



MARCH 2016



CPR YARDS CROSSING STUDY

Arlington Bridge Solutions



Still Time to Make Your Views Known

Join us at the PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE on **MARCH 19, 12 noon–4 pm**, Rossbrook House, 658 Ross Ave to:

- Learn how public input led to project decisions
- View drawings for potential Arlington Bridge and surrounding area ideas for the future
- Compare the recommended plan to the project vision
- Learn more about the Phase 2 options and the project team's recommendation
- Talk with project representatives

In advance of a final report going to City Council, please:

- **Attend the March 19 Open House!**
- Visit our website at cprcrossing.winnipeg.ca
- Email us at freig.associates@shaw.ca
- Go to our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/cityofwinnipeg](https://www.facebook.com/cityofwinnipeg)
- Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/cityofwinnipeg
- **Contact 311** and your question will be directed to the right person



What Happens Next?

March 19

Open House

Spring 2016

Final Report Prepared

Spring 2016

Presentation to City Council

2016/2017

Arlington Bridge Preliminary Design and Establish Project Budget

2017

Begin Assembling Project Funding

To be decided by City Council

Construction Start



Open House Invitation

This is an opportunity to provide your input about the CPR Yards Crossings recommended plans.

Please come and learn more about the project and talk with project representatives.

Date: **MARCH 19, 2016**

Time: **12 noon–4 pm**

Location: **Rossbrook House, 658 Ross Ave.**

Wheelchair accessible, bike and vehicle parking available, accessible by Transit. Refreshments will be available.



Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Sectors

RESIDENTS

Centennial Community Improvement Association
Dufferin Residents Association of Winnipeg
William Whyte Residents Association

LOCAL BUSINESS

Kemel Cartons (former member)
North End Business Development Centre

CITY-WIDE BUSINESS

Economic Development
Winnipeg

SCHOOLS

King Edward School
Dufferin School

SENIORS

Transportation Options Network for Seniors

ABORIGINAL/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Ndinawe
Rossbrook House

CYCLISTS

Bike Winnipeg

HOUSING

Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Youth Agencies Alliance, Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club

HERITAGE

Manitoba Historical Society

HEALTHY LIVES

Public Health: Population and Public Health, WRHA

UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee

HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

Health Sciences Centre

CITY OF WINNIPEG DEPARTMENTS

Public Works
Planning, Property and Development
Winnipeg Transit

CONSULTANTS

Prime Engineer



Public Engagement

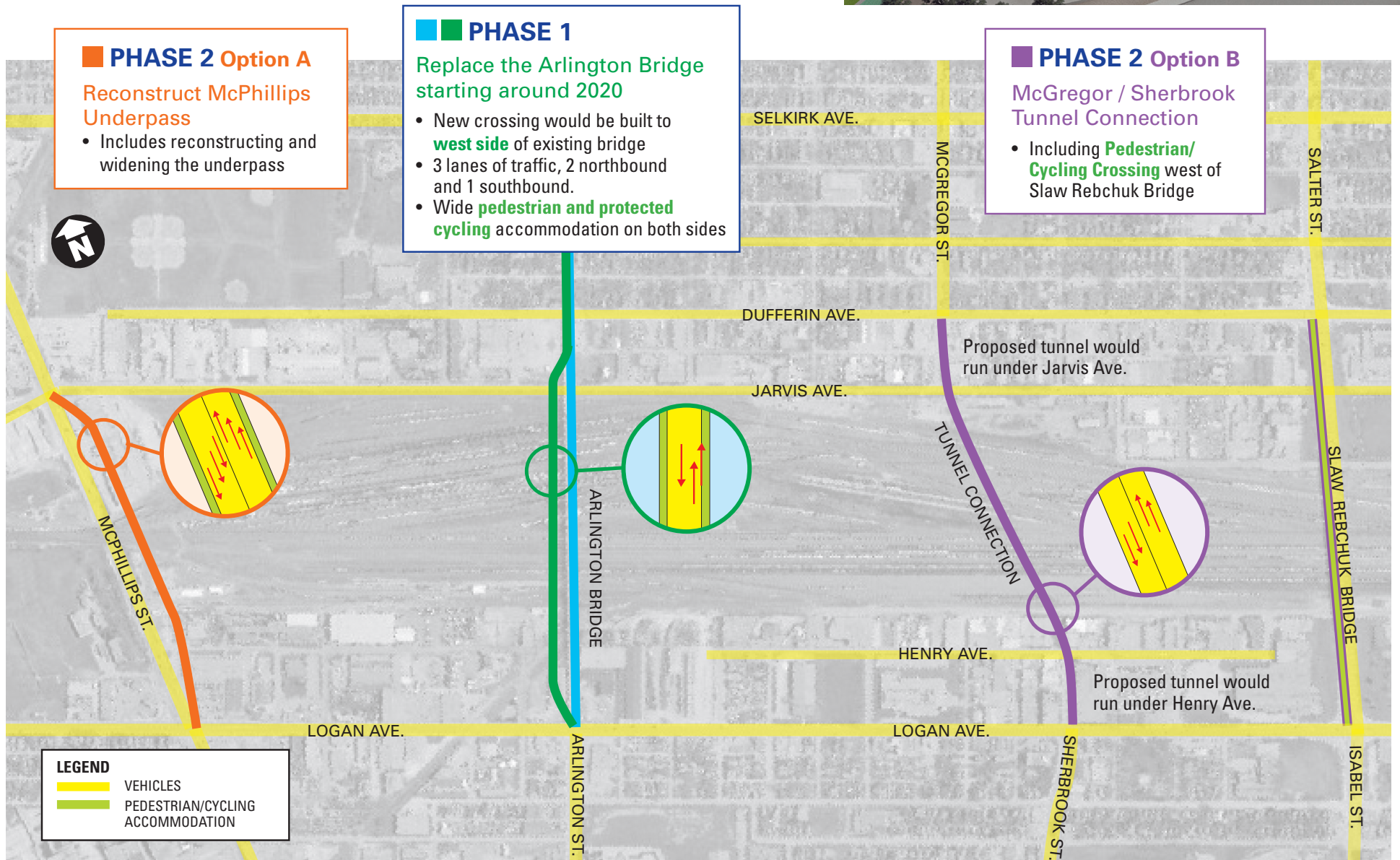
Working Toward a New User-Friendly Arlington Bridge

