Marlborough Catwalks

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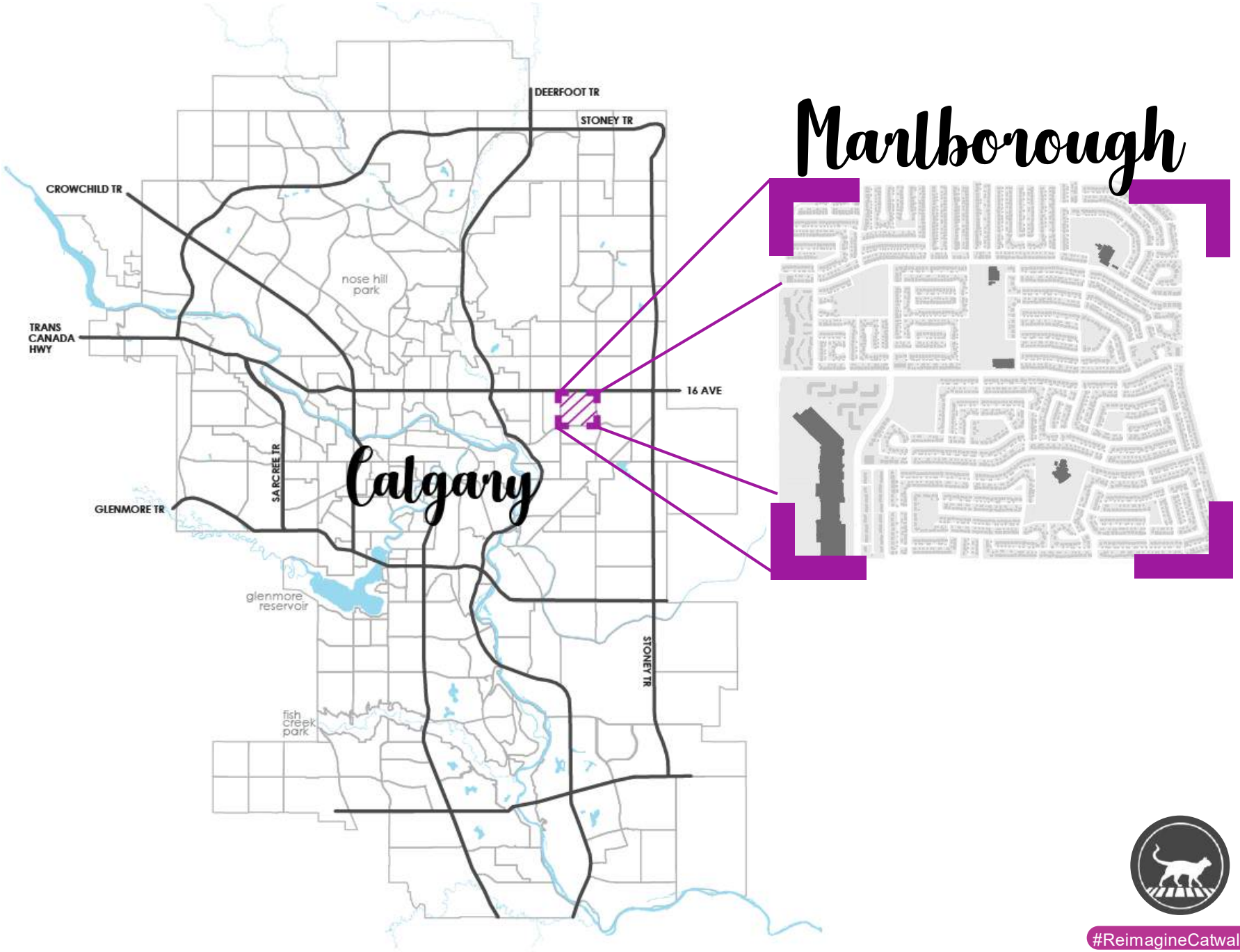

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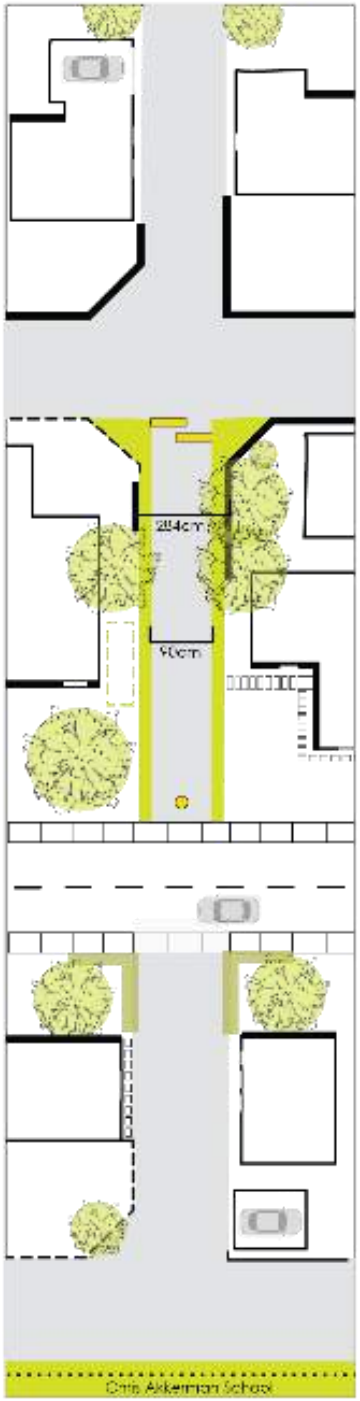
WHAT ARE CATWALKS?

Network of engineered pathways designed to connect children to schools, families to parks and people to retail spaces.



