



About the Project

The Taché Promenade project will improve public spaces and the riverfront area along Taché Avenue between Provencher Boulevard and Despins Street featuring a widened promenade-style walkway and pedestrian belvedere (lookout) elevated above the riverbank that incorporates public art. Together, these features will build on the success of our core waterfront areas, improve connections with destinations in St. Boniface and enhance pedestrian and cycling opportunities. The project also involves riverbank stabilization work, which will protect the promenade, roadway and important sewer and water infrastructure in the area, and increase the reliability of the City's primary dike.

Riverbank Stabilization

Taché Avenue is a regional street that forms a portion of the City's primary diking system to defend against flooding along the Red River. The section of Taché Avenue between the Esplanade Riel pedestrian bridge (Provencher Boulevard.) to Despins Street is along the outside bend on the east bank of the Red River and has a history of riverbank instabilities. Multiple stabilization and erosion protection projects have been undertaken over the years, although some portions remain unprotected. Continuing instabilities pose an unacceptable risk to the road, dike, sewers and other infrastructure on the top of the riverbank and require improvements.

Background

In 2014, a 20 year downtown waterfront vision was developed for several areas of the City of Winnipeg, including St. Boniface and the Forks. The Taché Promenade is part of this vision.

The St. Boniface/Forks Loop

A working group of key stakeholders have been meeting for several years to advance the vision of a walking/cycling loop linking Winnipeg's culturally important and historically significant destinations and organizations on both The Forks and St. Boniface sides of the Red River. These sites include, The Forks National Historic Site, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Esplanade Riel Bridge, Norwood Bridge, the Taché Docks, the St. Boniface Museum, the St. Boniface Cathedral, and the St. Boniface Hospital. Various project sponsors are developing portions of the loop. The role of the working group is to ensure coordination and collaboration between the various stakeholders in linking destinations, interpreting points of interest, and creating an enjoyable and memorable user experience.

The Belvedere

The belvedere is a 100 metre long walkway suspended in the river forest canopy off the Taché Promenade. It was envisioned to provide a unique perspective on the river landscape, and capture one of the most spectacular views in Winnipeg, framing the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Esplanade Riel, The Forks, and the downtown skyline. It will be an improvement to the foregrounds of the St. Boniface Museum and cathedral, and is a key addition to the proposed St. Boniface/Forks Loop, which will link destinations on both sides of the river becoming a tourist attraction in itself.

The project includes financial commitments from the Federal Government and The Winnipeg Foundation.

Planning and Design is Now Underway

The design has now progressed through detailed design. The plan is to perform the riverbank stabilization work over the winter of 2017-2018, and construct the promenade and pedestrian belvedere features in 2018.

You are invited to attend an information session to view the site design and details of renewed and new facilities that will improve connections and create a new destination along Winnipeg's waterfront.

Visit the Project Website

For more information, and to provide feedback visit: winnipeg.ca/tachepromenade

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Location: Notre Dame Community Centre
271 Ave. de la Cathédrale

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Format: Drop-in / Come and go

For those who require alternate formats or interpretation in order to participate, please contact Maureen Krauss, Public Engagement Planner, at (204) 944-9907 or mkrauss@htfc.mb.ca by October 13, 2017.