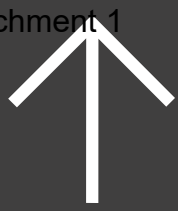




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Conceptual future view of BC Parkway Metrotown.



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metrotown

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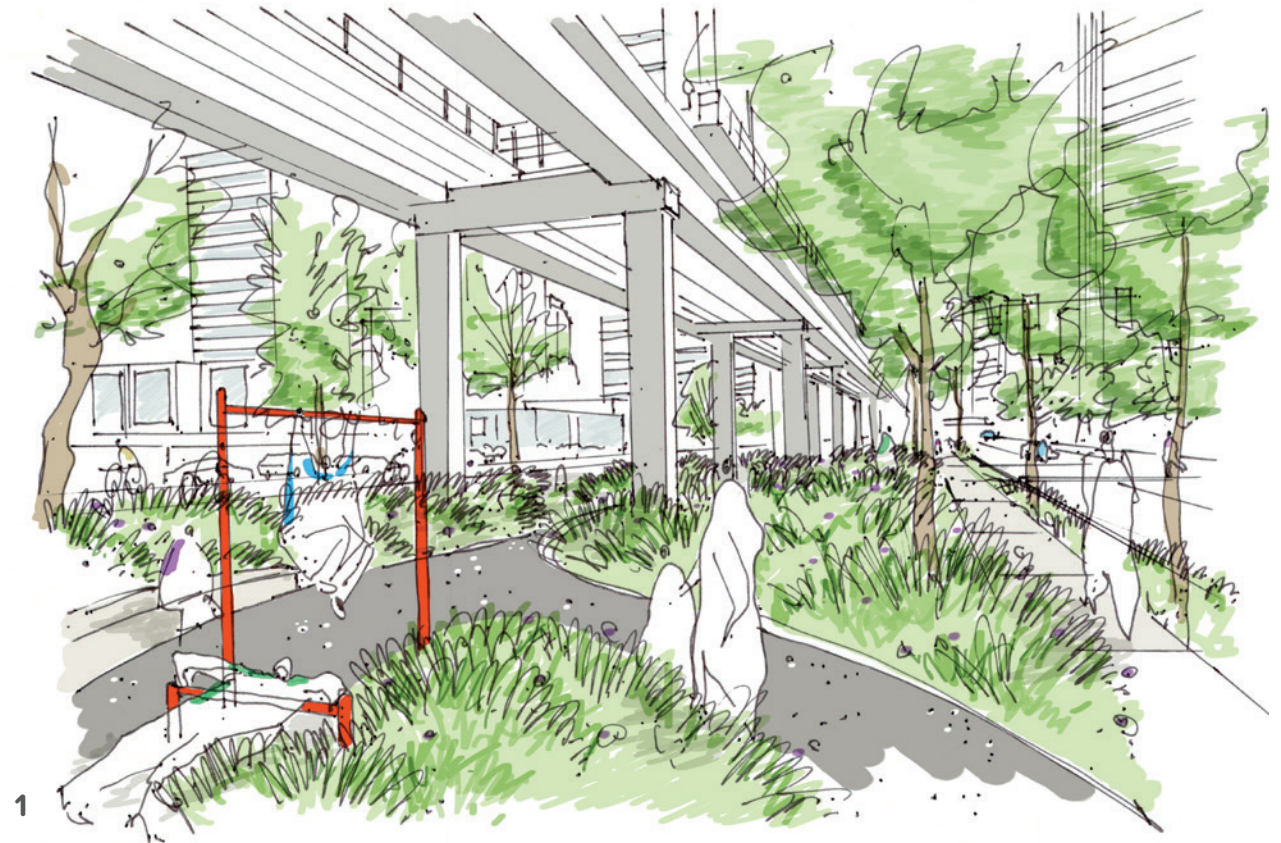
4.6 SOUTH OF BONSOR

The Bonsor Park and Recreation Complex is a popular destination for diverse recreational offerings for everyday use as well as large scale events throughout the year. The complex is always buzzing with energy. Included in the exterior grounds are tennis and pickleball courts, soccer and baseball fields, a large skate park and a playground. Just across the street and south of the Parkway, there is a playground and another tennis court near the Maywood Community School.

