Calgary Transit: Overcoming the last mile

Co-sponsored study by University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services

Study Purpose
- 2nd largest existing employment centre in Calgary
- Growth in next 30 years + 77,000 residents and 85,000 jobs
- West Campus Development coming
- Post World War II development pattern, circuitous road network
- Challenge to deliver efficient and effective transit service
- Last mile problem – LRT on periphery of area
- 70% of University commuters arrive via car

Objectives
- Develop and evaluate new transit lines / technologies
- Enhance transit priority on existing routes
- Integrate cycling and pedestrian connections

Analysis
- Assessed 25 year travel demand, nearly 40,000 trips coming to area in AM peak hour
- Reviewed land use plans integrating transit grid network with new line options
- Reviewed bus ridership and modeled intersection capacity
- Developed multiple account evaluation criteria with stakeholders
- Conducted major online Choicebook public engagement with 3000 participants

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