

Background

The goal of the Seine River Crossing Study is to identify a preferred location for a new pedestrian and cycling crossing. WSP Canada Group Limited (WSP), (formerly MMM Group Limited for the first two phases of the study), was retained by the City of Winnipeg (the City) to undertake the study. A new crossing over the Seine River would increase connectivity in the community and to the broader pedestrian and cycling network in Winnipeg.

Engagement

Public engagement for the Seine River Crossing Study included three phases. The intent of Phase One was to introduce the study to the public and seek local knowledge on issues and opportunities for river crossings. The intent of Phase Two was to receive feedback on possible crossing locations. Phase Three is currently ongoing and will gather feedback on recommended location(s). Public engagement was targeted towards those who may be interested in the Seine River Crossing Study and the Southeast Corridor Study and events provided opportunities for feedback on both projects.

Promotion

- Public Engagement E-Newsletter sent to approximately 4,900 newsletter subscribers on February 3, 2017, February 15, 2017, March 31, 2017 and April 12, 2017.
- News releases sent on February 1, 2017, and March 24, 2017.
- Project postcard mailed to 17,782 mailboxes in the study area on January 31, 2017 and March 15, 2017.
- Project updates through the City of Winnipeg's Facebook and Twitter account.

What We Heard

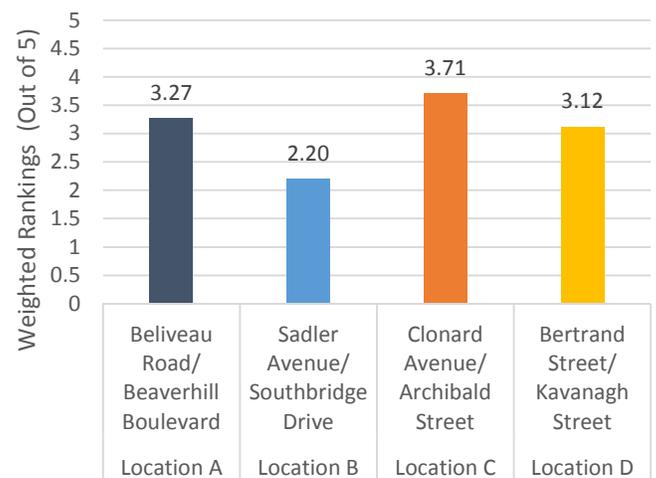
Phase One Feedback

- It is important that a new crossing location provides access to the current trails along the Seine River.
- Community members use the Seine River for recreation and leisure (i.e. canoeing, skiing, and walking).

- The existing pedestrian bridge north of Fermor Avenue is well used, and the public likes walking/cycling through the forest along the riverbank.
- 228 of 241 respondents indicated the top two priorities for a new Seine River crossing are connections to pedestrian and cycling corridors and distance between existing connections.
- Criteria to help evaluate crossing locations should include connections to existing pedestrian and cycling networks, connections to community destinations, and personal safety and comfort.

Phase Two Feedback

Please see Figure 1 for the four recommended locations presented to the public in Phase Two. The preferred recommended crossing location during Phase Two was Location C, followed by Location A. The public noted good connections to existing pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, the location at the midway point between existing crossings of the Seine River, a scenic and enjoyable route, the use of existing City-owned land, less impact to existing residential areas, and good connections to Fermor Avenue as primary reasons for selecting Location C.



Engagement Activities		
Date(s)	Technique	Description
PHASE ONE		
January 3 - 31, 2017	Community Conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 stakeholder groups engaged, including neighbourhood associations, local BIZ groups, local schools, and active transportation groups. Conversations focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stakeholder/community project interests members were interested in; other groups and community members to engage with; key success factors; and, how to balance the various voices and opinions.
January 31 - February 20, 2017	Online Interactive Mapping Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected suggested locations for a new Seine River crossing. 77 respondents left 72 comments and 55 map markers.
January 31, - February 20, 2017	Online Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 241 responses (239 English, 2 French) provided input on priorities and preferences for a new Seine River Crossing.
February 22 - February 23, 2017	School Conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced and received input on the project from representatives of local schools. Workshop 1 was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Notre Dame Community Centre, located at 271 avenue de la Cathédrale Workshop 2 was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre, located at 26 Molgat Ave. 3 participants attended.
PHASE TWO		
March 21 – April 17, 2017	Online Comment Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open house materials and comment sheet available from March 21, 2017 to April 17, 2017, so those who were unable to attend the open house could review materials and provide feedback. 237 responses were received (22 paper submissions and 188 online submissions, 210 of which were submitted in English and 5 in French).
April 4 and 5, 2017	Public Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First open house hosted on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Notre Dame Recreation Centre, located at 271 avenue de la Cathédrale. Second open house was hosted on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Christ the King School, 12 Lennox Ave. Provided an opportunity for the stakeholders, community members, and the general public to view the proposed options, speak with project members, and provide comments on the proposed options. Approximately 116 people attended.
April 6, 2017	Stakeholder Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held on April 6, 2017, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Notre Dame Recreation Centre, located at 271 avenue de la Cathédrale. Provided an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed options. Eight stakeholders attended.