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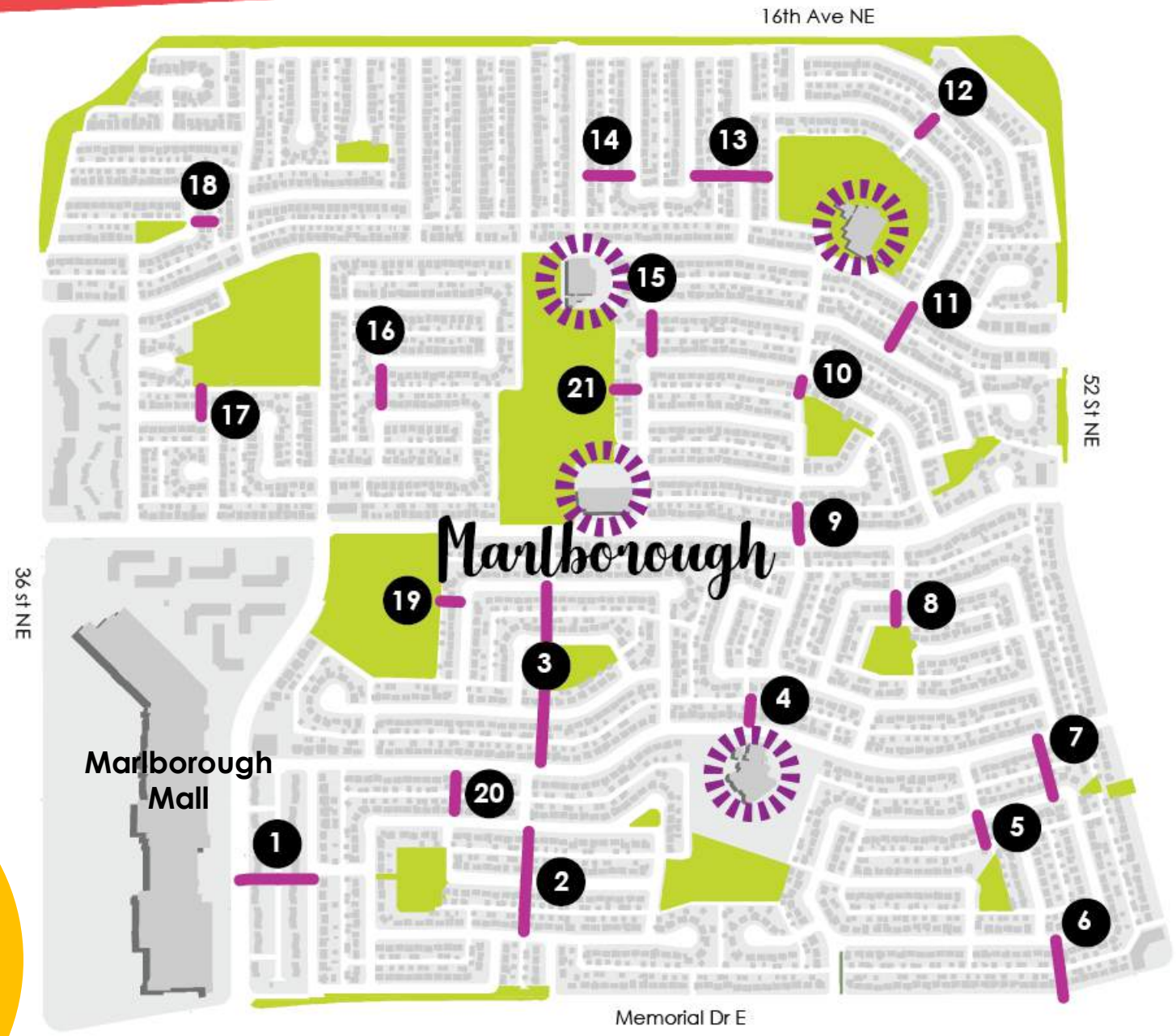
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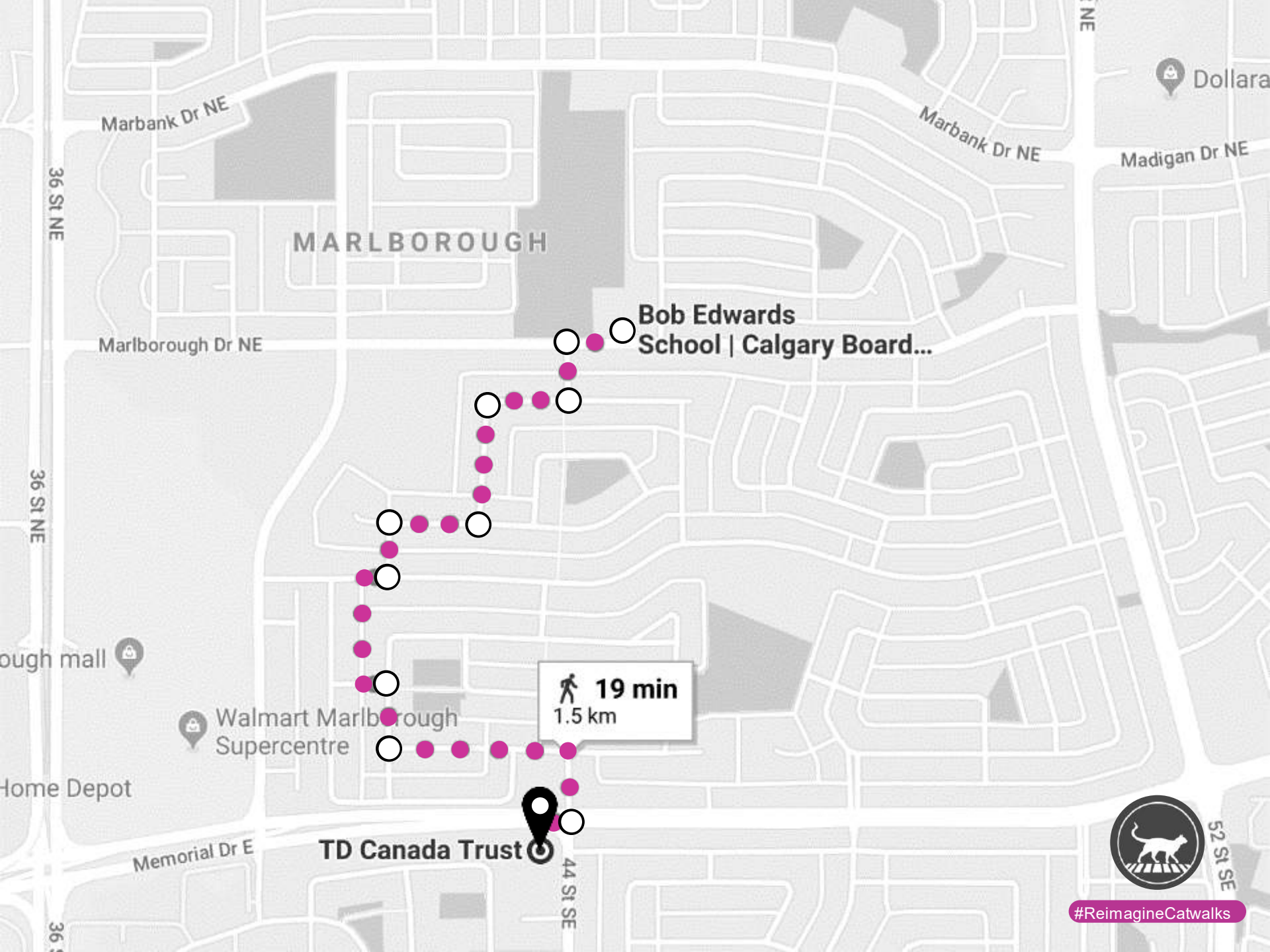
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