

1 Welcome!

Thunderbird Park Precinct Plan Open House



The purpose of the Open House is to learn more about the proposed changes and provide your feedback on the final draft plan.

UBC is upgrading the facilities at Thunderbird Park. The upcoming changes will include both new facilities and the relocation and improvement to existing facilities. A precinct plan for Thunderbird Park is being prepared to provide design guidance for these upcoming changes to the area.

The goals of the Precinct Plan are:

1. Provide an environment for high performance programs and teams to excel.
2. Provide a world class recreational experience for all users from arrival to departure.
3. Provide integration and engagement opportunities with the community (including spectators, visitors, family, community etc).

Please review the display boards and fill out a feedback form.

Feel free to ask questions to one of the staff in attendance.

Prefer to give us your feedback online? Online consultation runs from January 26 and February 4.

Precinct Planning Process:



2 What We Heard

Summary of July 2014 Public Workshop

Campus + Community Planning and UBC Athletics and Recreation hosted a public workshop on July 10, 2014 to inform the development of the plan.



Participants discussed a wide variety of topics in the workshop. Key themes related to the precinct plan were:

1. Access to the Precinct:

- Additional parking and drop-off & pick up areas that are affordable, convenient and safe
- Improved pedestrian access within the precinct

2. Fieldhouse:

- Incorporate adequate sport and storage facilities
- Coordinate programming with the future Wesbrook Community Centre

3. Plaza:

- Central location
- Multi-purpose with covered areas

4. Amenities / User Experience:

- Fencing
- Concession stand and food amenities
- Additional warm up areas
- Biking facilities

5. Other:

- Removal of the hedge on East Mall
- Transit access
- Noise from non-student events
- Adequate waste infrastructure
- Impacts of new turf placement on residents

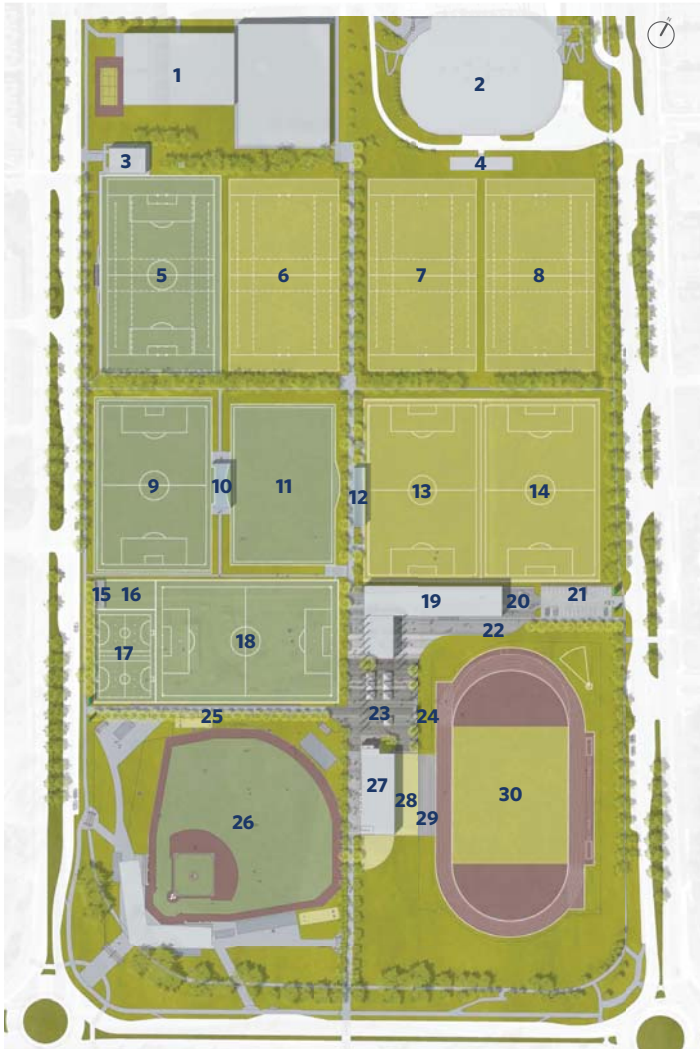
The outcomes from the workshop were used to inform the development of the precinct plan.



