

# Pacific Heights/Kensington Neighbourhoods Traffic Review

## ISSUE

Through the Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) process, a Traffic Plan for the Pacific Heights/Kensington neighbourhoods was developed in consultation with the community in response to concerns such as speeding, traffic shortcutting, and pedestrian safety.

## BACKGROUND

A public meeting was held on April 9, 2019 to identify traffic concerns and potential solutions within the Pacific Heights/Kensington neighbourhoods. Based on the residents' input provided at the initial public meeting and the analysis of the traffic data collected, a Neighbourhood Traffic Plan was developed and presented to the community at a second public meeting held on September 19, 2019. Additional feedback received at the follow-up public meeting was also incorporated into the NTR.

The proposed improvements were circulated to: Saskatoon Police Service, Saskatoon Light & Power, Saskatoon Fire Department, Parking Services, Roadways, Fleet & Support, and Saskatoon Transit and their comments were incorporated into the NTR recommendations.

## CURRENT STATUS

To improve safety in the Pacific Heights/Kensington neighbourhoods, the following will be completed:

- Median island
- Active Pedestrian Corridor (APC)
- Standard crosswalks
- Zebra crosswalks
- Pedestrian ramps
- Stop Ahead signs
- Street name signs
- Playground signs
- Cul-de-sac signs
- Curb extensions
- Parking restrictions
- Speed display boards
- Removal of textured crosswalks

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Pacific Heights/Kensington Neighbourhood Traffic Review report is included as Appendix 1.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs are summarized in the following table:

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Item	2020-2021	Beyond 2021
Signs, Pavement Markings & Temporary Traffic Calming	\$6,600	-
Speed Display Boards	-	minimal
Pedestrian Safety Devices	-	\$ 90,000
Permanent Traffic Calming	-	\$ 95,000
Pedestrian Ramps	-	\$ 35,000
Remove Permanent Traffic Calming (textured crosswalks)		\$ 5,600
TOTAL	\$6,600	\$225,600

There is sufficient funding within Capital Project #1512 – Neighbourhood Traffic Management to undertake the work in 2020 and 2021, which includes implementation of all signage, pavement markings, and temporary traffic calming measures. The remainder of the work, beyond 2021, including implementation of permanent traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety devices and ramps, will be considered alongside all other improvements identified through the NTR Program. The Administration will include these in the multi-year budget submission package listing the projects recommended to be funded and the rationale used to prioritize the projects.

### OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

### NEXT STEPS

The installation of each proposed improvement will be implemented in three specific time frames as follows:

Short-term (1 to 2 years)	Temporary traffic calming measures, signage, pavement markings, speed display boards
Medium-term (3 to 5 years)	Pedestrian safety devices, permanent traffic calming devices
Long-term (5 years plus)	Pedestrian ramps, removal of textured crosswalks

The temporary traffic calming installations will begin as early as spring 2020. The annual report on the NTRs will provide an update on the status of converting the temporary measures to a permanent condition.

### APPENDICES

#### 1. Pacific Heights/Kensington Neighbourhood Traffic Review

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