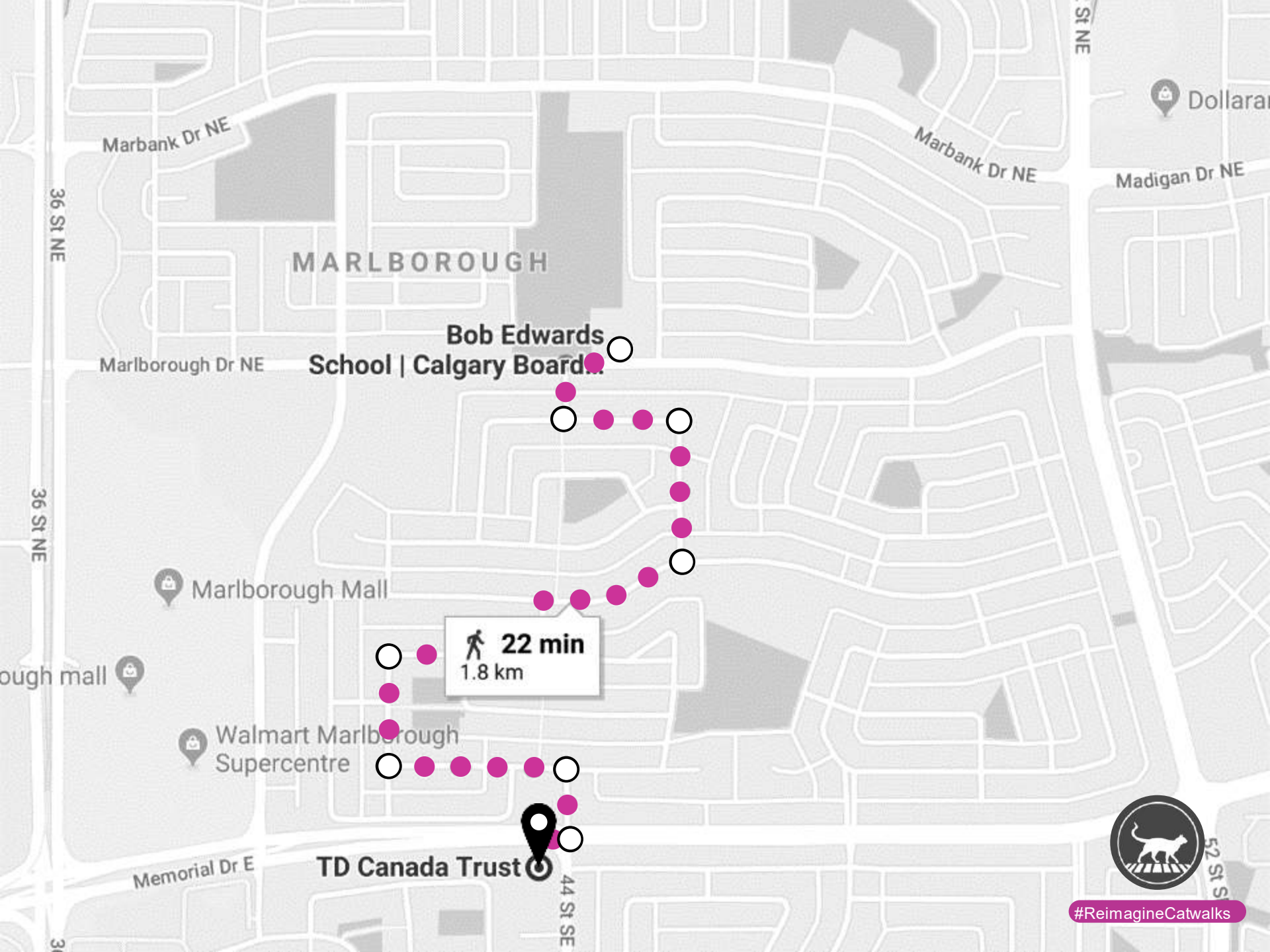
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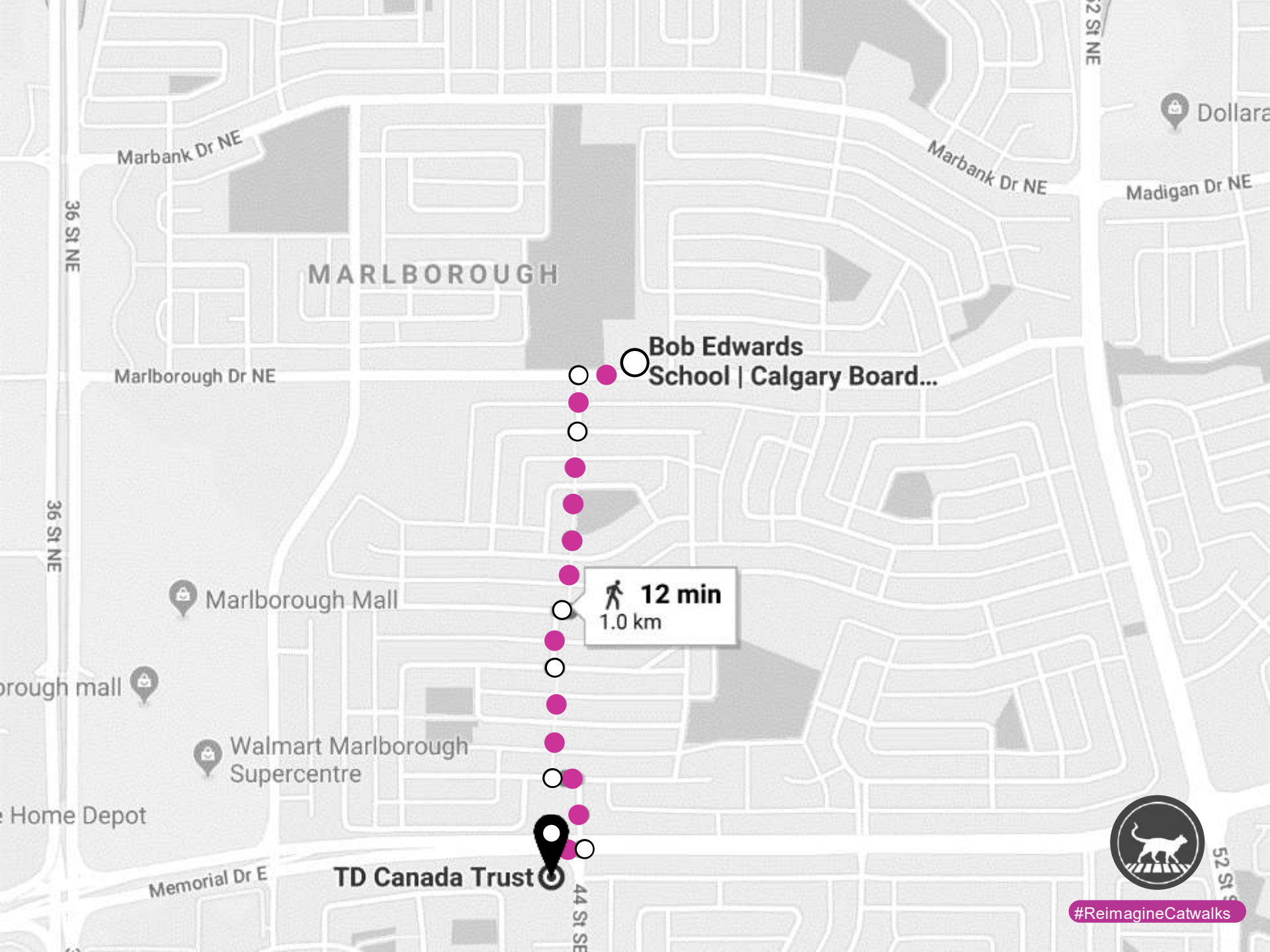
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Activity Profile

