

DOWNTOWN TERRACE IMPROVEMENTS

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SYSTEMS



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY: WHAT WE HEARD

APRIL 2023

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TDIA CITYSCAPE DEVELOPMENT EVENT



April 5, 2023
(4:30 – 6:30 pm)

Terrace Sport
Complex, Banquet
Room

65 Attendees



- Introduction by Liz Smaha, TDIA Vice President
- Comments from Dave Gordon, City Council
- Comments from Ken Newman, Planning Manager

TDIA **CITYSCAPE** **DEVELOPMENT** **EVENT**



Introductory Comments from the City of Terrace

- Comments from Dave Gordon, City Council

- Immense opportunity for the downtown
- Public art is paramount

- Comments from Ken Newman, Planning Manager

- Provided detail and timelines for removal of current canopy.
- Need to put out a bid and procure contractor to complete the work.
- Next steps for the redevelopment process
 - Receive completed design
 - Begin budgeting discussions
 - Enter project into capital plan

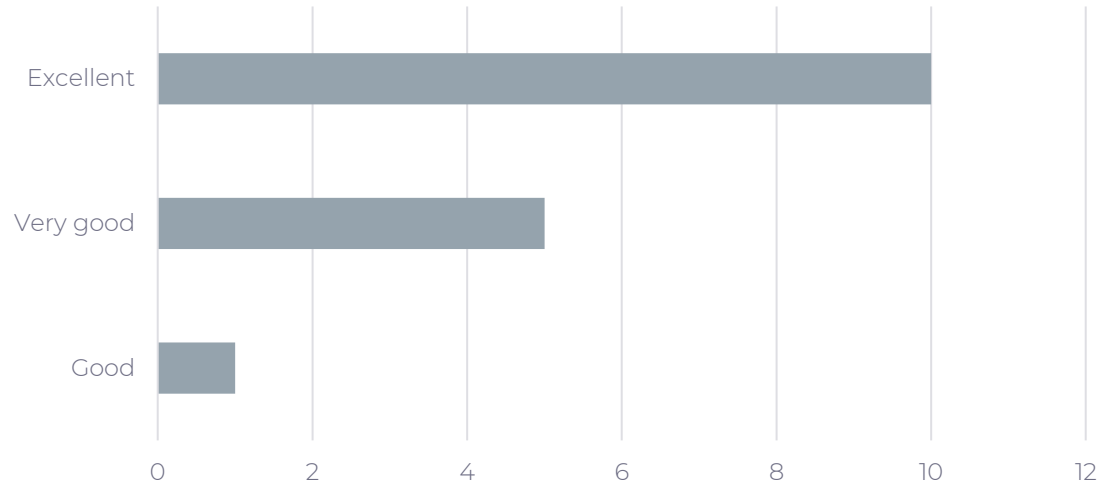


TDIA CITYSCAPE DEVELOPMENT EVENT



Event Feedback

Satisfaction with overall organization and execution of the event?



17 exit surveys completed

Engagement Session Recap

PRESENTATION

- Slido Questions

ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

- Interactive Boards
 - Site Context Boards
 - Precedent Boards

DESIGN ACTIVITY

- Collaborative design brainstorm session

FEEDBACK FROM TDIA

- Online Questionnaire

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Key Emerging Themes

1.

Key Emerging Themes



1. Pedestrianize the street

- Closing part or all of the street to vehicular traffic
- Encouraging pedestrian lingering and destination attraction
- Enhanced crosswalks



2. Protect existing trees and add landscaping

- Preserve existing trees if possible
- Add green infrastructure and landscaping



3. Public Art and Realm improvements

- Improve public realm by adding Indigenous representation, public art, lighting, and weather protection
- Provide street furniture, seating and benches










4. Flexible streetscape for events and pop-ups

- Create flexible spaces for music events, festivals, pop up markets, and food truck vendors

Slido Questions






2.