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Thunderbird Park Precinct Plan

Final Draft



The following illustrates the new layout for the fields and facilities.

Legend

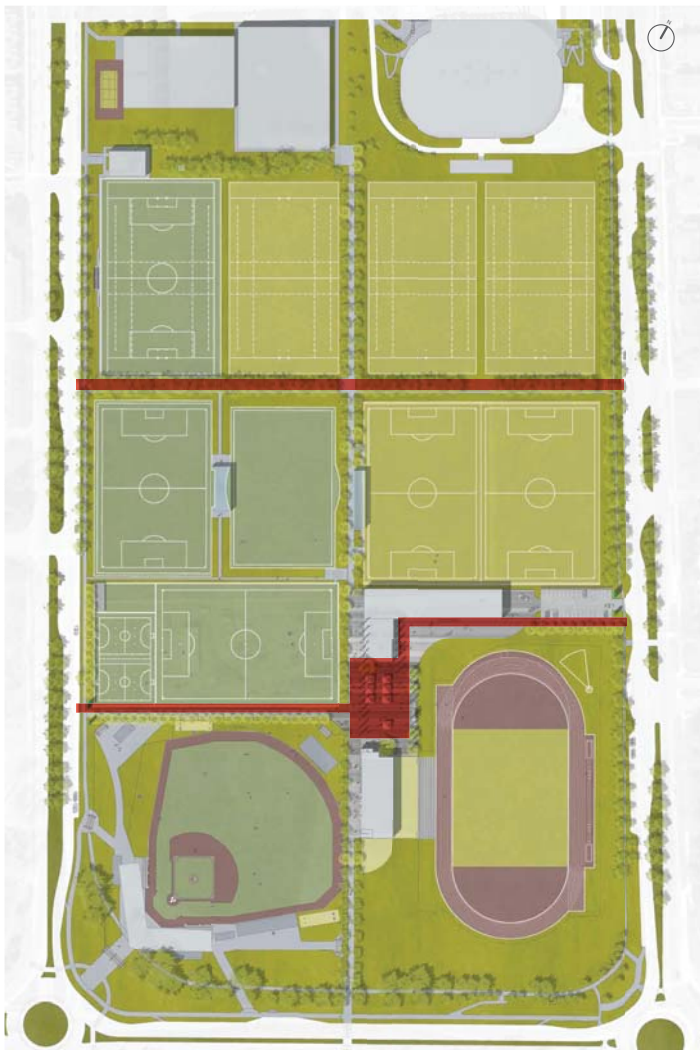
- 1. Tennis Centre Main Office
- 2. Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre
- 3. Rugby Pavilion
- 4. Gerald McGavin UBC Rugby Centre
- 5. Wolfson West Soccer / Rugby Field
- 6. Wolfson East Field
- 7. Arthur Lord Field
- 8. Frank Buck Field
- 9. Harry Warren Field
- 10. Proposed Weather Protection
- 11. Harold Wright Field
- 12. Proposed Natural Grass Field Bleacher
- 13. Proposed Natural Grass Field #1
- 14. Proposed Natural Grass Field #2
- 15. Storage Area
- 16. Proposed Field Hockey Warm-up Area
- 17. Proposed Futsal Fields
- 18. Proposed Artificial Turf Field
- 19. NSDC Whitecaps / NSDC UBC
- 20. Turn Around / Pick-up & Drop-off
- 21. Surface Parking / Laneway / Fire Service & Emergency Access
- 22. Pedestrians / Bikes
- 23. Thunderbird Plaza
- 24. Celebration Podium
- 25. Pedestrians / Bikes
- 26. Baseball Park / Stadium
- 27. Baseball Fieldhouse
- 28. Potential Warm Up / Storage Area
- 29. Track / Field Bleachers
- 30. Existing Track & Field Oval

