
Riversdale Neighbourhood Traffic Review

Recommendation

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Construction Department dated February 11, 2019, be received as information.

Topic and Purpose

The purposes of this report is to provide information on the Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) for the Riversdale neighbourhood.

Report Highlights

A Neighbourhood Traffic Plan for the Riversdale neighbourhood was developed in consultation with the community in response to concerns such as speeding, shortcutting, and pedestrian safety. The plan will be implemented over time as funding for the improvements is available.

Strategic Goal

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Moving Around by providing a plan to guide the installation of traffic calming devices and pedestrian safety enhancements to improve the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists.

Background

A public meeting was held on April 24, 2018, to identify traffic concerns and potential solutions within the Riversdale neighbourhood. 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 23, 2018.

Report

The development and implementation of the Traffic Plan includes four stages:

1. Identify existing problems, concerns and possible solutions through the initial neighbourhood consultation and the saskatoon.ca/engage webpage;
2. Develop a draft Traffic Plan based on residents' input and traffic assessments;
3. Present the draft Traffic Plan to the neighbourhood at a follow-up meeting; circulate the plan to other civic divisions for feedback; make adjustments as needed and present the plan to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation; and
4. Implement the proposed measures in a specific time frame, short-term (1 to 2 years), medium-term (3 to 5 years), or long-term (more than 5 years).

The majority of traffic-related concerns received during the consultation included shortcutting, speeding, pedestrian safety, and parking.

The Administration is recommending the following modifications to improve safety in the Riversdale neighbourhood:

- Traffic controls
- Median islands
- Curb extensions
- Pedestrian accessibility ramps
- Sidewalks
- Parking restrictions
- Pedestrian safety devices
- Speed display board
- Enforcement

The installation of each proposed improvement will be implemented in three specific time frames as follows:

Short-term (1 to 2 years)	Temporary traffic calming measures, signage, pavement markings, speed display boards, enforcement
Medium-term (3 to 5 years)	Permanent traffic calming devices, pedestrian safety devices
Long-term (more than 5 years)	Sidewalks and pedestrian accessibility ramps

The Riversdale Neighbourhood Traffic Review is provided as Attachment 1.

The temporary traffic calming installations will begin as early as spring 2019, with the exception of the minor realignment of the intersection of Spadina Crescent and 17th Street which may be installed in spring 2020. The annual report on the NTRs will provide an update on the status of converting the temporary measures to a permanent condition where deemed effective.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

On April 24, 2018, a public meeting was held to discuss traffic concerns and identify potential solutions. The feedback was used to develop the Neighbourhood Traffic Plan which was presented at a follow-up public meeting on October 23, 2018. Additional feedback received at the follow-up public meeting was also incorporated into the NTR.

The proposed improvements were circulated to internal civic stakeholders of various divisions and departments: Saskatoon Light & Power, Saskatoon Transit, Saskatoon Police Service, Sustainability, Parking Services, Roadways, Fleet & Support, and the Saskatoon Fire Department. The stakeholders' comments were incorporated into the recommended Traffic Plan.

The proposed minor realignment of the intersection of Spadina Crescent and 17th Street may not be installed in a temporary fashion until 2020, after presenting the proposed change to the King George neighbourhood through the NTR process to be held in 2019.

Communication Plan

The final Neighbourhood Traffic Plan will be shared with the residents of the impacted neighbourhoods using several methods: City website, Community Association, direct mail-out and subscriber email update.

Financial Implications

The implementation of the Neighbourhood Traffic Plan will have financial implications. The costs are summarized in the following table:

Item	2019	Beyond 2019
Signs, Pavement Markings & Temporary Traffic Calming	\$8,500	-
Speed Display Board and Enforcement	-	-
Pedestrian Safety Devices	-	\$ 90,000
Permanent Traffic Calming	-	\$ 525,000
Sidewalks and Pedestrian Accessibility Ramps	-	\$ 617,850
TOTALS	\$8,500	\$1,232,850

There is sufficient funding within Capital Project #1512 – Neighbourhood Traffic Management to undertake the work in 2019, which includes implementation of all signage, pavement markings, and temporary traffic calming measures.

The remainder of the work beyond 2019, including implementation of permanent traffic calming measures and pedestrian ramps, will be considered alongside all other improvements identified through the NTR Program. The Administration will include these in the annual budget submission package listing the projects recommended to be funded and the rationale used to prioritize the projects.

The Active Transportation program will address the implementation of the missing sidewalk infrastructure and will use the input received from the community to assist in prioritizing future Active Transportation projects in the area.

Environmental Implications

The overall impact of the recommendations on traffic characteristics, including the impacts on greenhouse gas emissions, has not been quantified at this time.

Other Considerations/Implications

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

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

Signage and temporary traffic calming devices will be implemented during the 2019 construction season.

Public Notice

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

Attachment

1. Riversdale Neighbourhood Traffic Review, January 9, 2019

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