Marlborough residents were surveyed by Active Neighbourhoods. Here's what they had to say:

Why residents might not choose to walk:

Weather 52%

Personal Security 19%

Health & Disability 19%

Distance & Time 19%

Why residents might not choose to bike:

Weather 32%

Health & Disability 29%

Traffic Safety 16%

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Motivation

According to residents,

Incentives (equipment subsidies)

Design of streets

Improved safety

would encourage them to walk or bike more.

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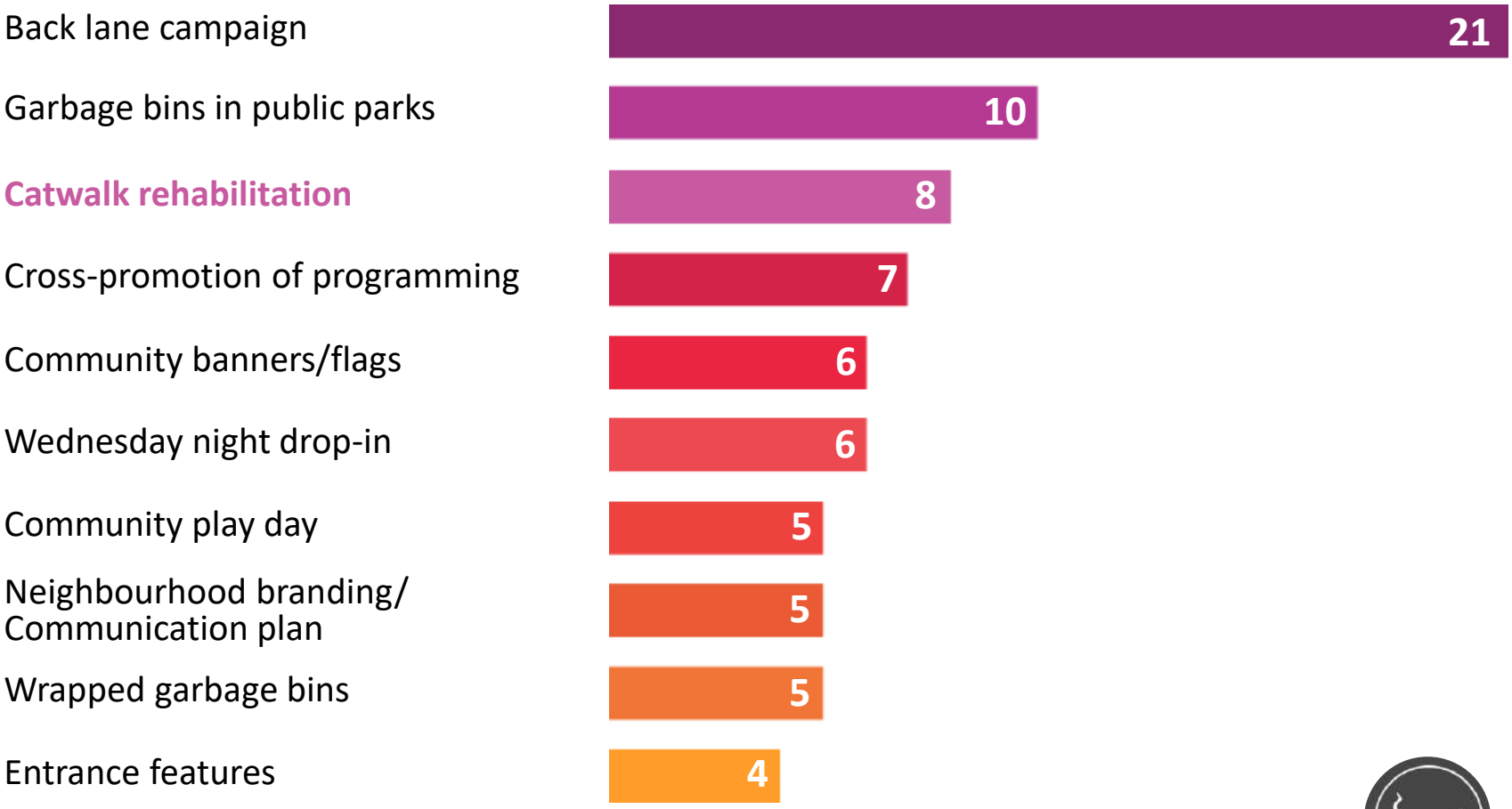
Improvement Preferences



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Does your
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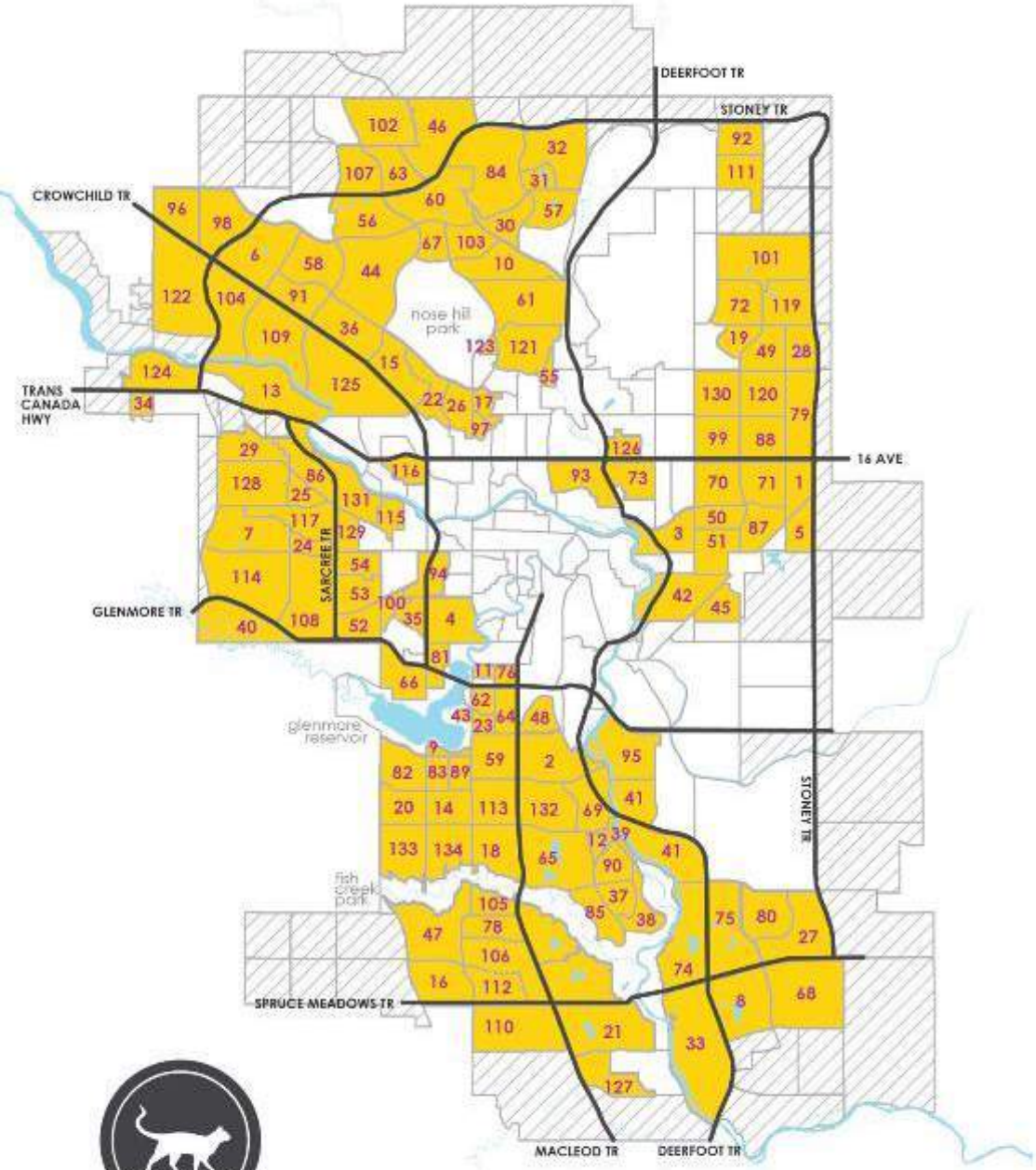