Results of CPR Yards Crossing Study

Winnipeggers had a lot to say about the changes they'd like to see when it comes to the anticipated replacement (around 2020) of the Arlington Bridge and crossings between McPhillips Street and Isabel/Salter Streets.

This included helping guide the Project Advisory Committee's work through all phases of the study by participating in face-to-face meetings, dialogue groups, community workshops and open houses plus completing hundreds of online and telephone surveys.

The three most frequent suggestions for how the Arlington Bridge could best "bridge" the communities on both sides of the Yards were to ensure the bridge offered connectivity, accessibility and a visually appealing design.



During the public consultation process held in 2014 and 2015, the public made their views clearly known and included:

PHASE 1: Ensure Arlington Bridge is User Friendly

- Keep the bridge open as much as possible during construction by building on the west side of the existing bridge
- Construct a three lane bridge, with two northbound lanes and one southbound
- Build protected bike lanes on both sides from Selkirk to Alexander Avenues
- Have wide sidewalks on both sides
- Provide proper lighting for all users
- Construct gently sloped ramps
- Create a community/green space plan for land not needed to re-construct the bridge

PHASE 2: Connecting the Communities

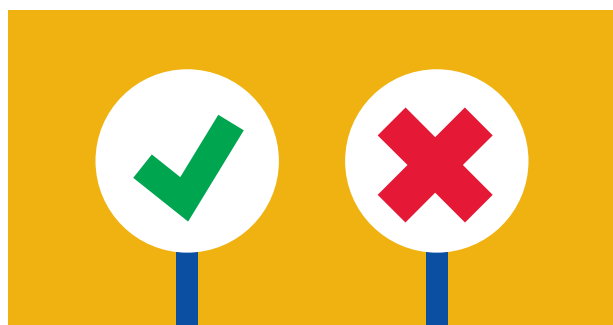
The second area of public engagement asked Winnipeggers if they preferred to see the reconstruction of the **McPhillips Underpass** OR **construction of a tunnel between McGregor and Sherbrook**.

Overall, public input from the open houses and online surveys (138 respondents) shows a slightly larger percentage of people prefer reconstructing the McPhillips underpass option rather than the McGregor-Sherbrook tunnel connection. However, results from a representative telephone survey (401 respondents) across the NW part of the city show an even split between the two options.

PHASE 2: Better Connection

As part of this Phase 2 process, the pros and cons were carefully identified and thoroughly discussed with **McGregor-Sherbrook** offered, for consideration, as the better **connection** in order to:

- Offer another north-south route that is convenient to downtown
- Provide an additional crossing in the transportation network and more route choices
- Improve traffic flow
- Enable a safe, convenient pedestrian and cycling crossing beside the Slaw Rebchuk Bridge within view
- Accomplish safe and efficient traffic flows through traffic modifications around HSC



It should be noted that there are pros and cons to each option.

A decision on whether to construct the **McPhillips** OR **McGregor-Sherbrook** options should be made after the new Arlington Bridge is completed, but closer to 2035, factoring in:

- Performance of the new Arlington Bridge
- Future of the CPR Yards
- Population growth and transportation demand
- Changes in method of transportation (automobile, bicycle, pedestrian, Transit)
- Land development in the surrounding area

PHASE 2: Pros and Cons

| | McPhillips Underpass | McGregor/Sherbrook Tunnel |
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| Pros | Replaces an aging, existing structure | New crossing |
| | Improved Transit routes and options | Offers new transit service opportunities for area |
| | Safer pathway for pedestrians and cyclists | New access to area businesses/community |
| | Connects to existing and future bike network | Relieves traffic on McPhillips St. and Main St. |
| | Better clearance for truck traffic | Improves traffic flow and accommodates future growth in north-west Winnipeg |
| | Improves drainage | Convenient access to HSC and downtown |
| | | Will include cycling/pedestrian crossing next to Slaw Rebchuk Bridge |
| Cons | No improvement in traffic during rush hour | Construction method poses challenges for CPR |
| | Extensive CPR track modifications needed | Will require more property acquisition |
| | Temporary closures may be required on McPhillips during construction | Some public concern about perceived safety within the tunnel |
| | Not fully supported by public | Will result in increased traffic at Sherbrook and Notre Dame, in the HSC area (road work will minimize) |
| | | Not fully supported by the public |