-  Turf fields
-  Natural grass fields



3b Thunderbird Park Precinct Plan

Final Draft



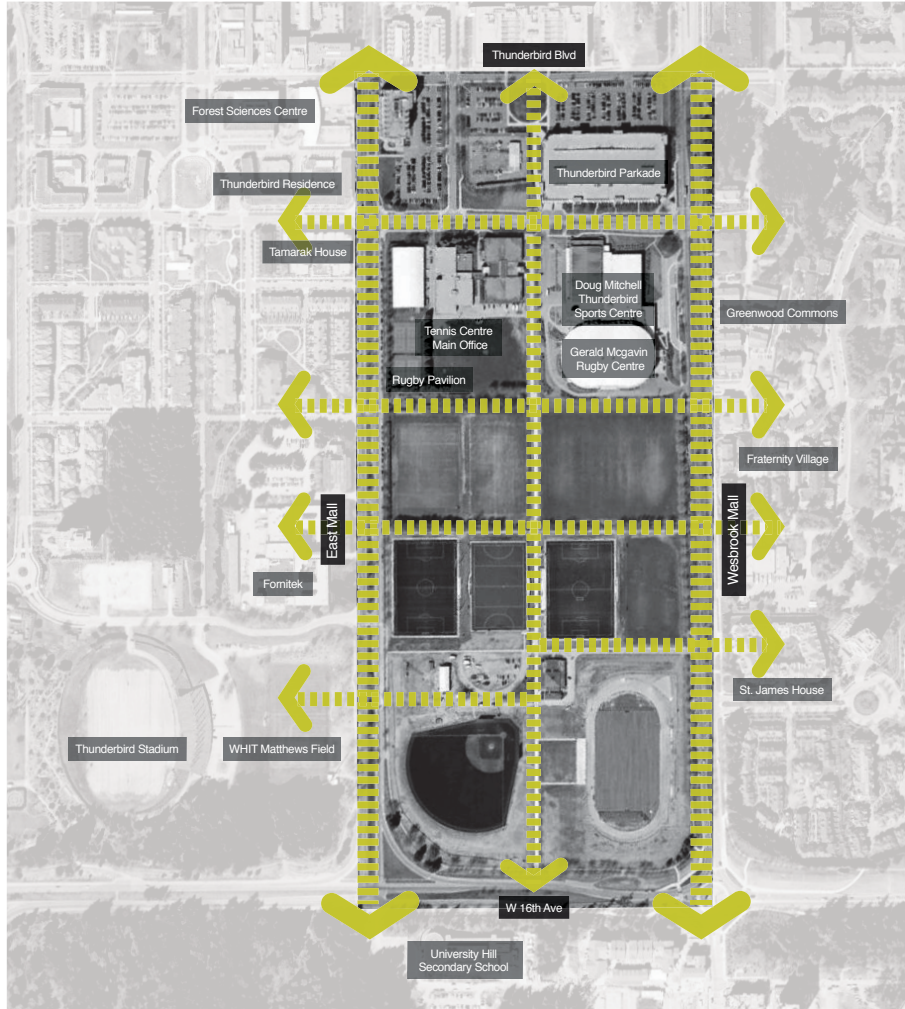
The general layout for the Precinct has been finalized based on the constraints of the site, user needs and public input.

Key Features

- **East/West connector across site:**
Dedicated bicycle and pedestrian route is proposed that runs north of baseball park/stadium to the NSDC Whitecaps/NSDC UBC field (red shading).
- **Central plaza/social hub:**
Once completed, the proposed Thunderbird Plaza will act as the central plaza/social hub of the Precinct (red shading).
- **Enhanced identity of precinct and sense of arrival/gateways:**
A vivid design at the key entry points of the precinct as well as the new facilities will enhance the identity of the precinct and create a strong sense of arrival/gateways.
- **Vehicle pick up and drop off:**
A drop-off and pick-up area located near the National Soccer Development Centre to complement the existing ones on East Mall and Thunderbird Sports Centre (See Board 5).
- **Parking:**
Additional parking near the National Soccer Development Centre and at the Thunderbird Stadium (See Board 5).
- **Layout of Baseball Park:**
The layout of the baseball park will be reversed to allow space for an expanded baseball seating, plaza and concourse area and create a stronger connection with the surrounding environment.



