# Silverspring Neighbourhood Traffic Review Thursday, January 26, 2017, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Ebenezer Baptist Church (107 McWillie Avenue)

#### Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Traffic Management Presentation
- 3. Draft Plan (Table Group) Discussion Seeking Your Input
- 4. Next Steps Where From Here?
- 5. Questions & Answers

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

(Presented by Mitch Riabko and Kathy Dahl, Facilitators)

## 2. <u>Traffic Management Presentation – Silverspring Neighbourhood Traffic Review</u>

(Presented by Mariniel Flores, P.Eng., Transportation Engineer)

- Presentation Outline
  - Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
  - o Silverspring Review Schedule
  - What We Heard
  - What We Did
  - What We Propose
- Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
  - o August 2013 New process
  - Mandate Improve safety for all road users within neighbourhoods, reduce traffic volumes, slow vehicular speeds, improve pedestrian crossings & intersections where necessary
  - o 2014 Reviewed 11 neighbourhoods
  - o 2015 Reviewed 8 neighbourhoods
  - 2016 Silverspring, Sutherland, Parkridge, Willowgrove, Stonebridge, Hampton Village, Grosvenor Park, Lakeridge
- Silverspring Review Schedule
  - Stage 1 Identify issues & possible solutions through community consultation (May 2016 to January 2017)
  - Stage 2 Develop a draft traffic plan
  - Stage 3 Present draft traffic plan to community for feedback (January 2017)
  - Stage 4 Implement changes over time (Beginning Spring 2017)
- What We Heard
  - Speeding Concerns
    - Konihowski Rd
    - Rever Rd

- Garvie Rd
- Shortcutting Concerns
  - Konihowski Rd
- Pedestrian Safety & Intersection Concerns
  - Konihowski Rd & Carr Cres (N)
  - In front of Mother Teresa School
  - Konihowski Rd & Garvie Rd
  - Konihowski Rd & Rever Rd
  - Attridge Dr & Rever Rd
  - Intersections along Central Ave (Konihowski Rd, Garvie Rd, Somers Rd, Fedoruk Dr)
- Other Concerns
  - Missing sidewalks
  - Lighting
  - Road condition
  - Snow removal
  - Excessive vehicle noise
  - Attridge Dr & Central Ave
- What We Did
  - Compiled Information Received
    - Past studies
    - Comments from initial meeting
    - Resident responses (phone calls, emails, letters)
    - Comments from Shaping Saskatoon
  - Collected Data
    - 10 intersection/pedestrian counts
    - 6 3-day/7-day traffic counts (24 hour) & speed measurements
    - Collision data
  - Site Visits / Field Reviews
  - Assessed Concerns
  - Generated Proposed Recommendations
- What We Propose
  - Standard Crosswalks
  - Zebra Crosswalk
  - Raised Median Islands
  - Yield Sign
  - Stop Signs
  - o Active Pedestrian Corridor
  - Traffic Signals

## 3. <u>Draft Plan (Table Group) Discussion</u>

Residents were divided into small groups to discuss the proposed recommendations

\*\*\*Refer to separate attachment for small group comments\*\*\*

### 4. Next Steps

(Presented by Mariniel Flores, P.Eng., Transportation Engineer)

- 1. Send comments no later than February 24, 2017
- Additional public input via City on-line Community Engagement webpage no later than February 24, 2017 at http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/silverspring-neighbourhood-traffic-review
- 3. Additional consultation if required
- 4. Present Traffic Plan to Transportation Committee
- 5. Present Traffic Plan to City Council for approval
  - a. If at any point throughout the process you don't agree with the recommendations, there are opportunities to voice your opinion. You can reserve five minutes to speak during the Transportation Committee or City Council meetings.
- 6. What happens after City Council approval?
  - a. Recommendations are implemented. Traffic calming devices are installed on a temporary basis using rubber curbs for a trial period of at least one year so we can determine if they are effective. Please let us know if something is not working or needs to be changed or removed.