Opportunities for 4600 Block of Lakesle Avenue

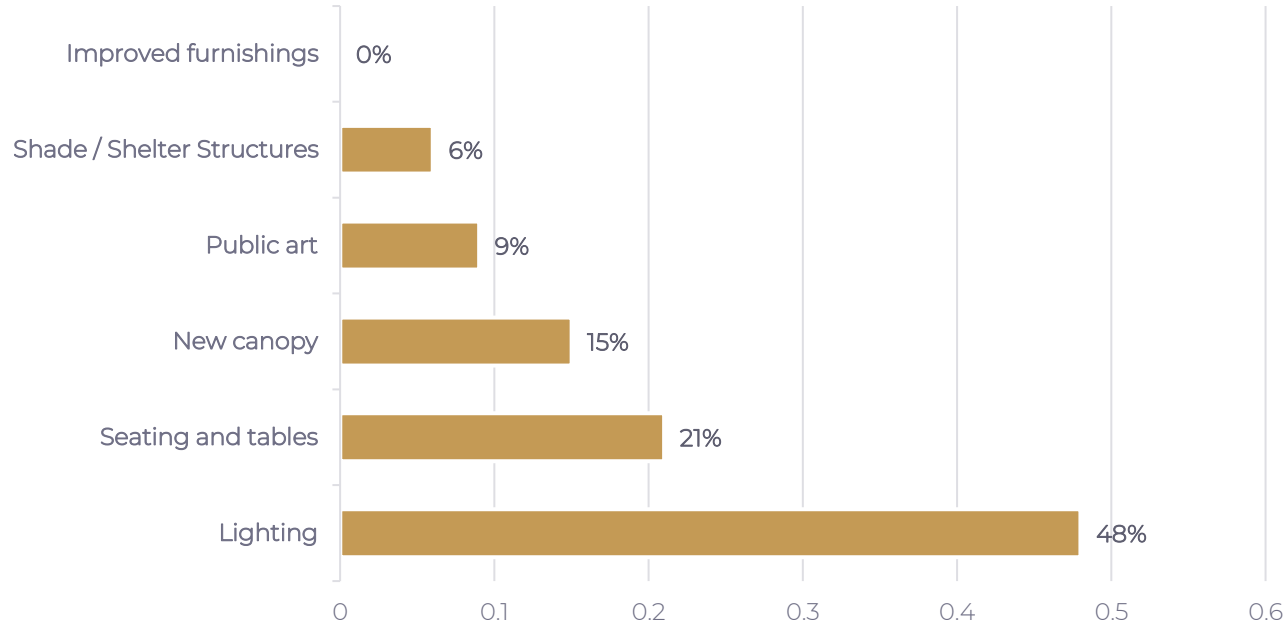
Theme	Count	Comments
Public Realm Infrastructure (13)	 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather protection (3), bike lanes (2), secure bike parking (2), wayfinding (2), seating (2), Portland Loo, water station, paid parking, SOGI crosswalk, enhanced store fronts
Landscaping & Greenery (9)	 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit trees (3), Community boulevard gardens, flower baskets, increase biodiversity, herb gardens, edible landscaping, community gardens
Food & restaurants options (5)	 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food (2), Food trucks, Restaurants, Bakery
Lighting (5)	 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overhead lighting, lighting, 24-hour lighting, more lighting, quality lighting
Arts & Events (5)	 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street musicians, art installations, interactive art for photos, open air market, accessible power source for events
Indigenous representation (4)	 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smalgyax language on signage (2), Indigenous art installations, First nation representation
Economic Opportunities (4)	 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentives for small businesses to come, tourism, more retail, speak easy

Q: What other opportunities do you envision for the 4600 Block?
24 participants, 55 responses

Activities for 4600 Block of Lakesle Avenue

Theme	Count	Comments
Active Programming (20)	 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pop-up markets (6), music (7), cultural events & festivals (3), pop-up shop space / market stalls (3), public artwork (3), food trucks/vendors (3), patio culture, safety
Street furniture, public realm and art (18)	 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patios (4), Benches (3), Patio seating (3), sidewalk cafés (2), places to sit and drink coffee, music, First Nation sculptures, art displays, Christmas lights, art exhibition
Limit or close car traffic (15)	 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close street to cars (7), close on weekends or summers (2), street closure days, walking only, one way traffic/angled parking, pedestrian only days, street closure for activities
Public Infrastructure (4)	 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water station, bike lanes, public washrooms, coffee shop
Green Infrastructure (4)	 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community style park/green space, green space, greenery, grass

What elements are you most interested in?