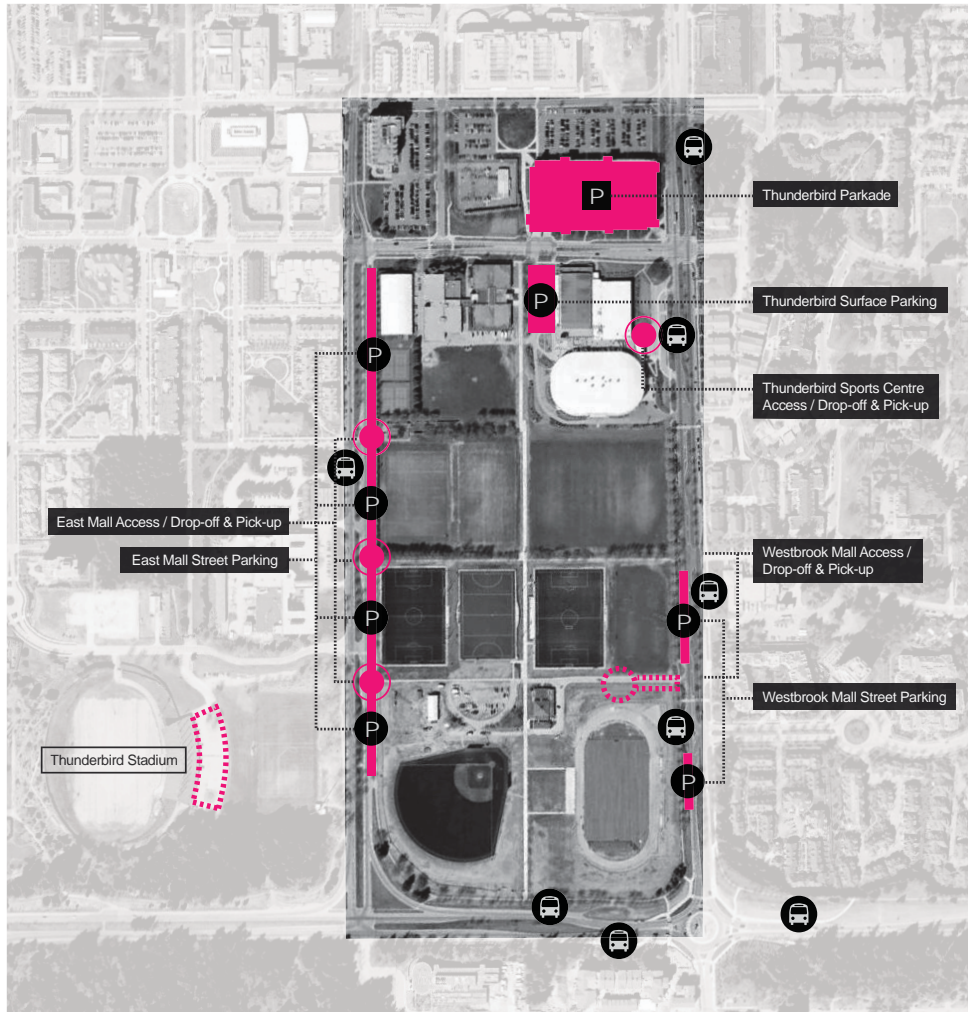
4 Connections



The precinct plan will improve connectivity and access for field users and spectators. An additional bicycle and pedestrian route is included in the updated design to ensure easy and clear access to all field users.



