

Lawson Heights and Lawson Heights Suburban Centre Neighbourhood Traffic Review

ISSUE

Through the Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) process a Traffic Plan for the Lawson Heights and Lawson Heights Suburban Centre (SC) 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 April 11, 2019 to identify traffic concerns and potential solutions within the Lawson Heights and Lawson Heights SC 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 October 3, 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 Lawson Heights and Lawson Heights SC neighbourhoods, the following will be completed:

- Sidewalk
- Active Pedestrian Corridor (APC)
- Altering School Zone limits
- Removing U-turn restriction
- Flashing beacon
- Median islands
- Standard crosswalk
- Parking restrictions
- Pedestrian ramps
- Stop signs
- Tree trimming
- Speed display boards

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Lawson Heights and Lawson Heights SC Neighbourhood Traffic Review is included as Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs are summarized in the following table:

Item	2020-2021	Beyond 2021
Signs, Pavement Markings & Temporary Traffic Calming	\$9,250	-
Speed Display Board		minimal
Pedestrian Safety Devices	-	\$ 45,000
Permanent Traffic Calming	-	\$ 20,000
Pedestrian Ramps	-	\$ 14,000
Sidewalks	-	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$9,250	\$329,000

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, 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)	Signs, pavement markings, temporary traffic calming and speed display boards
Medium-term (3 to 5 years)	Pedestrian safety devices and permanent traffic calming devices
Long-term (5 years plus)	Pedestrian ramps and sidewalks

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. Lawson Heights and Lawson Heights SC Neighbourhood Traffic Review

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