Q: What elements are you most interested in? (single selection of multiple choice)
33 participants, 33 responses

Engagement Boards

3.

Vision Statement

Vision:

- Canopy should be cohesive and bought by City or Business Partners (2)
- Once completed the concept should be extended to rest of downtown. (2)
- Find the "Recipe" that works for this block so that it can be replaced in other blocks. Our downtown isn't just one block. (2)
- Make our Downtown a destination that our residents buy into (i.e.. not just visitors). (1)

Guiding Principles:

- Support for green spaces & more greenery (3)
- Support for Vibrancy (1)V

VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Based on the previous studies, the TDIA consultation, and stakeholder input to date, the following is the draft vision and guiding objectives.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

The 4600 block of Lakelse Avenue is the 'Heart' of downtown Terrace. As a pedestrian orientated street, with bustling shops and access to popular amenities, the revitalized street is a unique destination that contributes to people, the arts and culture and the environment.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE, AND SAFE

- Ensure mobility options for people of all ages and abilities including walking, biking, and transit.
- Incorporate CPTED principles throughout the street that provide safe access to, through, and around the area.

SENSE OF PLACE

- Provide inclusive and welcoming spaces for residents and visitors of all ages, lifestyles, and abilities.
- Prioritize places for people that provide memorable connection.
- Foster enhancements that reflect the diverse history of the City and celebrate community identity.

ACTIVITY AND CONNECTION

- Shape the public realm to serve as a "backyard" for downtown residents.
- Invest in infrastructure to support the future needs of downtown residents.

INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS ENVIRONMENT

- Incorporate green spaces (bioswales, rain gardens) into the streetscape that reflect the beauty of surrounding natural areas.
- Adapt to the changing climate by enhancing the resiliency infrastructure and reduce the impact on the environment.
- Value the environment and protect ecological functions for enjoyment.

VIBRANCY

- Welcome creativity and innovation through public art.
- Promote a vibrant atmosphere that attracts and supports businesses, entrepreneurs, and talent to provide diverse employment opportunities.

Sticky Notes:

- What do you think of this vision statement? Is there anything missing? Write comments here!
- More downtown destinations that are pedestrian friendly (not just visitors)
- Find the "Recipe" that works for this block so that it can be replaced in other blocks. Our downtown isn't just one block.
- Once completed the concept should be extended to rest of downtown.
- Green spaces and more greenery

Footer: Terrace Downtown Improvement Area | Lakelse Avenue Renovation

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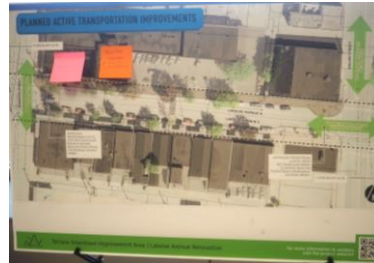
Inventory, Opportunities & Constraints

Existing Conditions Inventory



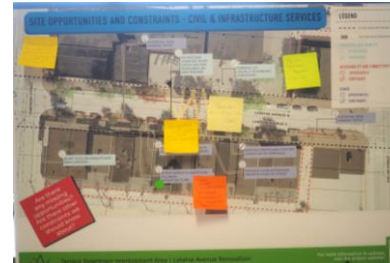
- Recent Vacancies
- Bring back coffee shop

Active Transportation Improvements



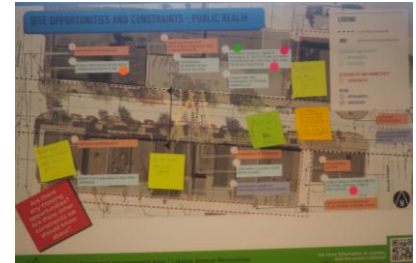
- Roof top garden
- Improve blank concrete walls

