

## **Eastview-Nutana Suburban Centre Neighbourhood Traffic Review**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**

**Holy Cross School – 2115 McEown Avenue**

### Facilitators:

- Kathy Dahl (Great Works Consulting), Mitch Riabko (Great Works Consulting)

### City of Saskatoon Representatives:

- Chelsea Lanning, Nathalie Baudais, Mariniel Flores, Sheliza Kelts, David LeBoutillier, Minqing Deng

### Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Presentation from the Transportation Division
- Small group discussions
- Small group discussions – report back to large group
- Next Steps
- Questions/Answers

### Opening Remarks

- Councillor Bev Dubois and Councillor Mairin Loewen

### Presentation from Transportation Division – Eastview-Nutana Suburban Centre Neighbourhood Traffic Review

(Presented by Chelsea Lanning – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – January 16, 2018

**Saskatoon Police Services: 306-975-8300 OR 306-975-8068 to report a traffic complaint or a concern.**

### Small Group Discussions

- Breakout into small groups to discuss traffic concerns in Eastview-Nutana Suburban Centre and potential solutions

### Small group discussions – report back to large group

Group 1: Mariniel Flores

- Preston Ave & East Dr
  - Fatal Collision.
  - Traffic has increased on Preston Ave.
  - Pedestrians can't cross Preston Ave.

- Pedestrian that passed away was crossing at a marked crosswalk; it's difficult to cross all 3 legs; vehicles are speeding; vehicles are passing on the right (southbound).
- Very important to look at the collision data.
- Possible solution: No parking on the southeast corner (alley to intersection) or curb extension (could slow traffic turning right); need to slow traffic to improve crossing.
- Alley southeast of Preston Ave & East Dr
  - Snow graders pile snow in front of peoples house on East Dr; lots of congestion; paved alley allows people to speed (it was paved due to all the dust).
  - Possible solution: 4-way stop in the lane (northwest corner of James Anderson Park).
- Lane near northwest corner of James Anderson Park
  - Fibre optics were installed and left surface dusty – fiber optics could pay for that if you ask them.
  - Narrow – relocate the wooden bollards.
  - Possible Solution: Wooden bollards need to be relocated to create more space for garbage trucks.
- Back lane east of 600 East Place
  - Vehicles park in the lane to pick up kids.
  - High traffic area.
  - Possible solution: Increase parking area (bump outs) to allow for more parking.
- 600 East Place between 300 East Place & 500 East Place
  - Speeding.
  - Possible solution: whichever device that can address this; 30 km/hr speed signs.
- Parking area near ball diamond
  - Lots of noise, drug activity, bushes (hiding places).
  - Possible solution: Close this off to restrict illegal activity; increase police presence.
- Near Alvin Buckwold School
  - U-turns in 700 East Dr.
  - One 5 minute loading zone – in favour.
  - Congestion.
  - Lots of traffic in other areas.
- Louise St & McEown Ave
  - Dangerous.
  - Possible Solution: 4-way stop.
- Taylor St & Preston Ave
  - Improvements have been great.
- Taylor St & McEown Ave
  - Dangerous and busy.

- 700 East Dr
  - School zone might be too short – want to extend the school zone.
- East Drive
  - Speeding.
  - Possible Solution: Speed display board.
- Arlington Ave & 2300 Eastview
  - Like the permanent median here.
- 100 East Dr & Preston Ave
  - Buses wait in the median to complete west bound left turn.
- Preston Ave
  - Increased traffic due to Stonebridge.
- Armistice Way & Preston Ave
  - The break in the median is good.
- Holy Cross High School
  - Need more private parking.
- Preston Ave near Wilson Cr
  - Lanes go from 2 to 1; speeding to beat other vehicles.
- East Place west alley
  - Shortcutting.
- Lane south of 100 East Dr
  - Theft.
  - Possible Solution: Increase police presence.