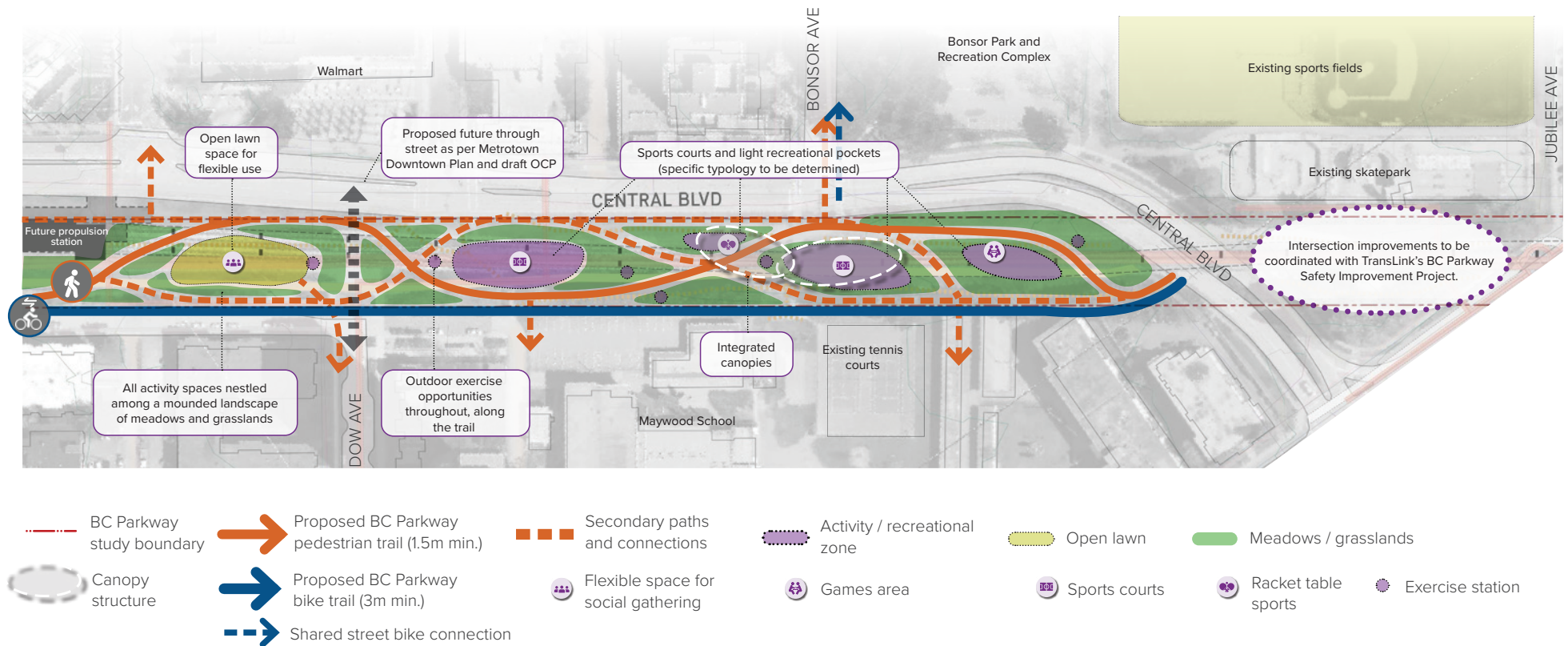
Through public engagement, we learned that there is a desire for even more recreational amenities along this expansive stretch of the Parkway, including multi-use

sports courts, exercise equipment, play features, picnic areas and gardens. Through more tailored conversations, we heard that youth would like more dedicated sports courts as a priority, including for basketball. Meanwhile seniors voiced their preferences for small table racket sports and games areas, and adults added the importance of integrating moments for exercise equipment.

Given the opportunistic flat topography of the area, as well as it already being associated with recreational use, the strategic direction is to broaden the diversity of recreational opportunities available, to support different age groups and abilities.



View of immersive experience along the Parkway, with carved out pockets for exercise.



PRIORITIES AND GUIDELINES:

- Design pockets of sports amenities throughout the corridor that complement the existing uses at nearby institutional and civic spaces. For example basketball courts, small racket table games, beach volleyball courts, in-ground trampolines, and others.
 - At the time of detailed design, further public engagement is recommended to determine priority needs for types of sports amenities, with consideration for all ages and abilities.
 - Future public engagement is recommended to determine priority needs relative to typology, considering all age groups.
 - Consider all aspects of safety relative to proximity to streets on either side. Utilize fencing where there is risk of balls rolling onto roadways for example.
 - Create a strong operations and maintenance plan in coordination with BC Hydro, to manage an anticipated high volume of use.
- Provide some areas with a free standing canopy for rain protection, and consider whether wind is also a negative impact that has to be mitigated through the design.
- Provide good lighting to extend use into the evenings
- Consider the opportunity to transform the large open grassed areas into an immersive experience through an undulating hilly landscape and activity pockets nestled within.
 - The mound landscape could be planted with a diverse grassland typology or pollinator plant species, minimizing maintenance requirements of weekly mowing. The mounding will also help create an improved sense of safety, distanced from fast moving vehicles on Central Boulevard, and frame views to key landmarks and buildings for improved wayfinding.
- Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to support safety.



- Integrate a flexible open lawn space closer to the west, to host informal activities such as picnicking or impromptu soccer or a morning yoga stretch. Barbecue areas could be considered as a welcoming addition, or covered picnic shelters for rental for birthday parties and other social gatherings.
- Integrate some forms of individual pieces at multiple locations along the pathways such as exercise equipment, parkour features, or skateboarding obstacles.
- Consider incorporating storytelling across the area with sculptures integrated into the mounds or special pavement treatment or colouring of sports courts and on the guideway.
- Incorporate seating edges and benches throughout to accommodate rest and viewing areas.



Character precedents