Civil & Infrastructure Services



- Vehicle free zone
- Plan for sun exposure
- Traffic calming
- Green infrastructure
- Clean up surroundings

Public Realm



- Protect old existing trees
- Overhead lighting
- Pedestrian walkway
- Gateway elements
- Public art

Public Washroom

Yes



17 votes



No



1 vote



Comments:

- Maintenance

PUBLIC RESTROOM

"PORTLAND LOO"



BENEFITS

- Provides access to clean, safe and accessible public washroom
- Encourages people to stay downtown for longer time periods
- Provides critical amenity for people who are restroom challenged (ie. Seniors, pregnant women, little children, and people on blood pressure medicine with higher needs)

CHALLENGES

- Perceptions of who will be using the washroom
- Cleanliness or maintenance of the restroom
- Concerns about damage to property

Do you agree with implementing public washrooms in downtown Terrace?

Place a sticker on your answer

YES

NO

NOT SURE

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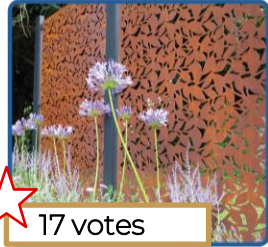


Precedent Images – Summary & Top Voted

Weather Protection and Screening Options



FREE STANDING SHADE CANOPY



PLANTING AND PUBLIC ART



HEDGE PLANTING

Other Elements to Consider



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



WAYFINDING SIGNAGE



PUBLIC GATHERING SPACES,
FOOD TRUCK AREAS

Cross Section Options



TRAVEL LANE
SEPARATED
BY BOULEVARD

Furnishing Options



SEATING

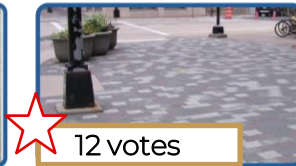


BIKE RACKS

Paving Options



PAVING ART



PAVERS

Precedent Images – Street Options & Paving Options



**RAISED SIDEWALK, ROLLED CURBS
AND FLEXIBLE BOULEVARDS
GRANVILLE STREET, VANCOUVER**



**TRAVEL LANE SEPARATED
BY BOULEVARD
BERNARD AVENUE, KELOWNA**



**RAISED TRAVEL LANE AND FLEXIBLE
BOULEVARDS
BELL STREET PARK, SEATTLE**



**PAVED RAISED TRAVEL LANE
CLEMATIS STREET, WEST PALM BEACH**



PAVING ART



SAW-CUT & SANDBLASTED CONCRETE

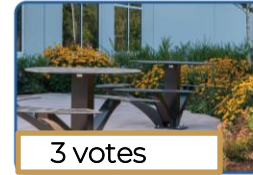


PAVERS



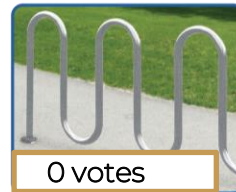
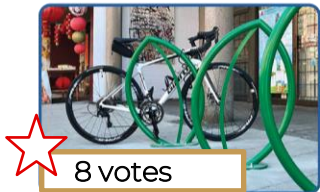
BROOM FINISHED, TOOLED JOINT CONCRETE

Precedent Images – Furnishing Options



SEATING

TABLES



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Precedent Images – Weather Protection and Screening Options



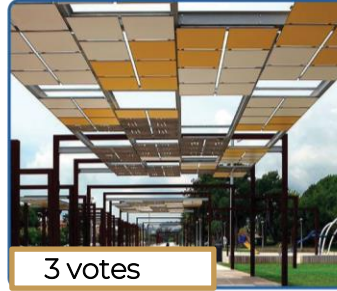
4 votes

LANE WAY WEATHER PROTECTION



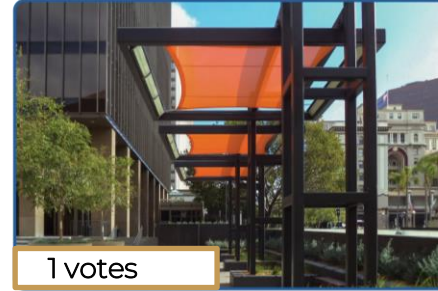
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FREE STANDING SHADE CANOPY