5 Parking & Access



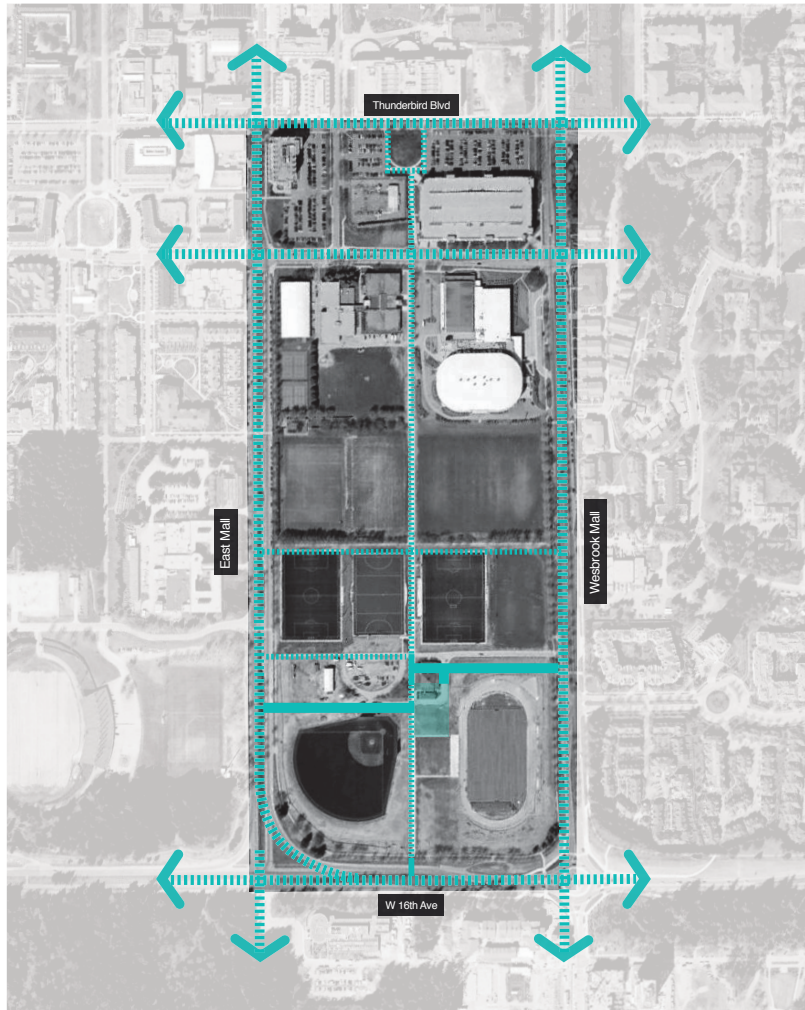
The goal for the precinct is to provide parking that is easy to access, well managed and with minimal impact to the adjacent neighborhoods. The image highlights the existing and proposed new parking and access to the precinct.

New Features

- **Proposed new drop-off & pick-up:**
12 new drop-off and pick-up spaces near the National Soccer Development Centre
- **Proposed new parking:**
 - We are currently finalizing the number of new surface, short term parking stalls to be added adjacent to the National Soccer Development Centre
 - 70 additional parking stalls will be installed at Thunderbird Stadium



6 Bicycles & Pedestrians



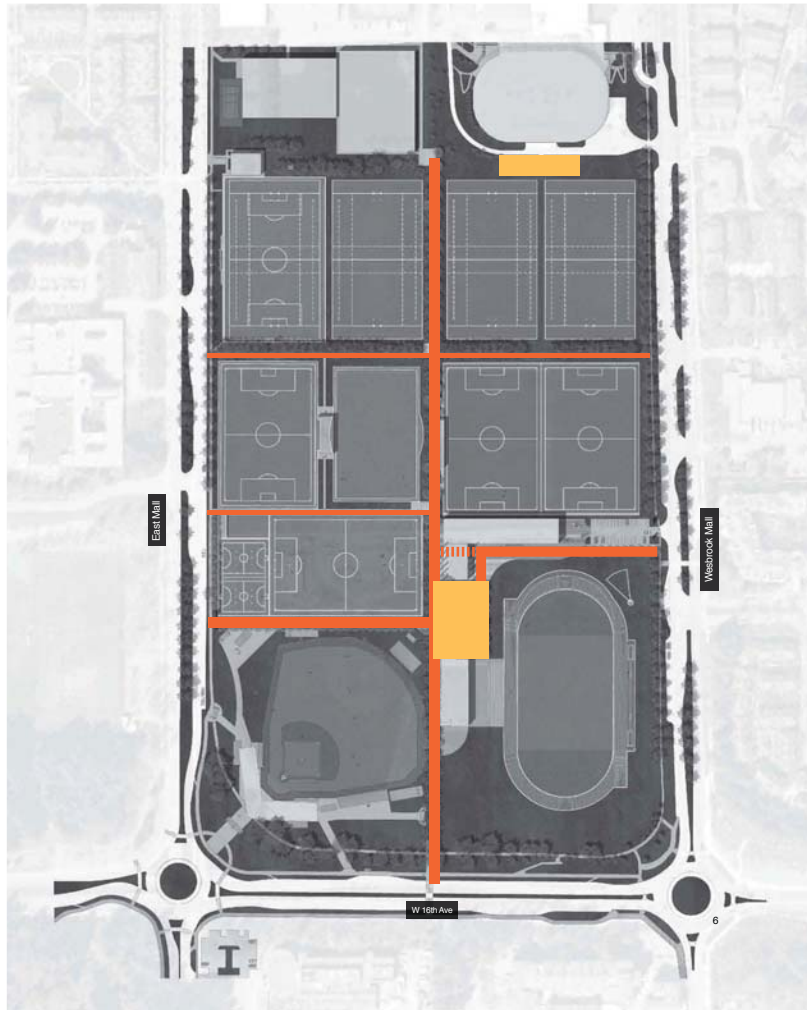
Lanes dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists will be incorporated around and within the Thunderbird Park Precinct. These dedicated lanes will help improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Existing Bike & Pedestrian
Proposed Bike & Pedestrian



