

Central Business District Neighbourhood Traffic Review

ISSUE

Through the Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) process, a Traffic Plan for the Central Business District neighbourhood was developed in consultation with the community in response to concerns such as traffic control and pedestrian safety.

BACKGROUND

An online public meeting was held on August 12, 2020 to identify traffic concerns and potential solutions within the Central Business District. Based on the road users' and residents' input provided during the comment period following 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 online public meeting held on April 13, 2021. Both public meetings were hosted online to ensure the public health recommendations for COVID-19 were respected. Additional feedback received during the comment period after the second online public meeting was also incorporated into the NTR.

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

CURRENT STATUS

To improve safety in the Central Business District, the following are recommended:

- Curb extensions
- Lane designation signs
- Turn arrow pavement markings
- All-way stop
- Stop sign

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Central Business District Neighbourhood Traffic Review is included as Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs are summarized in the following table:

Item	2021	Beyond 2021
Signs, Pavement Markings and Temporary Traffic Calming	\$5,750	-
Permanent Traffic Calming	-	\$405,000
TOTAL	\$5,750	\$405,000

There is sufficient funding within Capital Project #1512 – Neighbourhood Traffic Management to undertake the work in 2021, which includes implementation of all signage, pavement markings and temporary traffic calming measures.

Beyond 2021, the implementation of permanent traffic calming measures will be funded through Capital Project #1504 – Neighbourhood Traffic Review Permanent Installations. The Administration will include the funding request for these recommendations in the multi-year business plan and 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 two specific time frames as follows:

Short-term (1 to 2 years)	Temporary traffic calming measures, signage, pavement markings
Medium-term (3 to 5 years)	Permanent traffic calming devices

The temporary traffic calming installations will begin as early as fall 2021. A status update on the permanent installation of traffic calming measures will be submitted annually.

APPENDICES

1. Central Business District Neighbourhood Traffic Review

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