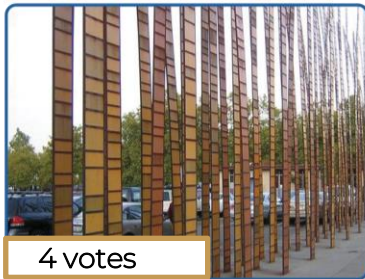
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LINEAR CANOPY STRUCTURE



1 votes

FREE STANDING SHADE CANOPY SAILS



4 votes

PUBLIC ART PANELS



17 votes

PLANTING AND PUBLIC ART



7 votes

VINE PLANTING



8 votes

HEDGE PLANTING

Precedent Images – Other Elements to Consider



★ 13 votes

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



7 votes

CATENARY LIGHTING



★ 8 votes

WAYFINDING SIGNAGE



7 votes

ENTRANCE SIGNAGE



3 votes

PUBLIC PIANO



★ 8 votes

PUBLIC GATHERING SPACES, FOOD TRUCK AREAS



4 votes

LANE-WAY OPPORTUNITIES



7 votes

ON-STREET PARKLET

Design Activity

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Design Activity!

Opportunity for the community to describe some of the strengths and challenges of the site

Opportunity for the community to share with us their design ideas for the space.



Design Activity:

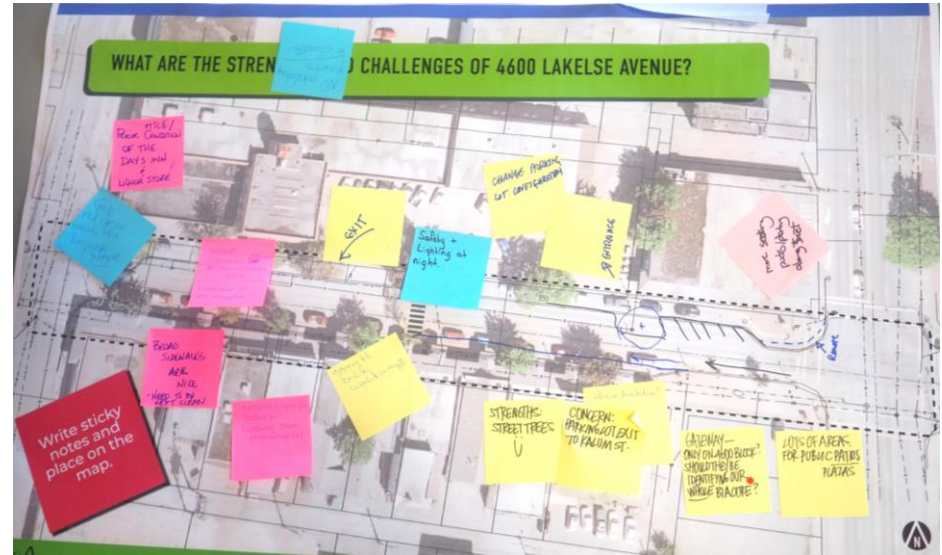
Strengths & Challenges

Strengths

- Broad sidewalks are nice (need to be kept clean)
- Brick walkways
- Street trees
- Lots of areas for public patios and plazas