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CALGARY COMMUNITIES WITH ENGINEERED PATHWAYS

1 Abbeydale
2 Acadia
3 Albert Park/Radisson Heights
4 Altadore
5 Applewood Park
6 Arbour Lake
7 Aspen Woods
8 Auburn Bay
9 Bayview
10 Beddington Heights
11 Bel-Aire
12 Bonavista Downs
13 Bowness
14 Braeside
15 Brentwood
16 Bridlewood
17 Cambrian Heights
18 Canyon Meadows
19 Castleridge
20 Cedarbrae
21 Chaparral
22 Charleswood
23 Chinook Park
24 Christie Park
25 Coach Hill
26 Collingwood
27 Copperfield
28 Coral Springs
29 Cougar Ridge
30 Country Hills
31 Country Hills Village
32 Coventry Hills
33 Cranston
34 Crestmont
35 Currie Barracks
36 Dalhousie
37 Deer Ridge
38 Deer Run
39 Diamond Cove
40 Discovery Ridge
41 Douglasdale/Glen
42 Dover
43 Eagle Ridge
44 Edgemont
45 Erin Woods
46 Evanston
47 Evergreen
48 Fairview
49 Falconridge
50 Forest Heights
51 Forest Lawn
52 Glamorgan
53 Glenbrook
54 Glendale
55 Greenview
56 Hamptons
57 Harvest Hills
58 Hawkwood
59 Haysboro
60 Hidden Valley
61 Huntington Hills
62 Kelvin Grove
63 Kincora
64 Kingsland
65 Lake Bonavista
66 Lakeview
67 MacEwan Glen
68 Mahogany
69 Maple Ridge
70 Marlborough
71 Marlborough Park
72 Martindale
73 Mayland Heights
74 McKenzie Lake
75 McKenzie Towne
76 Meadowlark Park
77 Midnapore
78 Millrise
79 Monterey Park
80 New Brighton
81 North Glenmore Park
82 Oakridge
83 Palliser
84 Panorama Hills
85 Parkland
86 Patterson
87 Penbrooke Meadows
88 Pineridge
89 Pump Hill
90 Queensland
91 Ranchlands
92 Redstone
93 Renfrew
94 Richmond
95 Riverbend
96 Rocky Ridge
97 Rosemont
98 Royal Oak
99 Rundle
100 Ruthland Park
101 Saddle Ridge
102 Sage Hill
103 Sandstone Valley
104 Scenic Acres
105 Shawnee Slopes
106 Shawnessy
107 Sherwood
108 Signal Hill
109 Silver Springs
110 Silverado
111 Skyview Ranch
112 Somerset
113 Southwood
114 Springbank Hill
115 Spruce Cliff
116 St. Andrews Heights
117 Strathcona Park
118 Sundance
119 Taradale
120 Temple
121 Thorndiffe
122 Tuscany
123 Upper North Haven
124 Valley Ridge
125 Varsity
126 Vista Heights
127 Walden
128 West Springs
129 Westgate
130 Whitehorn
131 Wildwood
132 Willow Park
133 Woodbine
134 Woodlands

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What we heard from the Community:

Lovanna

"We're all aging. My neighbours have been here since we bought the place in the 70s. We can't maintain [the catwalks] anymore, especially in the winter, it's just not safe for [seniors]"

Mary & Wayne

"Our grandkids like to play in the park across the way when they stay. More lighting would make it safer after dark… We do our best to paint over the graffiti and pick up any garbage.

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What we saw in the community…

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1 only
catwalk
with a curb cut out
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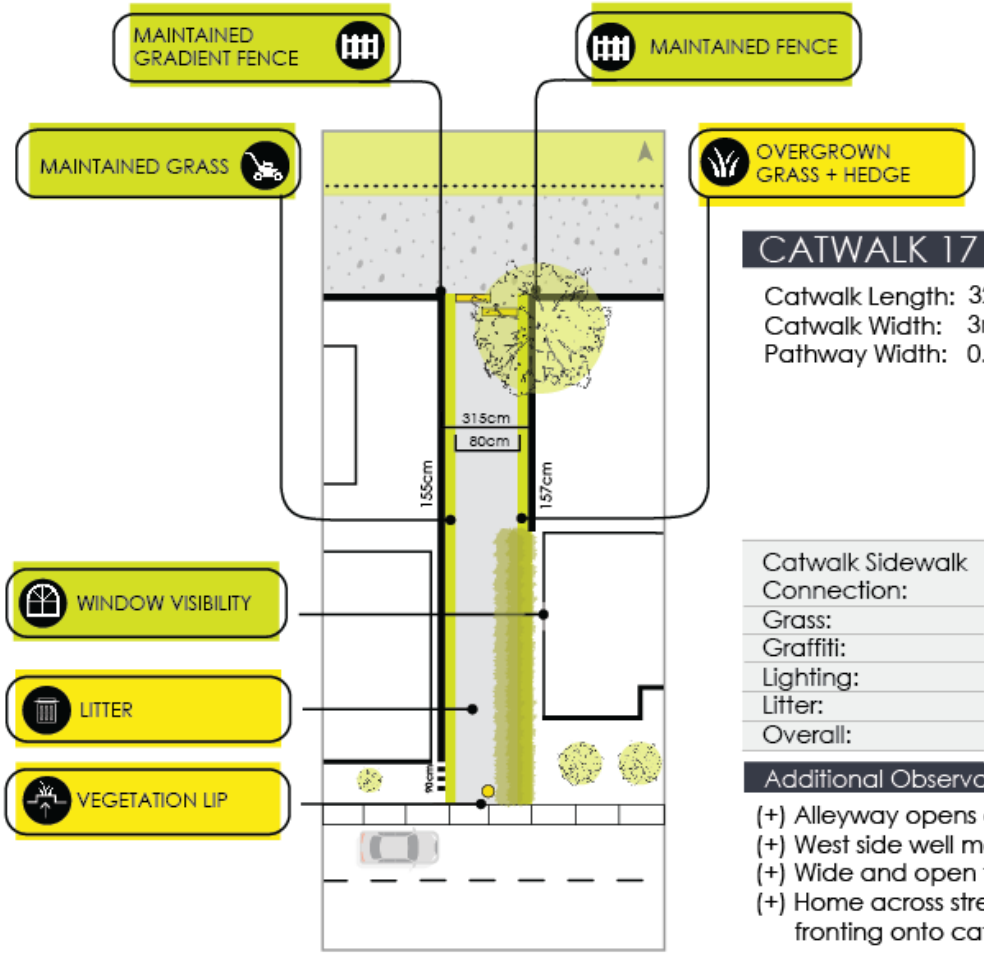
Pedestrian Count



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CATWALK 17

Catwalk Length: 32m
Catwalk Width: 3m
Pathway Width: 0.8m

East Property Characteristics
Windows on catwalk/no side entrance.
East fence characteristic:
Wooden lattice at top
Fence height: 1.6m
Hedge height: 2.2m
Overall fence rating: 1

