

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Confederation Boulevard route Canada's Discovery Route

Confederation Boulevard is the discovery route for visitors to the Capital. In the Vision for the future, Confederation Boulevard is the main route that visitors travel to visit all major attractions in the Capital. At its most fundamental level, it is a clear and easily-followed access road. But it is far more than that. Wide boulevards, with shade and benches, welcome pedestrians and make walking pleasant. Street vendors offer water, ice-cream or coffee. Pedestrians are drawn to walk on Confederation Boulevard by the power and beauty of large-scale public art that reflects the nation. This is a place where Canadians from the Maritimes, the Prairies, the North, the West Coast or central Canada can find major presentations, created by their corner of Canada, that stand with pride of place along this boulevard.

Key Issue Today
Confederation Boulevard has been a major urban development project in the Capital for several years, but is still not well recognized or fully understood. The western portions of the Boulevard are underdeveloped from a public program perspective.

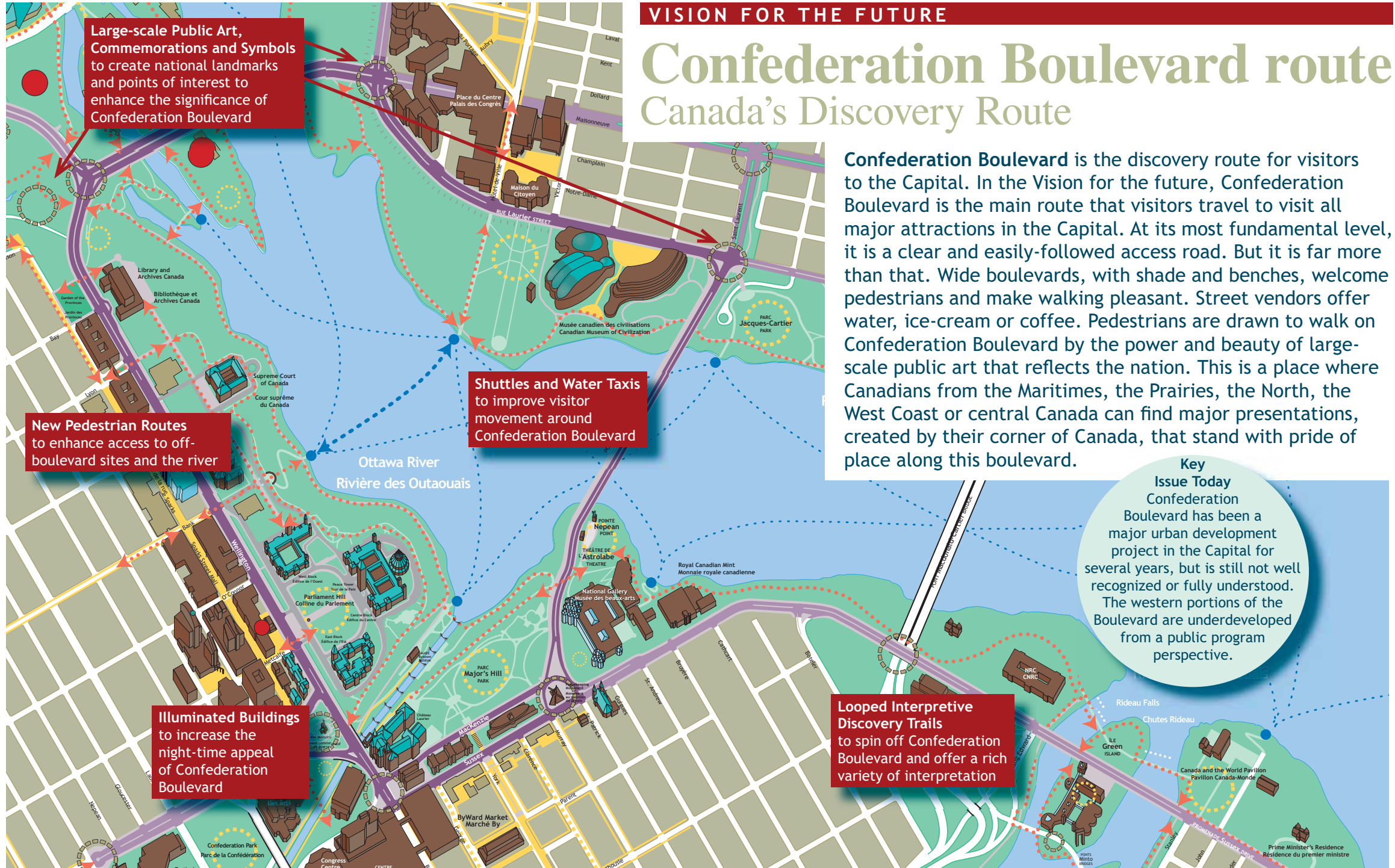
Large-scale Public Art, Commemorations and Symbols to create national landmarks and points of interest to enhance the significance of Confederation Boulevard