### 5. Questions & Answers

Q: Can speed humps/bumps be installed past schools?

A: Speed humps/bumps are not recommended unless there are excessive speeds (i.e., 30% higher than posted speed limit). Speed humps/bumps are also not recommended on emergency routes. There are also concerns regarding noise and vibrations from residents adjacent to the speed humps/bumps.

Q: Can speed humps/bumps be installed as a temporary trial?

A: I'm not sure but we've received feedback on the speed humps/bumps that are installed on 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

Comment: Vehicles are turning left on Central Ave into the dog park. This access should be moved. Vehicles turn around the corner and have to stop to wait for these vehicles turning into the dog park.

Q: Are sound walls going to be considered? Will there be a sound wall near Central Avenue & Rever Rd?

A: There is a sound wall monitoring list. We will check the list.

Councillor Jeffries: Sound walls will be built in certain locations as part of the North Commuter Parkway Project.

Q: When will the sound walls be built?

Councillor Jeffries: The contractor has until October 2018. It is a P3 project so there is flexibility. The sound walls could be built in 2017.

Q: Are there different styles of sound walls?

Councillor Jeffries: The style of sound walls is not specified in the P3 contract. It is an aesthetically pleasing product at a good price.

Comment: Look at the impact of the double left-turning lane at the intersection of Attridge Dr & Central Ave intersection.

A: We will follow up.

Comment: Mother Teresa School has not active crosswalks.

A: There are issues with the mid-block crossing. I have contacted the school board.

Comment: It is not busy at Konihowski Rd & Pezer Cres (S).

Q: Where do we find information about the Attridge Dr & Central Ave intersection and North Commuter Parkway project?

A: The information can be sent to you and will be posted on the Shaping Saskatoon website.

The link is <a href="https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/major-projects/current-projects/north-commuter-parkway-traffic-bridge-replacement-project">https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/major-projects/current-projects/north-commuter-parkway-traffic-bridge-replacement-project</a>.

Comment: It is difficult to make a southbound to westbound turn because it is too tight. Install a 40kph sign.

Q: Is there plans for a median along Central Ave?

A: The plans are on the website.

The link is

https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/ncp\_functional\_plan\_20151014.pdf.

Q: Will construction on Attridge Dr & Central Ave start this summer? Is there a way to get out of Silverspring? There will be construction at other locations at the same time.

A: A detour plan will be developed.

Comments: There are high rates of speeds in the neighbourhood.

A: We have completed speed studies. We recommend setting the pace (i.e., pace car), increased enforcement, and information has been passed on to Saskatoon Police Services.

Comment: There is lots of speeding. Young drivers and cell phones are a problem. There are a lot of young kids. One kid drove up onto the fire hydrant.

Comment: I live on Le May Cres and kids do wheelies on the ice. I called Saskatoon Police Services and told their parents.

Q: Is anything being done on Fedoruk Dr? There is lots of traffic out of Evergreen.

Councillor: As part of the North Commuter Parkway Project, a traffic study was completed at Central Ave & Fedoruk Dr.

Comment: Consider 30kph near playgrounds and parks.

Councillor Jeffries: That is a decision for City Council and will generate a lot of discussion – is 30kph the right number, should it be all year round and all day?

Comment: Please update the website to include information about the Central Ave & dog park access.

Q: I bike to work. I want to go north at Attridge Dr & Central Ave. Will there be anything going north?

Councillor Jeffries: There will be a multi-use pathway from Attridge Dr to the North Commuter Parkridge bridge.

Q: When will the recommendations be installed?

A: Spring/summer 2017

Q: When the report goes to City Council, will we be notified?

A: The Community Association will be notified.

Councillor Jeffries: A report on speed humps/bumps will be presented at the Transportation Committee meeting. I will be advocating to try them out. There is a lot of work ahead (i.e., traffic signal at Fedoruk Dr & Central Ave, traffic signal at Central Ave & Konihowski Rd, construction at Highway 5 & McOrmond Dr. Thank you for your patience.

## **List of Representatives**

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