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Subject Proposed Street Closure - 100 block 9th Street East

Meeting (if known) Monday, January 27th

Comments

For Transportation and Construction Department - Regarding the permanent closure of 9th Street to prevent right-hand turns onto the Idylwyld Freeway on-ramp. This would be perfectly safe if the traffic flow of Lorne Avenue (which extends to just past 9th Street) followed the posted speed limit of 50 km/h. People successfully perform right-hand turns onto high traffic lanes such as 8th Street, and Warman Road, and 22nd Street all of the time, as the vehicles are travelling at the speed limit. The MAJORITY of the vehicles passing our house, located at the 1000 block of Lorne Avenue (between 8th and 9th Streets) start speeding to the 70 km/h limit that is posted for the Idylwyld Freeway almost immediately after passing the 8th and Lorne intersection (which also results in high levels of noise pollution, as loud muffler sounds are redirected off the Freeway Sound Wall right back at our houses).

Also, residents of 9th Street and McPherson Ave were consulted about potential changes in the volume of traffic due to the closure, and monitoring of traffic flow was performed (a few times) on 9th Street AND McPherson, but since the closure there has been a significant increase in traffic flow in the back alley behind our houses (apparently the decreased flow from the 1000 block of McPherson, as released in this fall's update on this issue), as vehicles are now using the alley to gain access to 8th St and then, in turn, Lorne Ave and the Freeway. This has also resulted in increases in near-misses and at least one accident at the blind "T" intersection in the alley.

May I suggest the following: that the speed limit of 50 km/h be enforced on Lorne Ave until after 9th Street. This will also increase the safety of the residents of Lorne Avenue who are required to park on the street. Also, that the left-hand lane of 1000 blk of Lorne Ave be a designated through lane, while the right hand lane be a dedicated turning lane - either for the traffic from 8th merging onto Lorne, or the traffic from Lorne turning right onto 9th, and ALSO for vehicles making right-hand turns onto the Idylwyld on-ramp. Perhaps a permanent concrete curb to direct the flow of traffic, similar to the ones on Clancy and Fairmont, or Fairlight and Diefenbaker. Most importantly, the 50 km/h speed limit enforced - it takes a fraction of a second to accelerate to 70 km/h when actually AT the on-ramp past 9th Street to merge with the flow of traffic on the freeway - it

doesn't need to happen at the intersection of 8th and Lorne.

Thank you for your time and consideration - I am happy to discuss this further if desired.

Respectfully

Laura Joa

Attachments

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<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/362526>