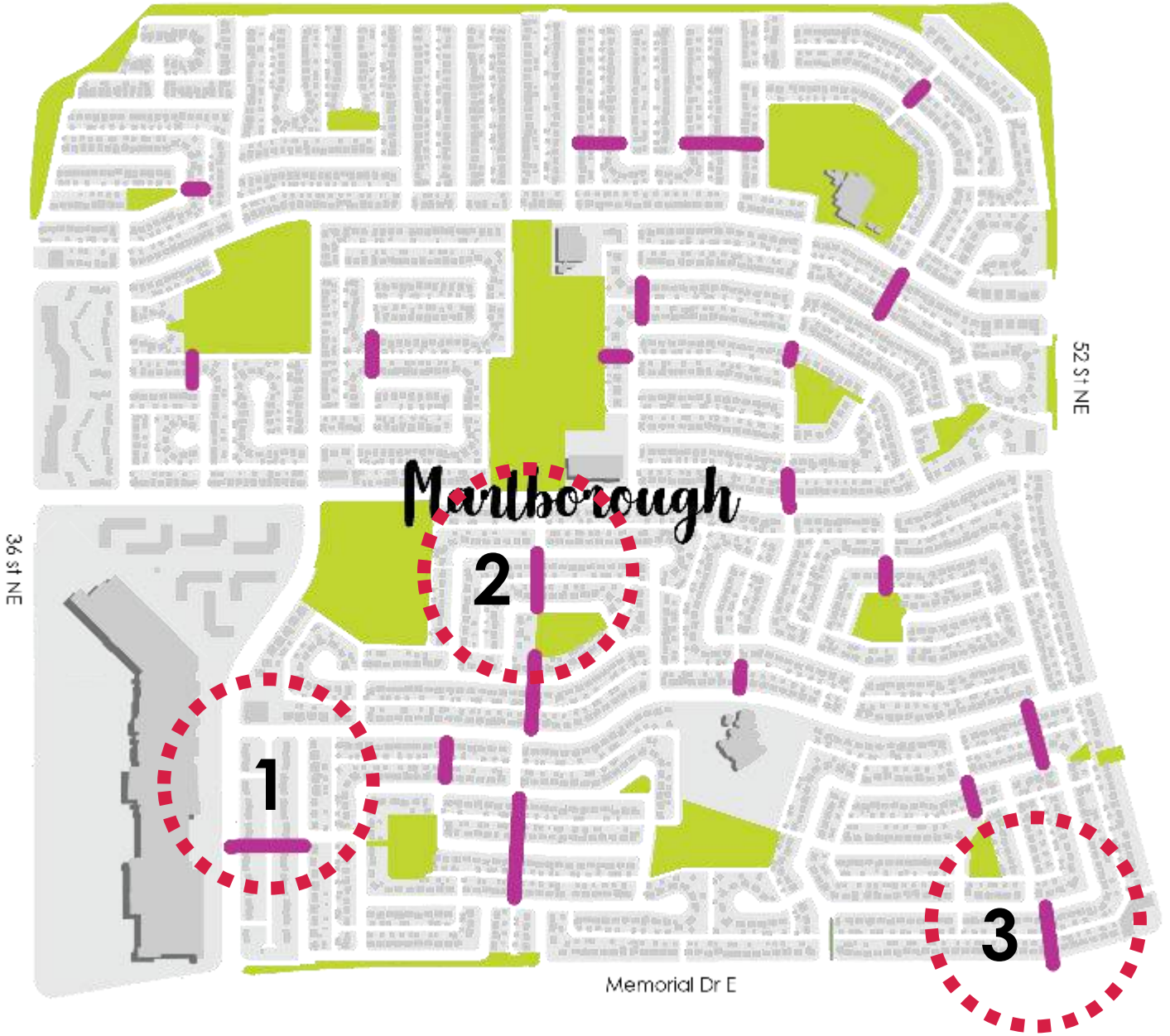
West Property Characteristics
No windows on catwalk/no side entrance.
West fence characteristic:
Recently painted + maintained/ gradient fencing
Fence height: 1.5m → 0.9m
Overall fence rating: 1

Catwalk Sidewalk Connection:	Average - vegetation affecting accessibility
Grass:	West maintained / East side overgrown
Graffiti:	No
Lighting:	No
Litter:	15 pieces (empty beer bottles/broken glass)
Overall:	Yellow rating

Additional Observations

(+) Alleyway opens onto park
(+) West side well maintained
(+) Wide and open feel
(+) Home across street has large windows fronting onto catwalk
(-) Beer bottles/broken glass in alleyway
(-) Hedge intruding onto pathway
(-) East side overgrown

Top 3 Options:



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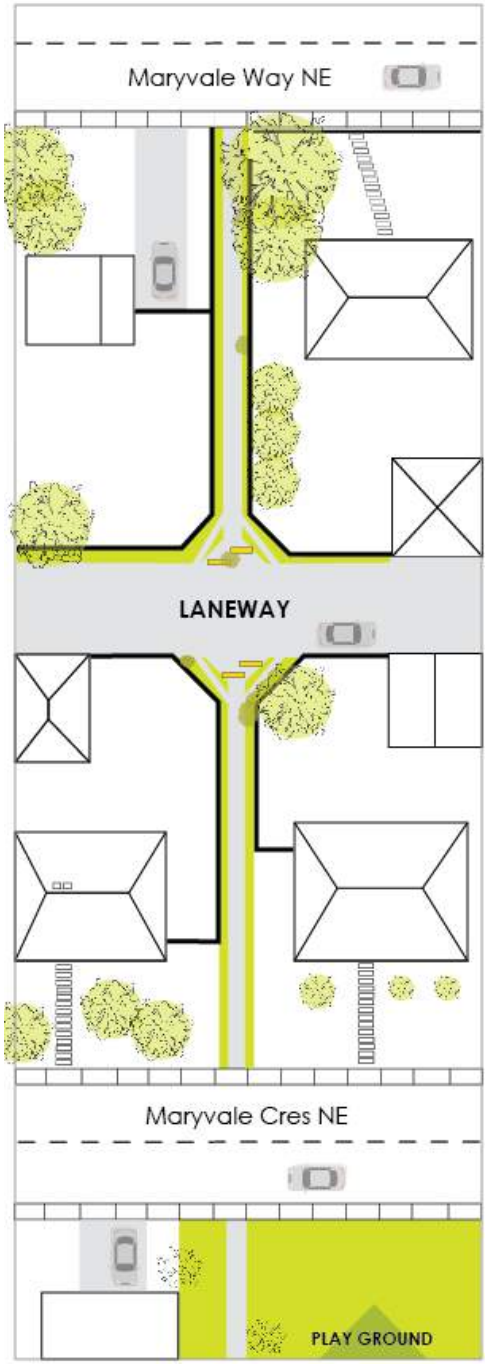

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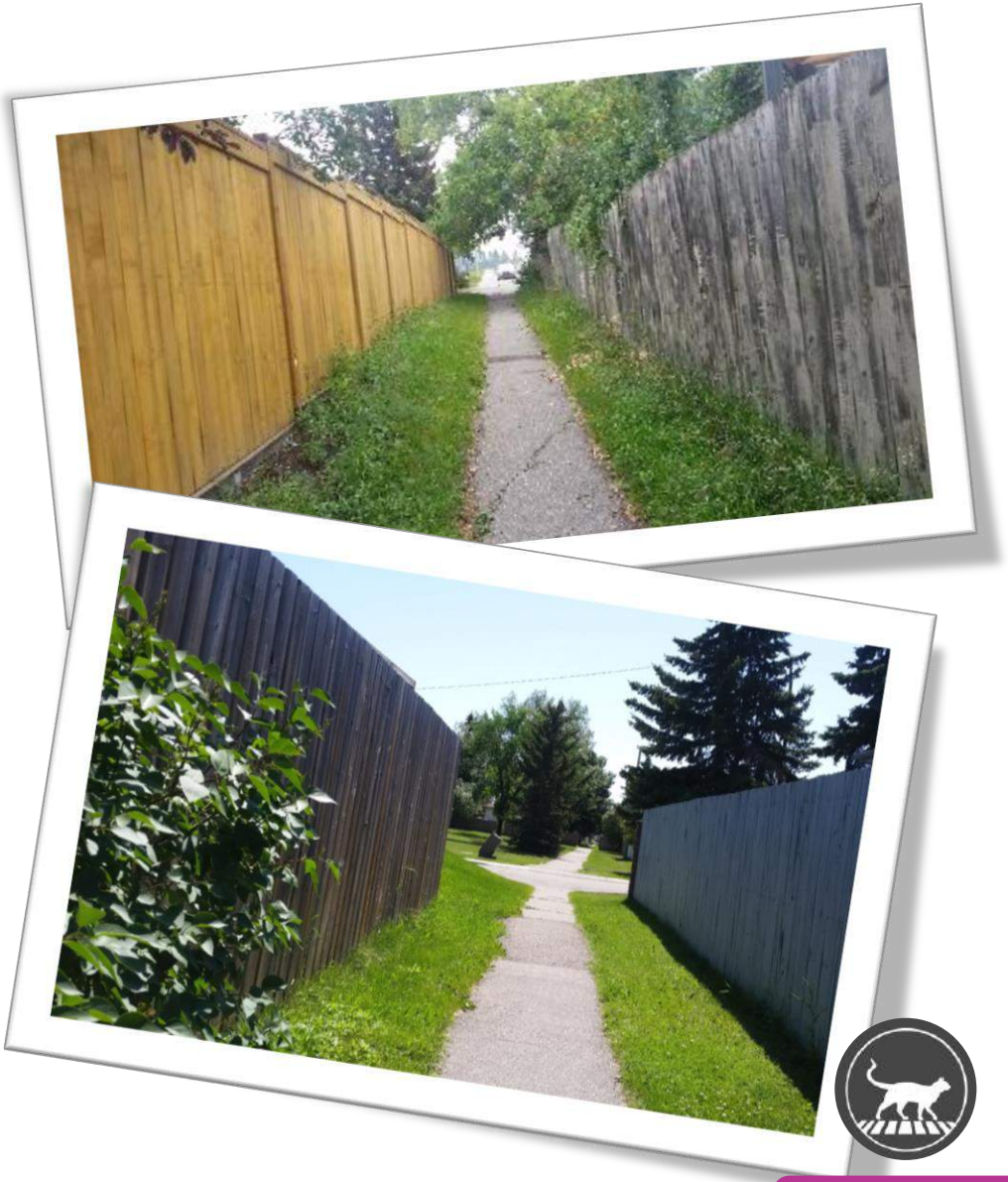