7 Thunderbird Plaza



Heart of the Precinct



Thunderbird Plaza will act as the social and sports hub for field users and spectators. Pedestrian and bike circulation will converge at the proposed Thunderbird Plaza.

- The Plaza will be a place for celebrations, sports tournaments, spectating and community meet-ups.
- There will be quick access for field users and spectators to and from the plaza to the rest of the precinct.

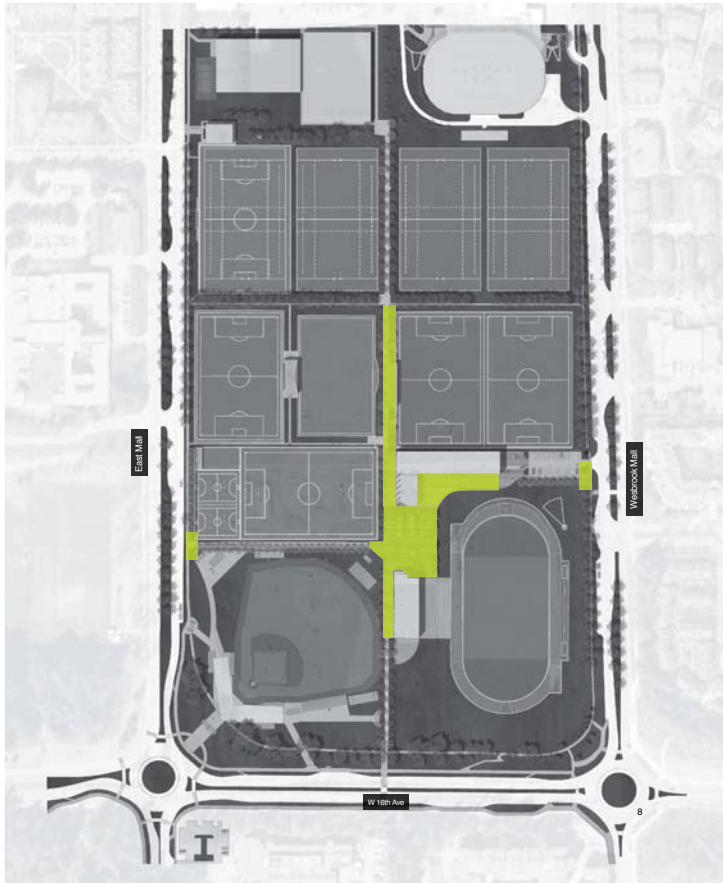
Note: the proposed plaza is subject to funding availability

-  Pedestrian & Bike Circulation
-  Social & Sports Hub



8 Identity

The Thunderbird Park Precinct will be a place for celebrations and commemorations. Vivid designs at key entry points and the edges of the precinct will enhance the identity of the Thunderbird Park Precinct.



Example imagery



9 User and Visitor Experience

The Thunderbird Park Precinct will provide a world class recreational experience for all users from arrival to departure. A range of seating, concession stands, sheltered viewing areas as well as warm up areas will be incorporated into the precinct.



Example imagery



10 Next Steps

The various projects within the Precinct will be approved individually through the development permit process. The public will be given opportunity to comment on each of these projects at future development application open houses.

- Upgrades and improvements to the Thunderbird Park Athletic Precinct have begun, including Wolfson Field West, the Baseball Training Facility and National Soccer Development Centre.



Baseball Training Facility



National Soccer Development Centre

- New parking and a pick and drop off area will be installed as part of the National Soccer Development Centre.
- The new parking at Thunderbird Stadium will be underway soon.

Please fill out a feedback form.

You can also fill out the form online at planning.ubc.ca until February 4, 2015.

