive campus environment for all.

In Phase 1 and Phase 2, we engaged student, staff, faculty, and Indigenous stakeholders on the project values and project visions as well as draft landscape designs. The feedback received through phase 1 and phase 2 engagement, was used to finalize the landscape plans presented at the Campus Open House in September 2019.

The goals of this Open House were:

- To inform and update the campus community on the landscape designs
- To receive feedback on the proposed Pedestrian and Cyclist Priority Zone

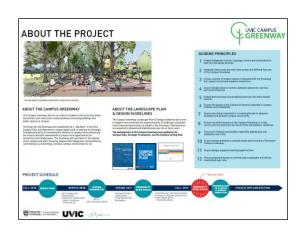
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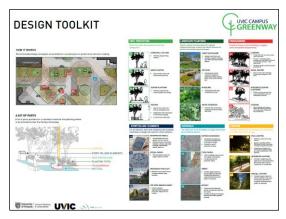
The Campus Greenway Open House was hosted at the University of Victoria on September 26, 2019 in the McPherson Library foyer. Approximately 75 people attended. This report summarizes the feedback received from the campus community regarding the proposed landscape designs and the Pedestrian and Cyclist Priority Zone. Feedback was provided using post-it notes placed on the boards in both general areas and specific locations related to the comments.

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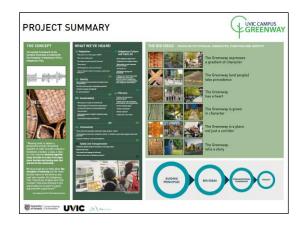
Open House Boards

The following eight boards were characterized as an inform opportunity to update the community on design changes based on feedback received during phase 1 and phase 2 engagement. There was minimal feedback on the specific landscape designs and guidelines of each board. The feedback was summarized in to the following themes: pedestrian and cyclist safety, design toolkit, and programming.





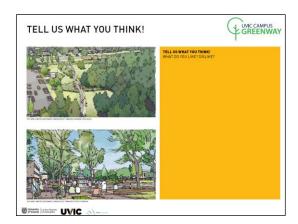












Themes in Comments

Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety

Pedestrian and cyclist safety received the most comments, with attendees indicating the need for improved signage and education for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists when introducing pathway changes. Several comments indicated a preference for separated pedestrian-cyclist pathways within Ring Road, these comments were excluded from the summary as this area was identified as a Shared Space area under the Campus Cycling Plan.

- "Re crosswalk improvements: Yes! Better signage and education for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists when introducing changes (re: speed, right of way)"
- "Slow signals for cyclists before busy crosswalks."
- "Add stop sign for cars [at crosswalk on West Campus Way]."
- "Add ground plane controls to prevent skateboarding on wood platforms by Petch Fountain"

Design Toolkit

Feedback received on the Design Toolkit focused on light pollution, non-permeable surfaces, and irrigation.

- "Watch for light pollution (shield light to shine only where needed)."
- "Re paved areas: phase out non-permeable surfaces, all new paved areas to be permeable"
- "More plants that require less watering."
- "Include permanent water stations"

Programming

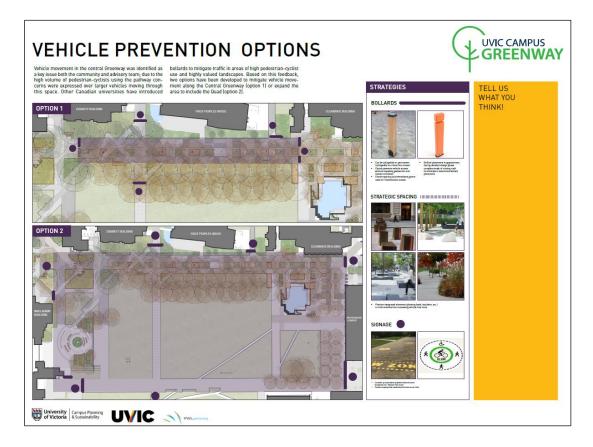
Feedback received on the Greenway programming supported improved seating options and outdoor study areas.

- "Add seating that could be utilized for class space outdoor classrooms."
- "More outdoor seating is great love the inspo!"
- "Yes to more seating around fountain, often no room to sit at lunch and high times."

- "Chairs with better back support and table to put by book or laptop that promote studying together outside"
- "Studying platforms are great"
- "Garry Oak area cordon off one spot to restore some of the at risk species associated with Garry Oak Meadows"

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST PRIORITY ZONE

Vehicle movement within the Central Greenway was identified as a key issue by both the community and advisory teams. Two options were presented at the Open House to mitigate vehicle movement along the Central Greenway. The first option mitigates movement between Cornett Building and Clearihue building. The second option expands the area to include the Quad. Both options use a mix of bollards, integrated vehicle prevention elements, and signage to mitigate vehicle movement. The location of bollards and integrated vehicle prevention elements will be determined during the detailed-design phase.



What We Heard

Attendees supported the proposed Pedestrian and Cyclist Priority Zone and the written feedback all supported the implementation of option 2.

- "Strategic spacing looks better but maybe bollards are more functional for delivery vans, accessibility, and emergencies?
- "Include the whole Quad (option 2) is better"

- "yes to option 2"
- "Option 2 is better" x 3

NEXT STEPS

The final Campus Greenway Landscape Plan and Design Guidelines will serve to support and coordinate the implementation of landscape and public realm improvements along the length of the Greenway and will be presented the university's Campus Planning Committee in November 2019.