

# CITY OF SASKATOON

## Eastview and Nutana Suburban Centre Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Pope John Paul II School (3035 Arlington Avenue, Saskatoon)

**Attendees:**

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Mariniel Flores	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Minqing Deng	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Marina Melchiorre	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Carly Grassing	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer-in- Training
Councillor Bev Dubois	Ward 9 City Council Representative
Councillor Mairin Loewen	Ward 7 City Council Representative

**Items:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Presentation from the Transportation Division**

(Presented by Chelsea Lanning – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – September 25, 2018

**Saskatoon Police Service**

**306-975-8300 OR 306-975-8068 to report a traffic complaint or a concern**

**Small Group Discussions**

Residents were divided into small groups to discuss the draft traffic plan recommendations.

**Group 1: Marina Melchiorre**

- