

## College Park / College Park East Neighbourhood Traffic Review

Tuesday, January 18, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Evan Hardy Collegiate – 605 Acadia Dr

### Facilitators:

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

### City of Saskatoon Representatives:

- Yang Li, Nathalie Baudais, Mariniel Flores, Marina Melchiorre, David LeBoutillier, Mingqing Deng

### Agenda

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

### Welcome Remarks

- Councillor Sarina Gersher

### Presentation from Transportation Division – College Park / College Park East Neighbourhood Traffic Review

(Presented by Yang Li – Transportation Engineer-in-Training)

See Attachment: Presentation – January 18, 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 College Park / College Park East and potential solutions

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

Group 1: Yang Li

- Spinks Dr & Carleton Dr
  - Pedestrian crossing is unsafe, vehicles do not yield to pedestrians, needs active pedestrian corridor
  - Improve lighting, too dark at night
- 14<sup>th</sup> St
  - Speeding

- Spinks Dr back alley
  - Speeding
  - Shortcutting traffic
- Circle Dr on-ramp from 14<sup>th</sup> St
  - Too short to accelerate to 90 kph
  - Hard to merge onto Circle Dr
  - Reduce speed limit on Circle Dr
- Acadia Dr & McKercher Dr
  - Difficult to turn left onto McKercher Dr
  - Install traffic signal or roundabout
  - Improve traffic signal coordination on McKercher Dr to slow traffic
- Acadia Dr, McKercher Dr & 8<sup>th</sup> St
  - Eastbound left turn phase should be longer and active every cycle
- Pavement marking should be improved on 8<sup>th</sup> St, Acadia Dr, McKercher Dr and 14<sup>th</sup> St
- Change all pedestrian actuated signals to active pedestrian corridors
- Acadia Dr
  - Vehicles park too close to intersections, crosswalks and driveways, especially along the curve between 14<sup>th</sup> St and Dalhousie Cres
  - Snow windrow makes it too narrow
  - 30 kph along the curve should be enforced
  - Parking should be only permitted on one side
  - Sherbrooke employees should use their off-street parking lot
- Horizontal and vertical deflection devices are unsafe for cyclists, they put cyclists into traffic, bad for snow clearing
- Laurentian Cres
  - Speeding
  - Vibration from bus cracked drywall
  - Need speed display board
- Boychuk Dr & McKercher Dr
  - Westbound left turn traffic runs red light
- McKercher Dr
  - Speeding, high traffic volumes
- Degeer St
  - Westbound left turn onto McKercher Dr is difficult
- Soundwall along College Dr is too short

#### Group 2: Nathalie Baudais

- Briarwood traffic shortcuts through the neighbourhood using McKercher Dr and Boychuk Dr
- Busy commuters going through the area
- McGill St & Carleton Dr
  - Soundwall does not prevent traffic noise
- Anderson Cres back alley

- Shortcut between McKercher Dr and Acadia Dr
- Too much speeding, many near misses
- Paved lane encourages speeding
- Difficult to exit from garages / backyards
- New liquor store at McKercher Dr will aggravate problem
- Should have more 20 kph signage and enforcement
- Pilot project for speed humps should include back lanes
- McKercher Dr & 8<sup>th</sup> St
  - Southbound left turn should be longer during the afternoon peak (4:30-5:30pm)
  - Queue goes beyond turn bay, causes shortcutting on Boychuk Dr and Degeer St
- Edinburgh Pl & McKercher Dr
  - Would like pedestrian device
- Trent Cres & Degeer St
  - Would like pedestrian device
- Carleton Dr & Acadia Dr
  - Would like pedestrian active corridor, the crosswalk is just past the 30 kph curve warning sign, it is a lit corridor but there is no pushbutton
  - Speeding around the curve
- Dalhousie Cres
  - Soundwall is vibrating into backyard, backyard is not enjoyable
- Cycling paths should be provided throughout neighbourhood
- McKercher Dr Corridor
  - Westbound left turn from Degeer St is a deadly enterprise
  - Parking in northbound lanes too close to the intersection
  - Would like traffic signals
  - Corridor needs to be slowed down
  - Not safe for cyclists
  - Pedestrian crossing needed between McKercher Dr and Mount Allison Cres
  - Crosswalks are too dark
  - Increased speeds aggravates problem
  - 50 kph sign too far south
- Degeer St
  - Major speeding problem
  - Degeer Cres is difficult to turn out
- Roland Michener School
  - Parking covers crosswalk, too close to intersection
  - Malcolm Place back alley has drop off and pick up issues
- All existing crosswalks should be lighted, including Evan Hardy
- Speeding on Acadia Dr, Balfour St, Boychuk Dr
- Proponent of 40 kph throughout City
- Existing pedestrian active corridors
  - Vehicles pass on the right
  - No curb extension at Degeer St
  - Signage is often blocked by trees
- McKercher Dr should be included; it is integral to the function of the neighbourhood
- Sound wall at McKercher Dr and Simon Fraser Cres not finished well

