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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

IMAGINE
IDYLWYLD



LEGEND

- Study Area
- Crosswalk
- Sidewalk
- Raised Bike Path
- Shared Multi-Use Path (Pedestrian & Cyclists)
- Landscape Buffer

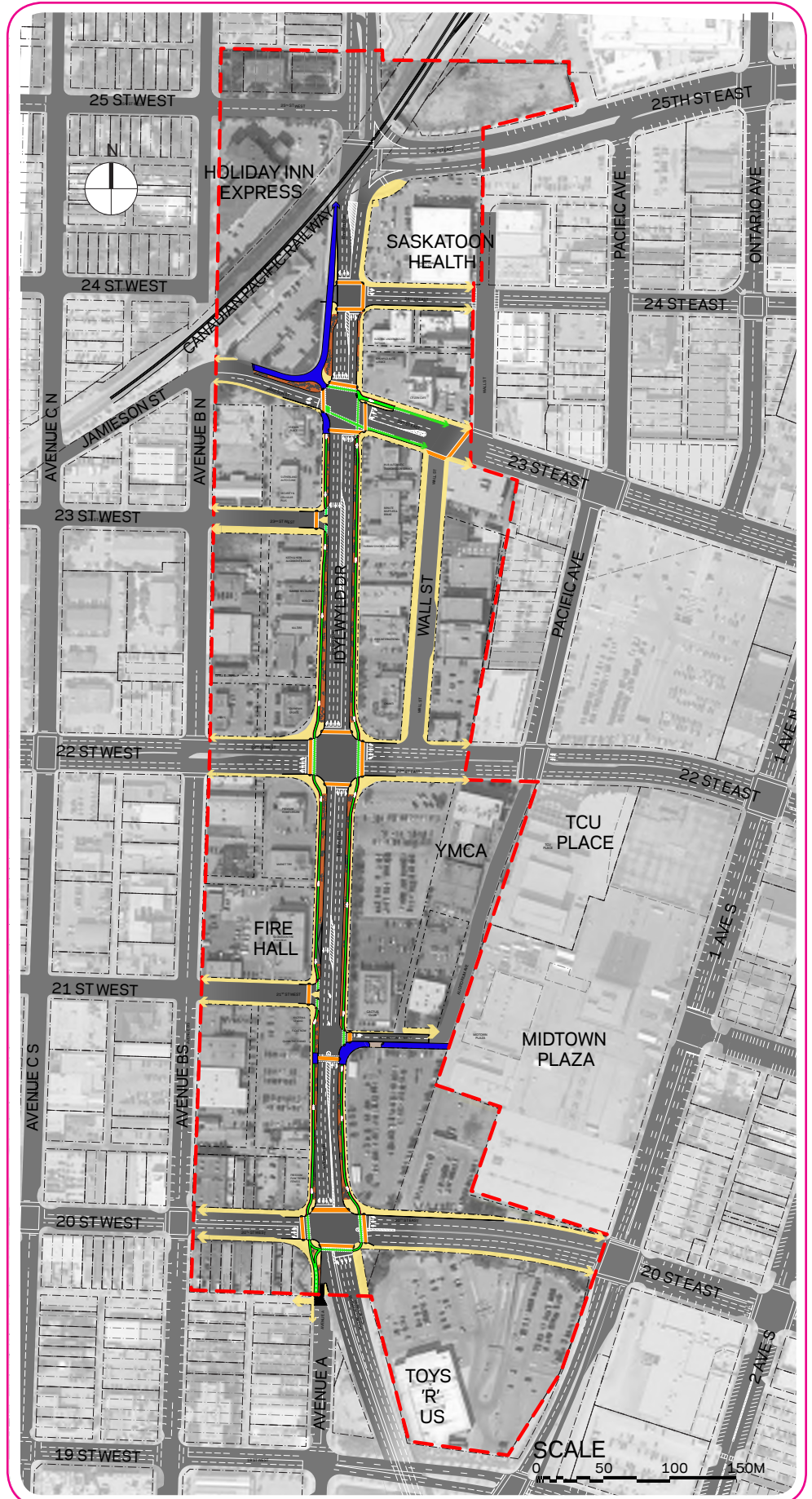


Figure 1.1 Imagine Idylwyld Concept Design

"IDYLWYLD DRIVE IS A SIGNATURE GATEWAY INTO THE CITY CENTRE; A MODERN GRAND AVENUE THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE AND PLACES IN A COMPACT, MIXED USE URBAN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS DAILY LIFE IN SASKATOON."

- IMAGINE IDYLWYLD VISION STATEMENT

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PROJECT PURPOSE

Imagine Idylwyld is a design initiative by the City of Saskatoon to develop a new vision and conceptual plan to improve the function, safety, connectivity and quality of the roadway and public realm along Idylwyld Drive, between 20th Street and 25th Street East.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report summarizes the findings of the final phase of the *Imagine Idylwyld* initiative; the development of the final concept design as well as public and stakeholder engagement. This document comprises part of a suite of documents that were produced during the course of this project, and should be read alongside the *Issues and Opportunities Report (May 2017)*, and the *Corridor Alternatives Report (July 2017)*.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The process of developing alternatives began in Phase 3 with the creation of an Initial Concept Layout based on the vision, issues and opportunities, and design parameters set out in earlier phases. With the Initial Concept Layout created, opportunities for alternative vehicle lane function were identified at three intersections: 20th Street, 22nd Street, and 24th Street. Two alternative bicycle accommodation schemes were also identified.

The proposed alternatives were tested through an online survey and with an engagement booth held at the Saskatoon Farmer's Market in early June 2017. The results from the survey indicated public support was generally in favour of Option A at the whole corridor scale; at the intersection level

it was clear that minimising delay to motorists was the highest priority for the public.

Recommendation for Preferred Alternative

The public provided a clear direction that Idylwyld Drive should be designed to flow as smoothly as possible for the most number of drivers. This goal is achievable at the same time as achieving the desire to support all modes of travel and enable redevelopment opportunities. The results of the survey support the development of a hybrid preferred alternative, including: a southbound right turn lane at 20th Street, a single northbound left-turn bay at 22nd Street, no northbound left turns from Idylwyld Drive at 24th Street, and continuous bicycle paths separate from vehicles.

CONCEPT DESIGN

The recommended layout, derived through the development of alternatives is a hybrid of tested options. The preferred design minimizes travel time for the most drivers at the same time as achieving the desire to support all modes of travel and enable redevelopment opportunities. The concept design is compatible with the intended evolution of the land use along Idylwyld Drive and adjacent neighbourhoods, and enables safer connections for people riding bicycles or walking, including better access to the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station near 22nd Street.

NEXT STEPS

In late 2018 or early 2019, the Major Transportation Funding Plan, including a list of prioritized projects will be provided to City Council for discussion. The implementation timing of the improvements to the Idylwyld corridor will be included in this future report.

PROJECT TIMELINE

This report marks the completion of Phase 04 of *Imagine Idylwyld*.

PHASE 01
Background
Review

PHASE 02
Corridor
Assessment

PHASE 03
Development of
Alternatives

PHASE 04
Concept Streetscape
Design

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