

TRANSIT VILLAGES: COMMUNITY REIMAGINED

Although popular across North America and the rest of the world, Transit Villages are a new concept for Saskatoon. Simply put, Transit Villages are communities of homes and businesses built next to mass transit hubs. In our city, they will be vibrant, mixed-use areas where housing, shopping, entertainment and other services will be located within a convenient walking distance to Saskatoon's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

While auto-oriented shopping malls have been the norm for the past few decades, the nature of retail is changing. These areas are now being reimagined as communities that provide a richer and more complete experience. People will be able to live, work, shop, eat and play in pedestrian-friendly communities, making Saskatoon a competitive and attractive place for people to call home.

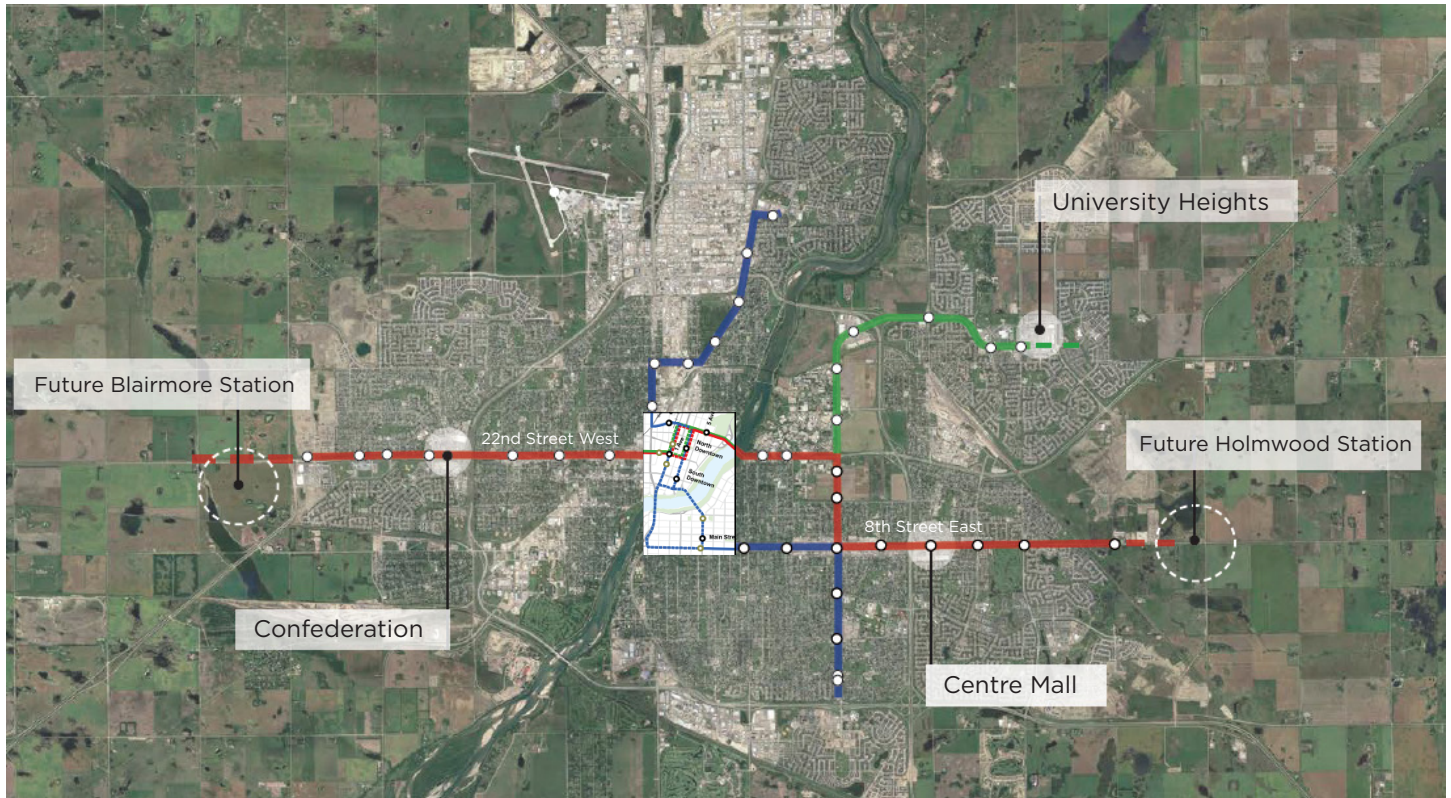
Some of the benefits of Transit Villages include:

- a more sustainable urban form that conserves energy and reduces pollution;
- increases in property value;
- more options for where to live and how to move around;
- reduced traffic congestion as more people choose convenient transit;
- the creation of a village environment where people from all walks of life come into daily contact with each other.



TRANSIT VILLAGES: LOCATIONS

There are five proposed Transit Village locations, including three existing shopping centres and two undeveloped areas (Blairmore and Holmwood). These sites were chosen for a number of reasons including location along the BRT and their potential to be vibrant hubs. (please note Downtown/Nutana routes are still being decided, as shown in centre of map).



TIMELINE

- ✓ Phase 1: Background Investigation
- ✓ Phase 2: Opportunities Analysis
- ✓ Phase 3: Concept Development
- ✓ Phase 4: Concept Plans
- Phase 5: Public Engagement - Fall 2018
- Phase 6: Council Endorsement - Spring 2019
- Phase 7: Implementation - Spring 2019 onward

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Let us know your thoughts about Transit Villages by sending an email to corridorplans@saskatoon.ca, or call (306) 968-3139. We will also be holding a number of pop-up information and engagement sessions starting November 2018. #GrowYXE #YourFutureCity



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