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Comments:
Re: Proposal for a Temporary Closure for the On Ramp to Idylwyld

Our family is in full support of the proposed temporary trial closure of the on ramp. We see this as a reasonable proposal to evaluate the consequences of dealing with a historical infrastructure legacy (connecting an on-ramp to a residential street) that would never be constructed or proposed of today.

Although the report indicates that the speeds are not in exceedance of the 50km/hr set for residential areas, I can tell the Committee that we are reluctant to let our children ride bikes or scooters on the sidewalk due to the unpredictable nature of the traffic from McPherson to the on ramp. Sometimes cars are meeting the speed limits, and sometimes they are racing to get to the ramp.

I would also like to note that during the speed and traffic count, the middle of 9th street had two significant depressions (with cone signage) resulting from water main work in the winter. I suspect this had an effect on the measured speeds.

Two other items for the Committee consider. Of the individuals who are against the proposed temporary closure, there have been few, if any, reasons for this – except to point to other measures that staff deem inappropriate (four way stop, etc). Why do people want this on ramp open? For convenience to the commuter – and when in contrast to the repeated perceived concerns of the multiple families and households on 9th street, seems relatively off-balance.

Finally, I note with interest the discussions on the agenda prior to this agenda item, as related to the closure of Glasgow. I see there are varying views on the outcome of this one year trial, which was intended to – as in this case – experiment with a solution for a short cut issue through a neighbourhood. This is EXACTLY what a one-year trial should be for – to implement a change, measure the change, request feedback on the change, and assess its outcome.

I support something similar for the on ramp. For years this has been an issue for the neighbourhood. This is a chance to try a solution, measure the results, and assess the outcome.

It is a perfectly reasonable solution to an issue with varying perspectives on it.

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