Challenges

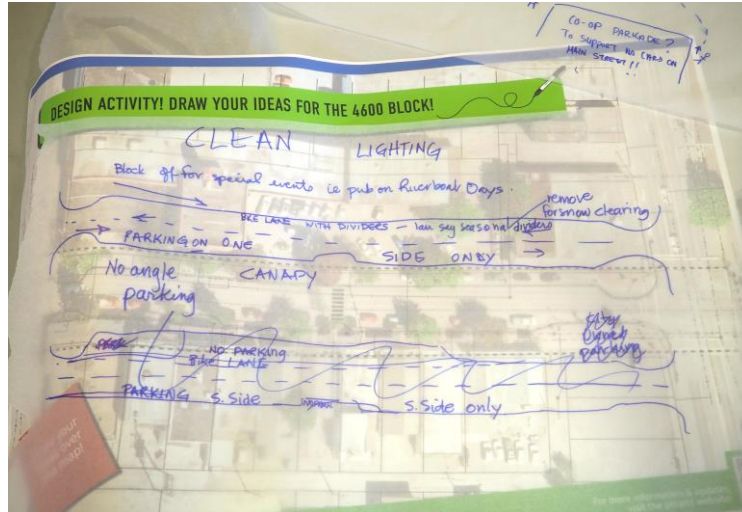
- Rodents at Days Inn and Liquor Store
- Desire to remove liquor store
- Parking lot exit to Kalum St
- Defensive architecture
- Emulate the gateway throughout whole downtown core (not just 4600 block) (2)
- Parking lot configuration
- Parking lot exit
- Safety and lighting at night
- Existing structures need attention
- No alcohol or drugs zone
- Placement of art features



Opportunities

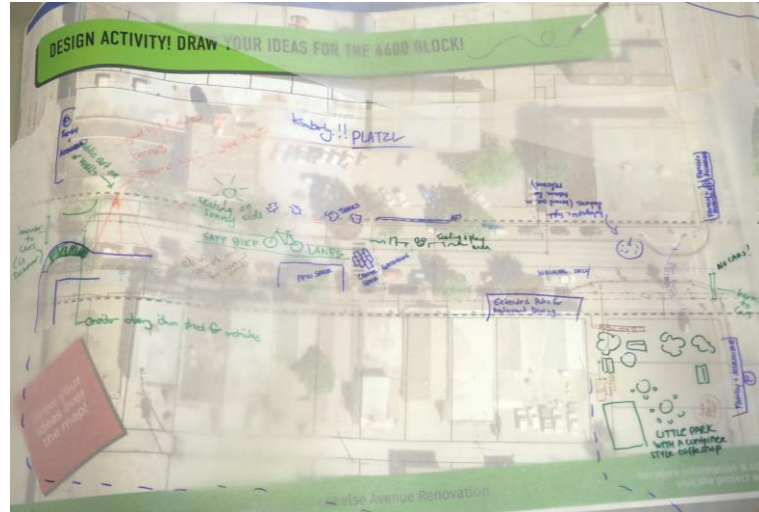
- Lots of areas for public patios and plazas
- Desire for gathering spot for eating or watching street performance art
- Desire for more seating pods/planters along street

Design Activity: Ideas



Ideas:

- Lighting
- Parking on one side
- Block off street for special events
- Separated bike lane



Ideas:

- Green space/park with coffeeshop
- No cars, bike lanes, walking only
- Seating, patios
- Street trees and lighting
- Public art, public gathering space

Next Steps

7.

NEXT STEPS

Revisit Vision and Guiding Principles

- Incorporate feedback and revise

Discuss Engagement Results with the City

- Feedback included ambitious ideas for streetscape redevelopment
- Need to confirm parameters of what form of redevelopment the City has comfort with from maintenance, traffic, and capital investment perspectives

Develop streetscape concept

- Incorporate feedback from event
- Develop drawing concepts
- Review with TDIA



4600 Block Redevelopment Timeline

WE ARE HERE



Project
Initiation

June 2022

Project Background
& Design Review
and Engagement
Prep

July-October
2022

Inventory and
Analysis Study.
Stakeholder
Consultation

March 2023

Preliminary Design

April-May 2023

Design Review with
City

May 2023

Canopy
removal

Spring/
summer 2023

Interim Facade
improvements

Spring/
summer 2023

Engineering Design

May 2023

Construction
Tender

Fall 2023

Construction

Spring 2024



THANK YOU!