
2019 Neighbourhood Traffic Management Reviews

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy on Transportation recommend to City Council:
That the eleven neighbourhoods selected for 2019 traffic reviews, as part of the Neighbourhood Traffic Review Program, include Pacific Heights/Kensington; Holiday Park/King George; Lawson Heights/Lawson Heights Suburban Centre; Nutana Park; Briarwood; Blairmore Suburban Centre; University Heights Suburban Centre and Airport Business Area.

Topic and Purpose

This report identifies eleven neighbourhoods selected for traffic reviews in 2019. The traffic reviews are intended to address local traffic concerns such as speeding, shortcutting, pedestrian accommodation, and parking.

Report Highlights

1. The eleven neighbourhoods selected for traffic reviews include Pacific Heights/Kensington; Holiday Park/King George; Lawson Heights/Lawson Heights Suburban Centre; Nutana Park; Briarwood; Blairmore Suburban Centre; University Heights Suburban Centre and Airport Business Area.
2. These neighbourhoods have been selected based on collision history, number of concerns received, Councillor feedback and the number of existing temporary traffic calming devices.

Strategic Goal

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Moving Around as it improves the safety of all road users (pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers), and helps provide a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Background

City Council, at its meeting held on August 14, 2013, approved a new process within the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Program. This process includes a strategy to review concerns on a neighbourhood-wide basis by engaging the community and stakeholders in first identifying specific traffic issues, and secondly, developing joint recommendations that address the issues. The progress to date is illustrated in Attachment 1 and summarized below.

The NTR's completed from 2014 to 2018 are summarized in the following table:

Neighbourhood Traffic Plans Developed (Year)	No. Completed	Locations	
2014	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity View • Westmount • Brevoort Park • Holliston • Haultain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hudson Bay Park • Caswell Hill • City Park • Kelsey-Woodlawn • Mayfair • Nutana
2015	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Royal • Adelaide-Churchill • Lakeview • Meadowgreen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery Place • Confederation Park • Avalon • Greystone Heights
2016	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stonebridge • Willowgrove • Hampton Village • Silverspring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grosvenor Park • Lakeridge • Sutherland • Parkridge
2017	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Elizabeth • Exhibition • Buena Vista • Erindale • Arbor Creek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Hill • Dundonald • North Park • Richmond Heights • Silverwood Heights • Wildwood
2018	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Park • College Park East • Riversdale • Eastview • Nutana Suburban Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westview • Massey Place • Fairhaven • River Heights • Forest Grove

The Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) program is expected to complete all of the developed residential and industrial neighbourhoods in 2020. Upon completion of the NTR process for all neighbourhoods, reviews will be transitioned to a Community Transportation Review (CTR), a safety-driven, evidence-based process to address broader community level concerns including collector and arterial roadways.

Report

Neighbourhoods are prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Councillor priorities as advanced by Councillors (3 points per selection);
- Collisions (0 points for low, 1 point for medium, 2 points for high);
- Number of outstanding concerns (1 point per concern); and
- Number of temporary traffic calming devices in place (1 point per device).

In three instances, adjacent neighbourhoods were grouped together to maximize efficiencies and to accommodate more people and neighbourhoods, resulting in eight separate traffic reviews.

Based on the above criteria the following neighbourhoods have been selected for 2019 traffic reviews:

1. Pacific Heights/Kensington (Ward 3);
2. Holiday Park/King George (Ward 2);
3. Lawson Heights/Lawson Heights Suburban Centre (Ward 5);
4. Nutana Park (Ward 7);
5. Briarwood (Ward 8);
6. Blairmore Suburban Centre (Ward 3);
7. University Heights Suburban Centre (Ward 10); and
8. Airport Business Area (Ward 5).

Speeding concerns in other neighbourhoods will continue to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The prioritization of the neighbourhoods is outlined in Attachment 2.

The neighbourhood traffic reviews for the Rosewood, Lakewood Suburban Centre, Evergreen, and Aspen Ridge neighbourhoods will not proceed in 2019 as the traffic patterns in these neighbourhoods will continue to evolve until development is complete.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

Public meetings will be held for each of the eight reviews, including an initial meeting with residents and stakeholders in the spring of 2019, to identify specific traffic concerns and potential improvements, and a second meeting to present a draft neighbourhood traffic plan for discussion will be held in the fall of 2019. A third meeting may be held if significant changes of the draft traffic plan are proposed. The neighbourhoods grouped together will attend a combined meeting.

Residents and business owners who cannot attend the meetings will be able to provide feedback via the City of Saskatoon's (City) online neighbourhood traffic concerns form, Saskatoon.ca/engage website, or by phone, email, or mail.

The City's internal departments will have an opportunity to provide input on the plan pertaining to the impact on their operations.

Communication Plan

Residents and stakeholders in each neighbourhood will be invited to attend both meetings. The meeting invitations will be provided as follows:

- A flyer delivered to each residence in the neighbourhood;
- Through the City of Saskatoon Events Calendar at saskatoon.ca/events;
- Through the saskatoon.ca/engage website;
- Billboards centrally placed within the neighbourhoods;
- Through requesting the neighbourhood community associations and schools to post the information on their website or social media pages; and
- By notifying the appropriate Councillor.

The collection of issues and potential improvements will be compiled through the following:

- The saskatoon.ca/engage website;
- Written submissions at the meetings;
- Written notes taken by the Administration at the meetings; and
- Written, verbal, and e-mail submission to the Administration.

Financial Implications

The resources required to undertake the neighbourhood traffic reviews outlined in this report are estimated at \$300,000, and will be submitted for approval as part of the 2019 Business Plan and Detailed Budget under Capital Project #1512 – Neighbourhood Traffic Management funded from the Traffic Safety Reserve. Temporary traffic calming measures installed from recommendations with individual reviews are also included in this funding.

Improvements identified in the traffic plans are funded through the Traffic Safety Reserve. The purpose of the Traffic Safety Reserve is to provide funding for vehicular traffic, pedestrian, and safety related projects, including traffic calming. It is funded from the City's share of the fine revenue generated from red light cameras and Automated Speed Enforcement.

Environmental Implications

Neighbourhood traffic reviews are expected to have positive greenhouse gas emissions implications, as the goal is to reduce total vehicle mileage in a neighbourhood by reducing speeds and improving conditions for walking, cycling, and transit use.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, policy, privacy, or CPTED considerations or implications.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

A report presenting the recommended traffic plan will be prepared for each neighbourhood and brought to SPC on Transportation for information prior to implementation.

An annual report outlining the following years' selections will be brought to City Council in preparation for the 2020 Capital Budget.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachments

1. Neighbourhood Traffic Review Distribution (Map)
2. Neighbourhood Prioritization List

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