Next Steps

Feedback provided by stakeholders, community members, and members of the general public throughout Phase One and Phase Two provided valuable insight on a preferred location for a new Seine River crossing. The input received will be considered when evaluating the crossing locations.

During Phase Three, which is currently in progress, the project team will post the recommended location(s) on the project website. In addition, an online comment sheet will be available to collect public feedback on the recommended location(s), which will help the City with further decisions regarding the Seine River Crossing.

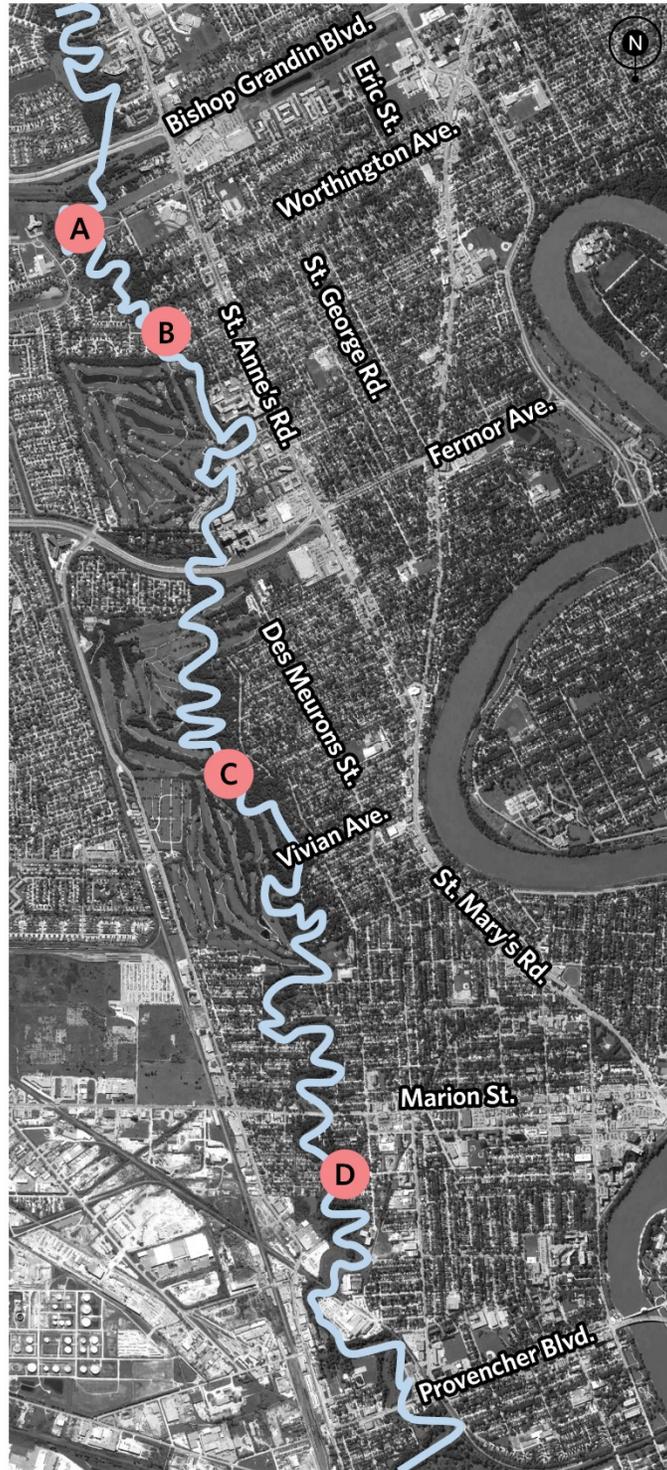


Figure 1: Recommended Locations

To see the full report please go to:
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SeineRiverCrossing_PublicEngagementReport.pdf](http://www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/pedestriansCycling/pdf/seineRiverCrossing/SeineRiverCrossing_PublicEngagementReport.pdf)