- Acadia Dr & McKercher Dr
  - 3:00 – 6:00 pm difficult to get onto McKercher Dr
- Cardinal Leger school zone signage is poorly marked
- 3100 block of 8<sup>th</sup> St
  - Signs on curb impede visibility into and out of the development

### Group 3: Marina Melchiorre

- More posted speed signs
- Radar speed boards are effective
- Boychuk Dr roundabout
  - Northbound signage needed because people are not yielding
  - Noisy
- Boychuk Dr eastbound and westbound speeding
  - Nighttime lighting is poor
  - All times of day
  - Need police enforcement
- Boychuk at McMaster Cres & Waterloo Cres (east)
  - Crosswalk should be marked better
  - Trees blocking signs
  - Should be pedestrian corridor
- Acadia Dr & McKercher
  - Northbound left turn long waits
  - No crosswalk for pedestrians
- McKercher Dr – speeding
- Acadia Dr around Sherbrooke – speeding
- Alley behind Sherbrooke to Dalhousie Cres
  - Northbound one way is not signed
  - Semis loading blocking and motorist get stuck (make 3-point turns close to residents)
- Carleton Dr & Acadia Dr
  - Trees blocking sightline at crosswalk
  - Active pedestrian corridor
  - Lane interferes with crossing
- 14<sup>th</sup> St & Acadia Dr
  - Westbound stop not signed, 3 way or 4 way?
- McKercher Dr to College Dr – catchbasin in northbound lane, also on is in southbound direction (people swerve to miss the bump)
- McKercher Dr at Edinburgh Place & 7-11
  - Need a pedestrian corridor
- Acadia Dr & 8<sup>th</sup> St
  - Southbound phase is too short (especially at school times)
  - People cutting through parking lot
  - Designated southbound right turn lane needed
- McKercher Dr median opening – U turns are dangerous
- McKercher Dr, Boychuk Dr & 8<sup>th</sup> St

- Eastbound and westbound protected left turn
- Visibility of oncoming traffic is poor for those making left turns
- Snow removal in front of schools is poor

#### Group 4: Mariniel Flores

- Balfour St & Harrington Pl
  - Lots of traffic, congested with vehicles
  - Children have difficulty crossing
  - Backed up at Balfour St & Acadia Dr and at Harrington St & Acadia Dr
  - Vehicles blocking the traffic lane
  - End of summer, vehicles passing and speeding past in the opposing traffic lane
  - Snow windrow makes street too narrow, difficult to see pedestrians
  - Signs on median has been hit, needs repair
  - Install speed display board, speed radar, active pedestrian corridor
  - 30 kph school zone obstructed by trees in eastbound direction, might be too high
  - Kids walk on snow bank
  - Shortcutting when Evan Hardy school hours end from Acadia Dr
  - Speeding eastbound through school zone
- College Dr onto McKercher Dr
  - Difficult to cross two lanes to turn at Boychuk Dr
  - Southbound through traffic are speeding, slow them down or install merge sign for southbound through traffic
- Alley west on Mount Allison Cres
  - Walkway from both schools, difficult to cross since vehicles speeding
  - Children at play signs were effective but needs more improvement
  - Speed signs were installed but are not effective
  - Restrict access into alley or make it a one-way
  - Enforcement often isn't enough
- Poor bus service, need more bus routes
- Closed back alley (Anderson Cres)
  - It allowed access for southbound traffic before then it was closed
  - Fence damaged 3 times due to vehicles speeding from the bars
  - Should re-survey about this
  - Jerseys are only temporary, should be permanently closed with permanent barriers (bollards)
- Sherbrooke Nursing Home along Acadia Dr
  - Wheelchairs on road instead of using sidewalk, being encouraged to do that
- 8<sup>th</sup> St & Acadia Dr
  - Vehicles turning left into 7/11 are backing up traffic
  - Restrict left turn into 7/11

#### Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than February 15, 2018

3. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than February 15, 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: Where can I send cycling comments?

Nathalie: You can send those comments through the NTR comments and we will forward to the Active Transportation Program Manager.

Resident: Where can I send transit comments?

Nathalie: You can send to the transit operations group, their contact information is on city website, or you can send to Councillor Gersher.

Resident: Traffic noise is an issue, will it be covered in the NTR?

Mariniel: Traffic noise issues are resolved through the Traffic Noise Sound Attenuation program.

Resident: Intersection at McKercher Dr & Edinburgh needs to be looked, enforcement issue and better lighting

Yang: This intersection is under a review. We will provide updates at the fall meeting.

Resident: McKercher Dr needs to be included in the study. For us, it is our neighbourhood street, it is an arterial between Hwy#5 & Taylor St only. It shouldn't be excluded. The NTR process should be changed to include these streets.

#### Closing Remarks

- Councillor Gersher
- Staff Sergeant Barbar