



# BC Parkway Enhancement Project (Burnaby)

## What We Heard Report

September 2024



Pop-up event  
during Phase 1 of  
engagement in  
April 2024

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# 01 Engagement Overview

## BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

### THE PROJECT

Burnaby's BC Parkway Enhancement Project seeks to create a network of active open spaces that together will form a dynamic linear park under the Sky Train from Boundary Road to the Royal Oak SkyTrain Station.

The project process for developing a Framework Plan involves two engagement rounds with the public and interested parties, building on the findings from summer 2023 Parkway Alive survey. The first engagement round took place in April 2024 and is the subject of this summary report.

### THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report summarizes the outcomes from engagement with interested parties and the public. It highlights which communities we engaged with, how we engaged, and what we heard.

### ROUND 1 ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

This engagement round was the first opportunity for community members to learn about the BC Parkway Enhancement Project and to share their thoughts on site opportunities and constraints, values, needs and priorities towards a Framework Plan concept.

## HOW WE ENGAGED



### COMMUNITY ONLINE SURVEY

Questionnaire and interactive map.

[April 8-29, 2024]

A City email address was also available for anyone wanting to send additional comments.



### THREE PUBLIC POP-UP EVENTS

City staff and a consultant team were on hand to answer questions and provide information through a series of interactive display boards.

[April 22, 27 and 28, 2024]



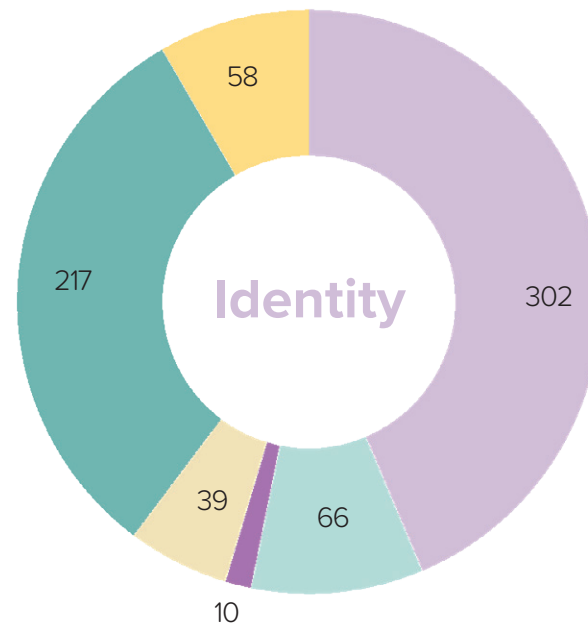
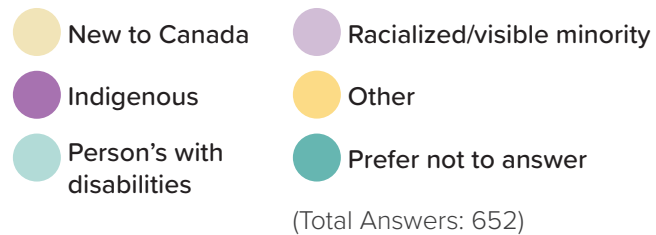
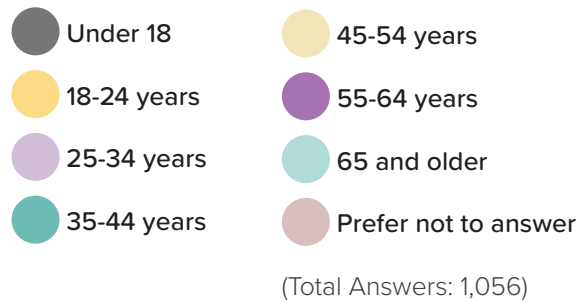
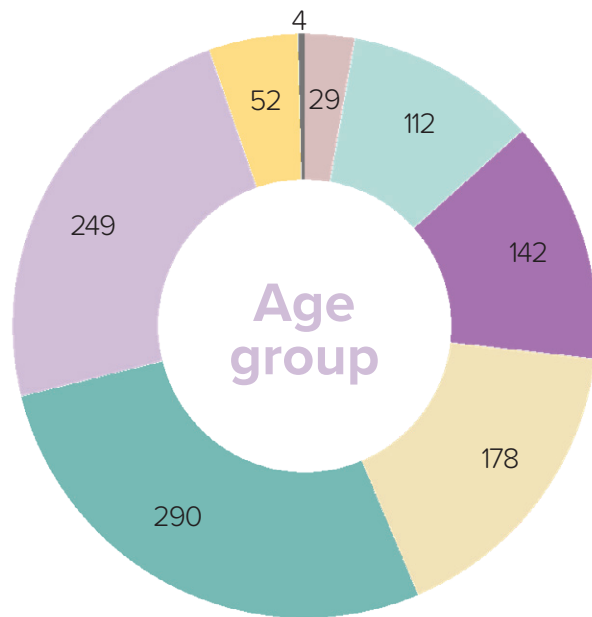
### INTERESTED PARTIES MEETINGS

Focused virtual meetings and in-person drop-in sessions were facilitated by invitation.

[April 11 at Bob Prittie Library and throughout April and May, 2024]



## WHO WE ENGAGED WITH



## PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

**SURVEY  
RESPONDENTS**

**1,056**

**MAP  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

**213**

**POP-UP EVENTS (3)  
VISITORS**

**200+**

**INTERESTED PARTY  
MEETINGS**

**5**

**STAFF  
WORKSHOPS**

**8**

## 02 What We Heard: From Interested Parties

Interested parties were invited to drop into one of our four open sessions at the Bob Prittie Library to provide ideas for the future enhancement of Burnaby's Parkway Corridor.