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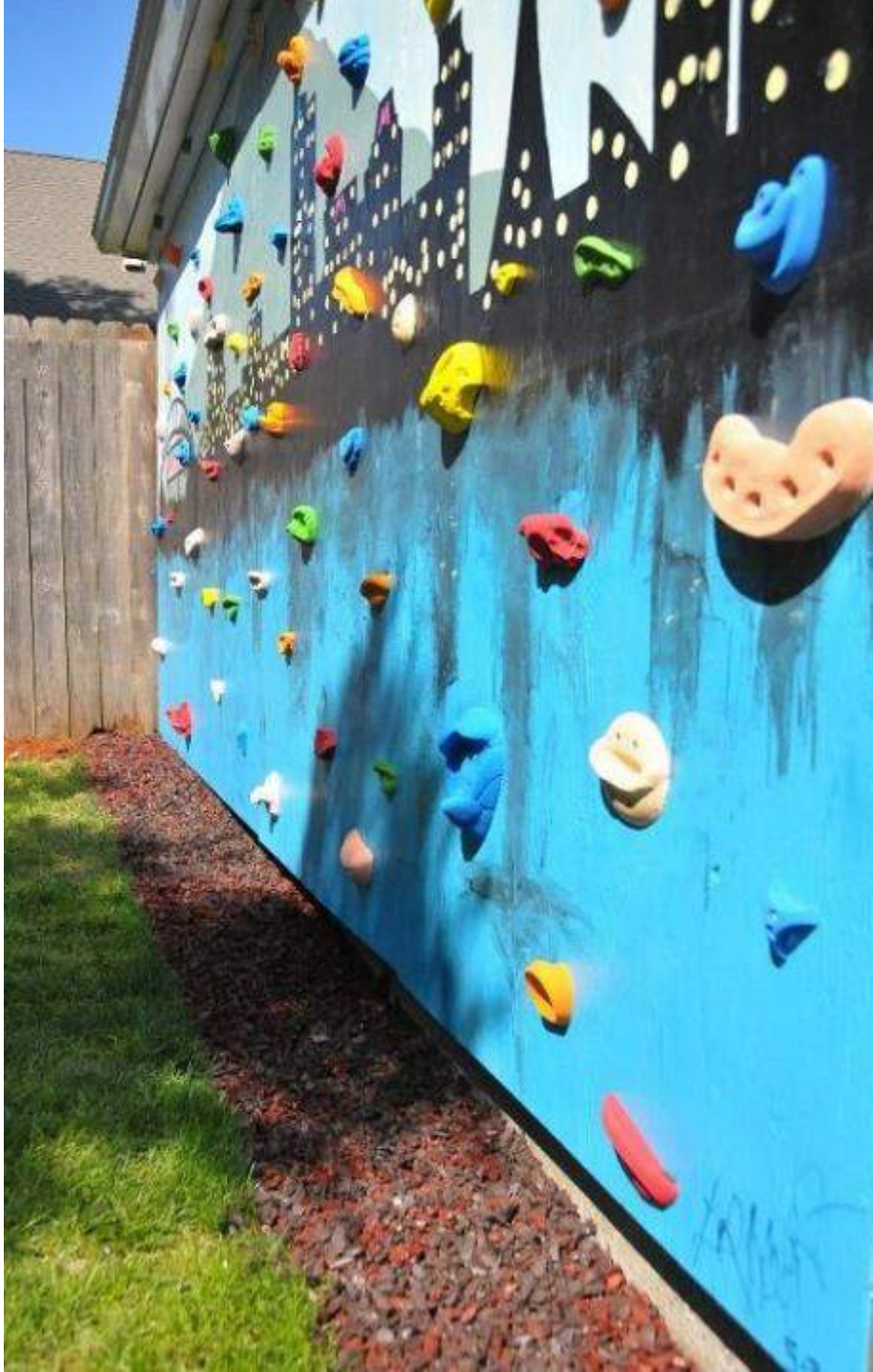

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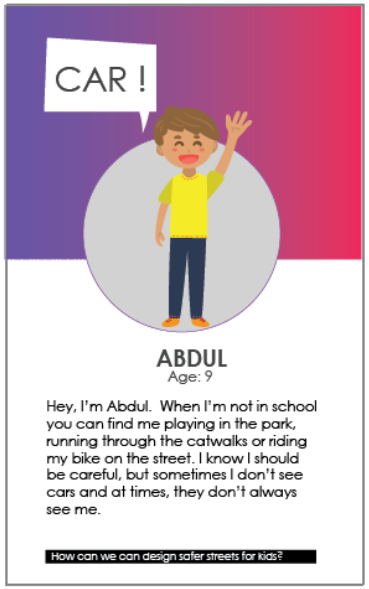


ABDUL
Age: 9

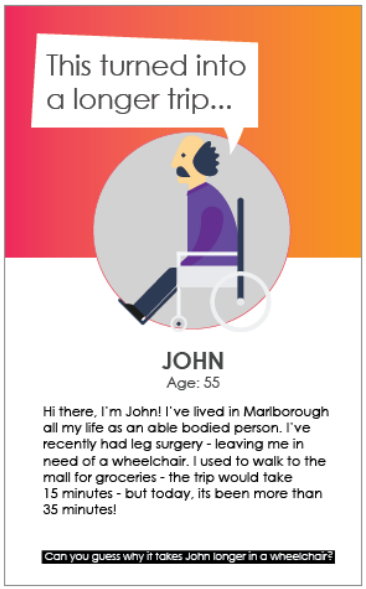
Hey, I'm Abdul. When I'm not in school you can find me playing in the park, running through the catwalks or riding my bike on the street. I know I should be careful, but sometimes I don't see cars and at times, they don't always see me.

How can we can design safer streets for kids?

MICHAEL
Age: 18

I'm new to the Marlborough community - but despite this, I've already made some awesome friends here. I'm supposed to be meeting my new bud, Lee at his house which is next to a catwalk - but I'm a little lost. As a visually impaired person navigating a new environment, I have to use all other senses for guidance. Today, I'm finding it difficult to distinguish where the catwalk next to his home is. I'm lost, all the textures feel the same!

