

# Residential Speed Limit Review - Project Roadmap

## ISSUE

This report outlines the roadmap for the various information, approval and decision reports that will be presented for the speed limit review for residential streets.

## BACKGROUND

The posted speed limits are governed by Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw. The bylaw states that the posted speed limit is 50 kph, with exceptions being specifically listed within Schedule 4 of the bylaw.

In April 2003, City Council approved Council Policy C07-015, Reduced Speed Zones for Schools. There is currently no policy regarding playground zones, areas of high concentration of seniors or streets designated as neighbourhood bikeways in the City of Saskatoon.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on October 22, 2018, City Council considered the Posted Speed Limit Review report and resolved:

- “1. That the Administration develop a detailed framework for revising posted speed limits on neighbourhood streets;
2. That the Administration develop a detailed framework for revising posted speed limits in school and playground zones; and
3. That the Administration report on options for addressing speeding and safety in areas of high concentration of seniors.”

## CURRENT STATUS

The review of posted speed limits for residential streets is in progress, including a review of school zones, playground zones, areas with a high concentration of seniors, and streets designated as neighbourhood bikeways.

It is anticipated that the technical analysis, literature review, jurisdictional scan and public and stakeholder engagement work will be completed in the second quarter of 2021.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The speed limit review on residential streets is a complex issue that will require decisions at key project milestones. To provide Council, the public and stakeholders with adequate time to consider the information, and to enable that appropriate recommendations are developed for consideration, a project roadmap has been prepared. The roadmap outlines numerous anticipated reports, including:

- Two information reports: 1) summary of the technical analysis, literature review and jurisdictional scan; 2) summary of the stakeholder and public engagement feedback.

- Two decision reports: 1) decision on the posted speed limit for residential streets; 2) decision on whether street eligibility will be based on road classification or street function.
- Two approval reports: 1) regarding schools, playgrounds, areas with a high concentration of seniors, and streets designated as neighbourhood bikeways; 2) regarding the implementation strategy.

The roadmap for the reporting approach is shown in Appendix 1. The roadmap has been prepared based on current available information. If required, the roadmap will be revised.

Highlights of the engagement and communications plans are included in Appendix 2.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This project is funded through Capital Project #0631 – Transportation Safety Improvements.

Implementation costs will be identified at the appropriate time.

### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no privacy, social, or environmental implications identified at this time. Legal implications will be discussed with the City Solicitor's Office and the Saskatoon Police Service as part of the project.

### **NEXT STEPS**

1. Complete technical analysis, literature review and jurisdictional scan.
2. Conduct stakeholder and public engagement.
3. Summarize feedback.
4. Document options and implications.
5. Develop implementation strategy.
6. Prepare cost estimates.

### **APPENDICES**

1. Speed Limit Review Reporting Roadmap Figure
2. Engagement and Communications Plan Highlights

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