We invited guests to place comments on a large printed rollout map of the corridor. In addition, we hosted virtual meetings with individual community groups upon request for more topical conversations — including the Inter-agency group called Advancing Cycling for Everyone. The following pages summarize key highlights from comments and conversations.

Incorporate drought-tolerant, native pollinator species

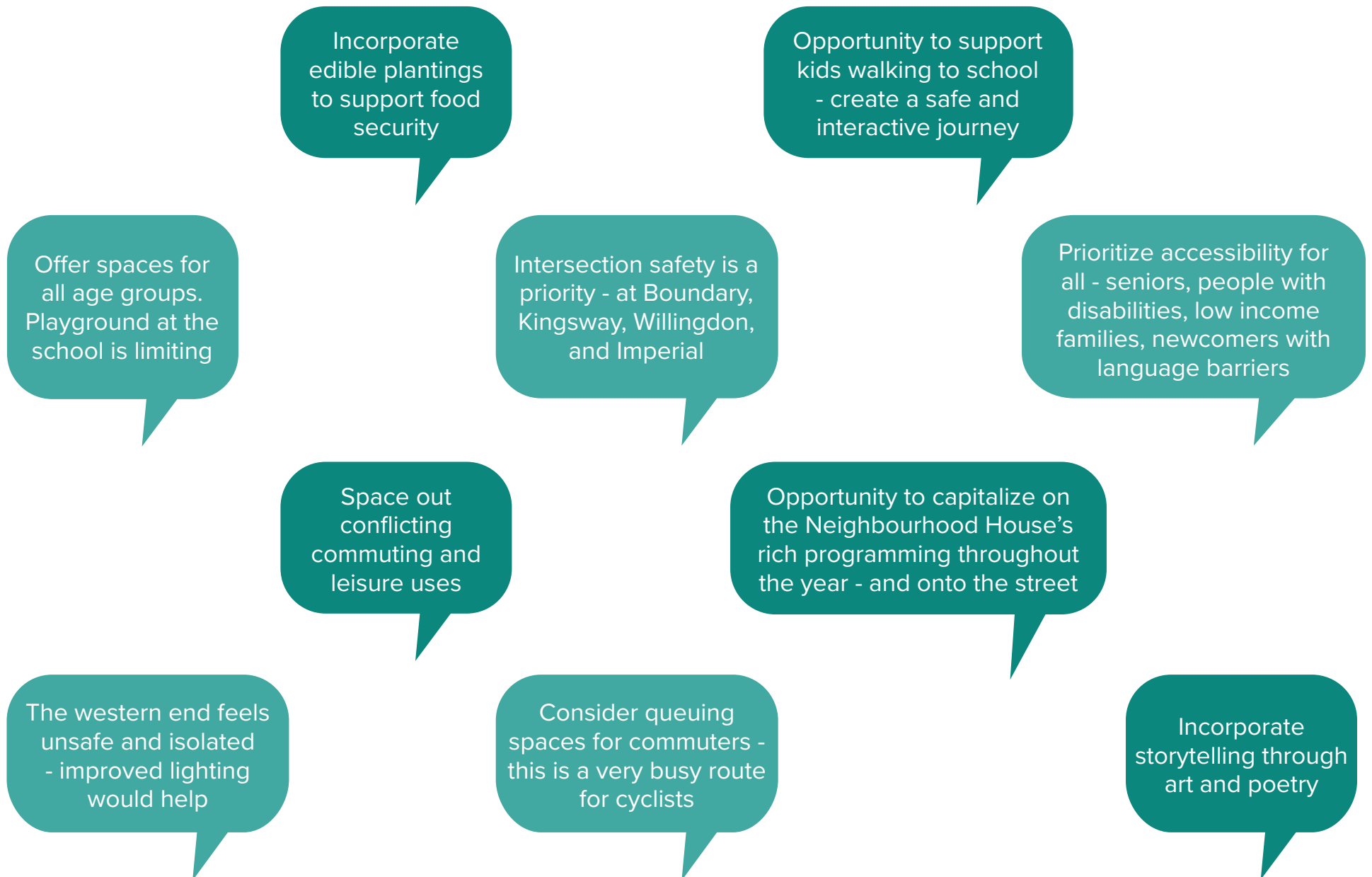
Offer more flexible space for community group use, that is free of charge

Incorporate Indigenous learning and storytelling

Reduce conflicts of various travel modes near train stations

More dog parks would be appreciated. We do training and lots of people in condos have dogs

There's a need for more seating throughout the corridor



## 03 What We Heard: On the Overall Corridor

### IN-PERSON POP-UP EVENTS

An array of comments were collected during the pop-up events. The following pages display the most common themes.

(200+ participants)

Flexible open  
space for  
community  
activities

Edible plants  
to support food  
security

More  
washrooms

Covered  
space for  
rainy days

Seating / rest stops  
for the elderly and  
others

Amenities  
for heat reprieve

Water bottle  
filling stations

A place to stop  
for coffee





## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS (1066 respondents)

### INTERSECTION SAFETY CONCERNS

Mentions in: Is there anything else you would like to say about the existing conditions along the Parkway corridor from Boundary to Royal Oak?  
(559 total answers)

#### Boundary Road



18 mentions

#### Kingsway



24 mentions

#### Willingdon Avenue



38 mentions

#### Imperial Street/Central Boulevard



59 mentions

#### Royal Oak



35 mentions



### GREATEST BARRIERS

What are the greatest barriers for you in using the Parkway Corridor more often?  
Check all that apply.  
(897 total respondents)

#### Safety concerns

368

#### Poor pathway connection

357

#### Lack of interest and amenities

317

#### Lack of usable spaces

255

#### Lack of cleanliness (garbage, maintenance)

235

#### Lack of weather protection

212

#### Too noisy

189

#### Other

172

#### Not accessible enough

80