The City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and Urban Systems, Ltd., have received a 2022 Transportation Achievement Award in the Complete Streets Category for their Montgomery Main Streets–Bowness Road Project. The Transportation Achievement Awards recognize excellence in the advancement of transportation to meet human needs, by entities concerned with transportation, such as governmental agencies, legislative bodies, consulting firms, industry partners, and other organizations. Awards are presented in five categories: Complete Streets, TSMO, Safety, Planning, and Traffic Engineering.

The Montgomery Main Streets – Bowness Road project improves the road, community, and public spaces for everyone who lives, commutes through, and visits Montgomery. The design right-sized driving lanes and created safer and more inviting spaces for people walking and bicycling with widened sidewalks, street trees, street furnishing, plaza area and a raised cycle track to turn Montgomery into a destination. The Montgomery Main Streets – Bowness Road project is one of the first of 24 Main Street projects that moved to construction. The city’s Main Streets program implements a comprehensive process to transform main streets into places where people want to live, work, and play, recognizing the need for both public and private investment to make the area more attractive to businesses and residents. Creating a high-quality streetscape in an established area requires that the design and construction are both innovative and collaborative. For Montgomery Main Streets, that included piloting new materials for accessibility, stormwater, and landscape designs.

Bowness Road runs through the heart of the community and is fronted by a mix of residential, small business and mixed-use buildings. It connects to recreations centers, schools, and large regional parks along the Bow River. During construction the project team knew maintaining traffic and pedestrian flow and maintaining access to private properties was of utmost importance. Relationships with the Montgomery Community Association and Montgomery Business Improvement Area during public engagement and construction created an environment of trust for the intent, design, and implementation of the city’s newest main street.

Congratulations to team members Ervina Hendra, Project Manager, and Caylee Dyck, Co-Project Manager, City of Calgary; Marcia Eng, Project Manager, Urban Systems, Ltd.; and ALSA Road Construction! Read more here.