New Pedestrian Routes to enhance access to off-boulevard sites and the river

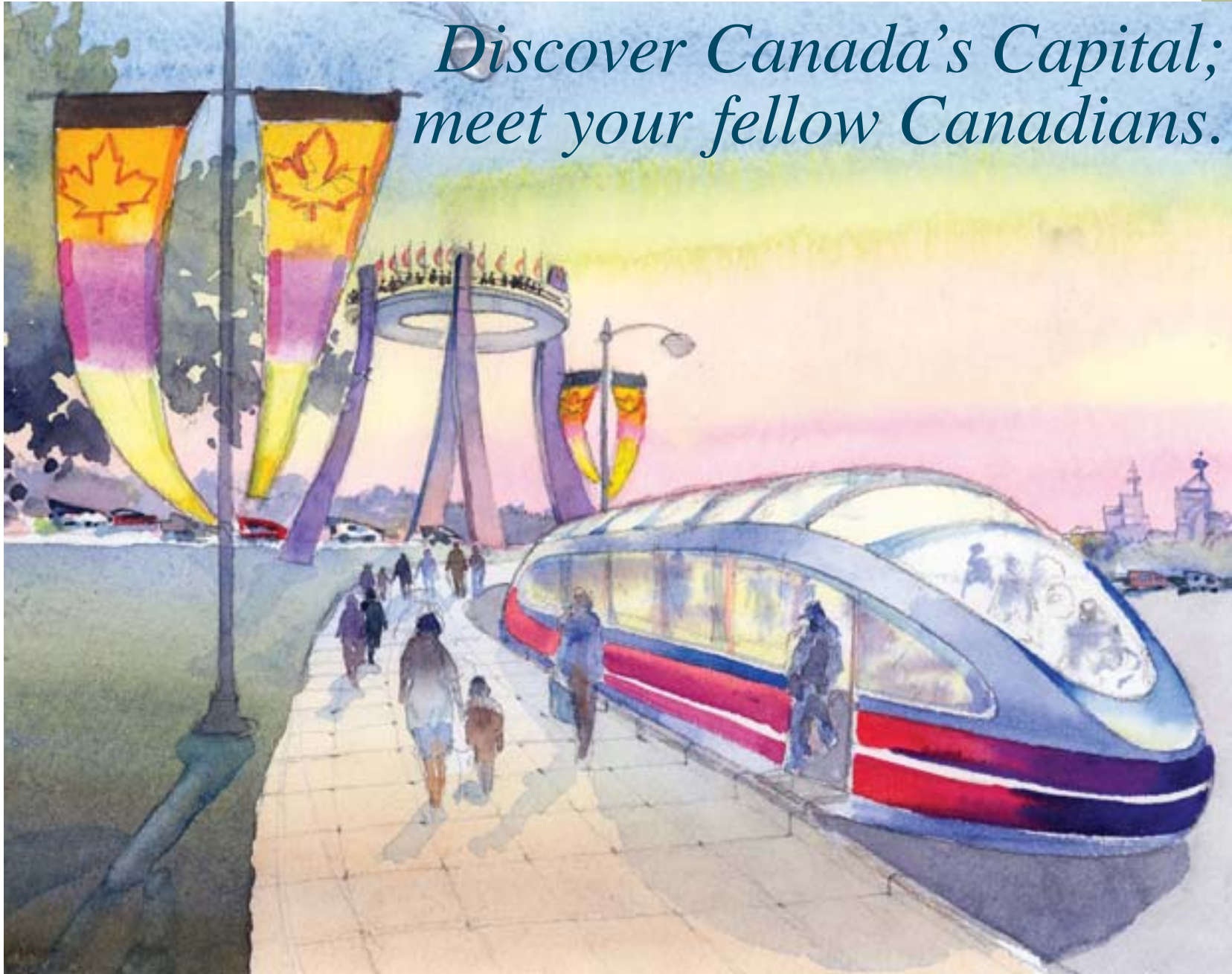
Shuttles and Water Taxis to improve visitor movement around Confederation Boulevard

Illuminated Buildings to increase the night-time appeal of Confederation Boulevard

Looped Interpretive Discovery Trails to spin off Confederation Boulevard and offer a rich variety of interpretation



Discover Canada's Capital; meet your fellow Canadians.



Artist's concept of a large scale commemoration and shuttle

Future programming along the Confederation Boulevard route

- Commemorations to important Canadians create a path of heroes, allowing even the most casual visitor to gain some understanding of Canada's history and culture. Commemorations, art, on-site exhibits, animated activities and self-guided tours tell the Confederation story and expand awareness and appreciation of our regions, provinces and territories.
- On occasion, Confederation Boulevard serves as a ceremonial route, home to the pageantry that is part of government – events such as the Opening of Parliament and the Changing the Guard Ceremony.
- Bicycle rentals make it possible to circle the route in a leisurely fashion, and there are nodes that offer cyclists amenities along the way.
- Bus, shuttle, people movers and alternative modes of transport make all major attractions easily accessible.
- Parklands, gardens, banners and baskets, beautiful lighting, and ample way-finding tools ensure Confederation Boulevard is a welcoming place.
- The “river row of museums” is linked by Confederation Boulevard.
- The bridges are animated by art, symbols, special lighting features, pageantry, flags and recurring programmed activities which serve to reinforce the links between Ottawa and Gatineau.