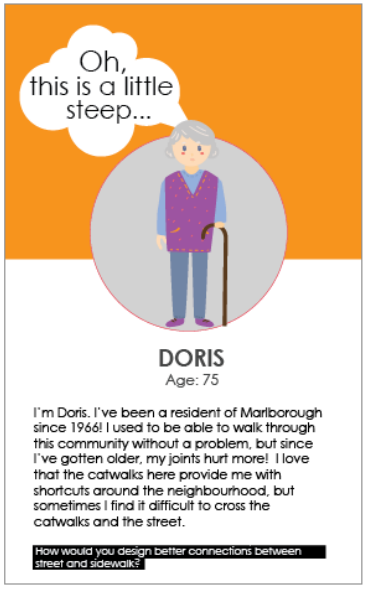
How can we design an easier environment to navigate?



JOHN
Age: 55

Hi there, I'm John! I've lived in Marlborough all my life as an able bodied person. I've recently had leg surgery - leaving me in need of a wheelchair. I used to walk to the mall for groceries - the trip would take 15 minutes - but today, its been more than 35 minutes!

Can you guess why it takes John longer in a wheelchair?



DORIS
Age: 75

I'm Doris. I've been a resident of Marlborough since 1966! I used to be able to walk through this community without a problem, but since I've gotten older, my joints hurt more! I love that the catwalks here provide me with shortcuts around the neighbourhood, but sometimes I find it difficult to cross the catwalks and the street.

How would you design better connections between street and sidewalk?

CATALINA
Age: 34

Hello, I'm Catalina. I use the catwalks as a shortcut to my nearby daycare - they are really useful and time saving. I mainly use the catwalks during the day, when I have to drop off Luis. During the night, when it comes time to pick Luis up, these places are often dark, which prevent me from seeing where I am going. I'm scared I'm going to bump into something or trip, so instead I take the street route which takes 15 minutes longer!

How can you make catwalks feel safer and free of hazards?

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Empathy Walk

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Catwalks can be...

Safe

& well lit

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Greening
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Danielle & Americo

We've seen more people walking through the space. The other night one of the neighbours came over with his wife and picked enough kale, tomatoes, and onions for their salad and brought a watering can in hand!

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Gloria

More people are coming to this catwalk as a destination now!"

"I've seen bikers actually turn around and bike through to see what's happening in here – overall a lot of positive attention for once

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Joan & Wesley

We're out in the yard last night and see the children with their families cycling though the space, stopping to admire all of the art on display. I actually overheard one of the boys asking his father about all the different birds eating out of the feeders you made!

I'm really proud to see work like this being done in our community

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Larry Aug 19

Replying to @leticialexanda @SustainableYYC @fedyyc

We have quite a number in Mayland Heights @CrossroadsComm FOR SURE! Many of our look like this photo, which is VERY accessibility challenged! @bennettannette1

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Albert @Klamiti · Aug 8

Great to see this kind of art & creativity in my community. @SustainableYYC #reimaginecatwalks #yyc #Calgary

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Michelle

@SustainableYYC I purposely take a longer route home, just to walk through this amazing Catwalk.

4:21 PM · 12 Aug 18

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activeneighbourhoodsyyc This is an amazing example of why we do what we do. A longer route home means more physical activity, a reason to walk means greater use of active transportation, and a beautiful space filled with art and food can bring the community together.
Thank you for sharing with us! We can't wait to make your route even more interesting! 🐱 🚶
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AUGUST 13

Add a comment...

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activeneighbourhoodsyyc Everything's still looking great at the Marlborough Catwalks. Kids have been using the chalk to welcome people and to tell them to have a good day! We sure had a good day after seeing this. 👍🦮 #ReimagineCatwalks #yyc #yycbike #yycwalk

nick_and_charlie So awesome to see something like this! What could have been a messy alleyway is now the neighbourhood kids' pride and joy and cool hangout place! It would be cool to see the City provide a budget for something like this. You can do so much with so little!

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AUGUST 23

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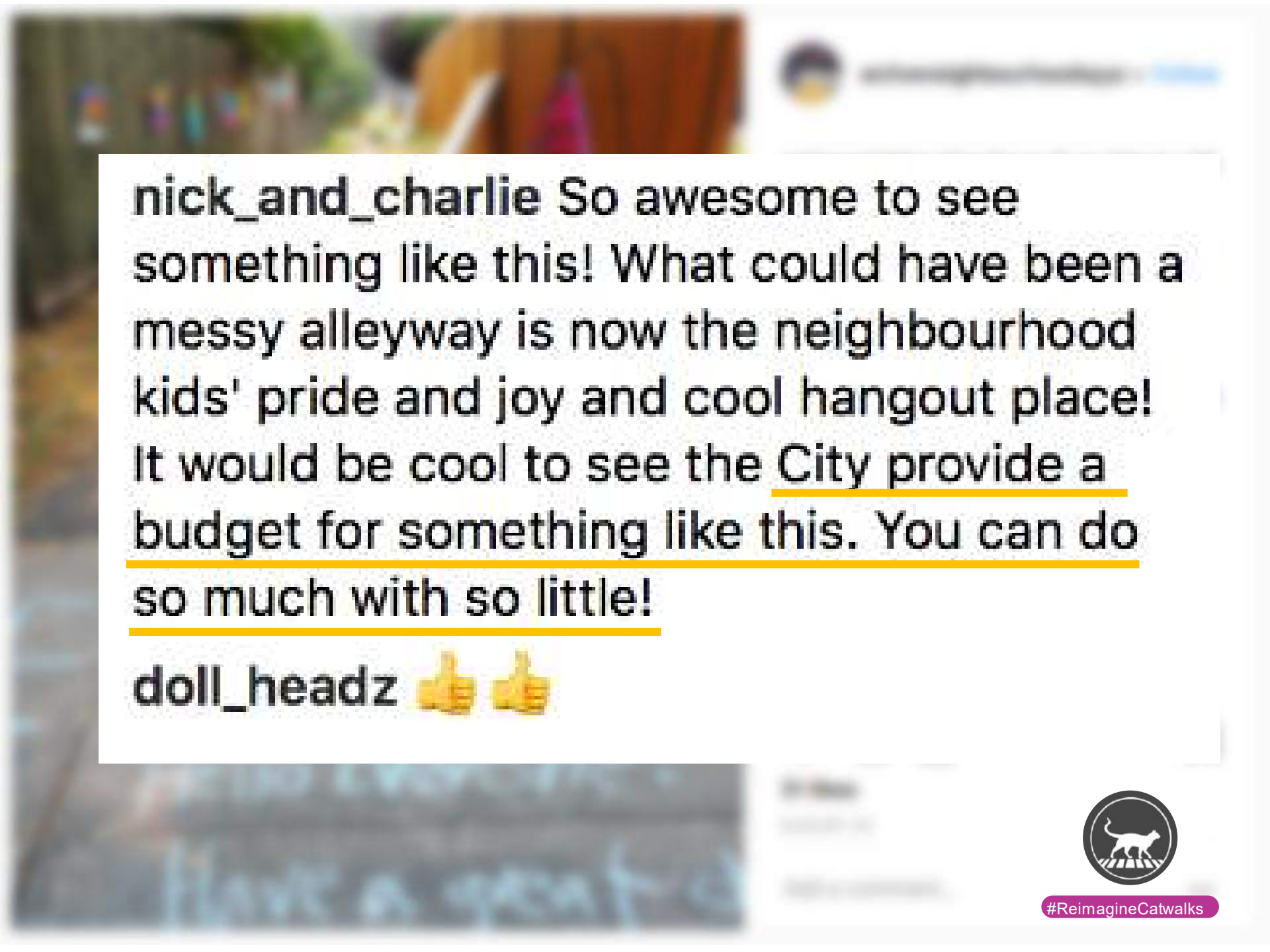

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Thank You!
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