#### Group 2: Nathalie

- City wide
  - Speeding has increased throughout the City; and reckless driving.
  - Bad drivers making illegal moves.
- Preston Avenue
  - East Drive & Preston Ave pedestrian crossing needs to be addressed. It is unsafe.
  - Traffic on Preston Ave has increased since Stonebridge has opened.
  - Speeds on Preston Ave are too fast. It is like a racetrack.
  - NB drivers cut into the through lane at Wilson Cr & Preston Ave.
  - Possible solution: Speed display board.
  - Walter Murray High School should have a lay by lane off Preston Avenue for drop-off/pick-up; parents stop and drop kids off in the street at.
  - Difficult pulling out at East Dr & Preston Ave.
  - Radar traps are needed on Preston Ave at East Drive.
  - Drivers using parking lane to drive around
  - Operates as 2 lanes for short stretches.
  - Residents having difficulty backing out into the parking lane.
  - Potential solution: Pavement markings to dedicate parking lane
- 700 East Dr (cul-de-sac)
  - Lots of traffic at Alvin Buckwold School.
  - Parking is an issue; too close to corners; creates visibility issues.

- Speeding through school zone.
- U-turns in school zone.
- Enforcement is an issue; need more regular enforcement for U-turns and parking.
- McEown Ave & Louise St
  - Difficulty with north-south crossing; visibility issues makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross.
- Louise St
  - Parking should be restricted near crosswalk (East Centre).
  - Parked vehicles create visibility issues at intersections.
- Adelaide St
  - Pedestrians aren't pushing the button (at the crossing to Market Mall).
  - Snow build up may make it difficult for pedestrians to reach the button.
  - Potential solution: snow clearing.
- Armistice Way
  - Road is too narrow because of parking on both sides.
  - No snow clearing done, ever.
  - Fire trucks can't get through.
  - Possible Solution: No parking restrictions should be done on one side.
  - Left turn is difficult so can only make a right turn when exiting.
- High speeds on Arlington Ave – particularly near Easthill and Arlington mall.
- More enforcement needed; photo enforcement.
- Supportive of Preston Ave and Taylor St light changes
  - Would like protected left turn every cycle.

### Group 3: Sheliza

- East Dr & Preston Ave crosswalk
  - Hidden and dangerous.
  - Want increased treatment.
  - Possible Solution: curb extensions; traffic calming measure.
- Preston speeding issues from Stonebridge heading north
  - Speed is 60 km/hr on overpass and 50 km/hr on either side.
  - Possible Solution: change speed limit to 50 km/hr on all of Preston Ave.
  - Traffic volume increase due to Stonebridge.
- John Dolan School
  - Crosswalk at Arlington Ave and Eastview.
  - Possible Solution: Zebra crosswalk not adequate, higher level treatment; yellow flashers with auditory signals.
  - Special needs kids attend here.
  - Speeding in school zone.
- Pope John Paul II School
  - May be new desire line to new playground in John Dolan School.
- Speeding on all of Preston Ave.
- Preston needs more street lighting.
- Preston Ave (west curb) at 100 East Dr
  - People running onto front lawn.

- Taylor St & Preston Ave
  - Has pavement markings and signage, but drivers are still having difficulty understanding/navigating new lanes.

#### Group 4: Min

- Adelaide St & McEown Ave
  - Drivers disobey 3-way stop signs; never make full stop but yield instead; resume driving at high speed.
- McEown Ave & Porter St
  - Snow removal along the city sidewalk was not done well while residents were asked to shovel according to bylaw. A lot of times the snow was shoveled by city but was not removed, resulting in a windrow that took away walking path (on sidewalk) and parking stall (along the curb); makes pedestrian crossing difficult; hard to access sidewalk; makes travel lane much narrower.
- Preston Ave overpass on northbound lane
  - Driver using the “left-turn-only” lane as the passing lane, multiple times of near miss/side swipe as drivers did not signal when they use the lane to pass.
  - Possible Solution: Apply the raised median option to stop this driving pattern.
- Preston Ave & Wilson Cr
  - Too long of a wait time to turn from Wilson Cr onto Preston Ave; congestion needs to be resolved.
- Adelaide St & Preston Ave
  - Since 2011 the traffic signal was warranted at this location, and now was told it is in the priority list and still not installed. Why?
- 2300 Eastview
  - Southbound and eastbound drivers driving too fast.
- 2200 Easthill & 1800 Easthill
  - The triangle has no signs to indicate which leg has the ROW over the other one or two. Approach from 1800, the triangle could be seen as an obstruction; however approach from 2200, it looks like a “through” lane and drivers do not slow down.
- 2400 Eastview & 2300 Easthill
  - T-intersection without any signs/traffic control bringing in confusing. Property on the NW corner of this intersection creates sightline issue from what built in the property, plus the curb parking, on all legs of this intersection.
- Louise St & McEown Ave
  - 2 stop signs currently in place are not effective, traffic is too congested outside and during school hours.
- McEown Ave & Adelaide St
  - The removed bus stop sign should be restored.
- Park – snow plough
  - The pathways are run down; good snow clearing of the pathway is demanded.
- 1900 Easthill & 2300 Easthill
  - Parking along the curb created sightline issue; the “Y-intersection” at 1900 Easthill is a blind spot for driver; overall SB traffic is too fast coming downhill.

