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Subject North Commuter Parkway Speed Limits

Meeting (if known)

Comments

1. When the decision was being made about the speed limits for the roads through the Swales, there was an enormous amount of discussion, input and information that went into the selected speed limits. It was not a quick decision by any means.

Given that, why is council now re-thinking what was decided?

The speed limits are there for a reason, and those reasons have not changed in the last year.

One argument for this review is that people are not happy with the speed limits. I would suggest that our "happiness" about the rules is not relevant to the reasons for the rules. If there is a good reason to set the speed as it is, then it should stay that way. Otherwise trying to please everyone will result in chaos. Rational reason should prevail.

2. The bridge was needed, so it was built. There were projections about the number of cars using the bridge (we can expect these numbers to have been somewhat inflated to improve the argument for building it), but at no time was the "success" of the bridge to be determined by the actual number of cars using the span. If you raise the speeds limits, and use of the bridge does NOT increase, will you lower them again? (for the sake of the wildlife)

3. The number of wildlife collisions is 0 in the section that is set at 50km/hour. Does that demonstrate success in reducing in wildlife collisions? If so, why change it?

The number of reported wildlife collisions is not to be considered an accurate reflection of wildlife injuries and mortalities as small animals will have been removed by predators or eaten before being discovered by clean-up crews. Injured animals will have disappeared into the bush and not been counted, as their bodies are not visible

artifacts of the collision on the road.

4. One comment was that no one lives there.... Actually, thousands of beings live there, and have a right to live there as they are contributing to our eco-system and our very survival on the planet. Wild Lives Matter, too.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Shadick
Attachments

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