## Group 5: Chelsea

- McEown Ave & Louise St
  - Busy at school times.
  - Hard to see – all 4 directions.
  - Possible Solution: 4-way stop; restrict parking to help sightlines.
- Shortcutting (neighbourhood-wide)
  - Shortcut to avoid Preston Ave to get to Taylor St through the neighbourhood.
  - Non-local traffic has increased on Arlington Ave.
  - Shortcutting down Adelaide St & McEown Ave to head east out of the neighbourhood.
- Preston Ave
  - Lanes are wide enough that it's not clear if it's 1 or 2 lanes.
  - Bumper to bumper traffic since Stonebridge.
  - Can the trees be removed to narrow the median boulevard?
  - Want a review of the need for left turn lanes along Preston Ave.
  - Left turn arrow needed at Louise St.
- Market Mall parking lot is used as a carpool lot
- Preston Ave & Adelaide St
  - Traffic signals needed.
  - People are having to go around to Louise St.
  - Perhaps a pedestrian signal could be installed at least.
- Arlington Ave
  - Speeding (especially between 1400 and 1700 East Heights).
  - Possible Solution: 3-way stop at East Centre and 4-way stop at 1700 East Heights.
  - Possible Solution: Speed display board between 1400 and 1700 East Heights.
- Preston Ave & Taylor St
  - Like the changes made there.
- Louise St
  - Driveway on Louise St at Gas Station/Mall entrance is problematic and confusing for people.
  - Possible Solution: Consolidate this to one driveway.
- Taylor St & Arlington Ave
  - Tree on southwest corner that blocks sightlines.
  - Like the dedicated left turn arrow.
- What does the “High Collision Area Strictly Enforced” sign mean?
- 800 Louise St
  - Tree trimming needed.
- More young families with kids moving into the neighbourhood again
- 1400 East Heights
  - Speeding both ways.
  - Possible Solution: Speed humps.
- Dirty signs are hard to see; they don't reflect.
- Roads surrounding Market Mall will be seeing more traffic with redevelopment on that site (potential medical centre).

## Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than February 13, 2018
3. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than February 13, 2018
4. Traffic count data collection, analysis
5. Develop recommendations and prepare draft traffic plan
6. Follow-up public meeting to provide input on draft plan
7. Determine revisions and finalize traffic plan
8. Present traffic plan to City Council for approval

## Question & Answer

Resident: Are there enough funds in the budget for implementation even though there are eight neighbourhoods this year?

Chelsea: Yes. Temporary traffic calming has been installed in previous years and will be implemented for your neighbourhood in 2019.

Resident: When there's a school and they have issues in the school zone, the response in the past is it's the school boards responsibility. How can they make these changes without input from the neighbourhood?

Nathalie: Usually requests made by the school boards are related to the school frontage (on their property), like school bus loading or pick-up/drop-off signage. Residents affected by other school board requests not on the school property, will go through door-hanger process where the residents will have a number to call regarding the change.

Councillor Dubois gave an update on the traffic signal at Adelaide St and Preston Ave. The traffic signal is at the top of the priority list. All locations are reprioritized each year and the list of priorities provided to Council for budget deliberation.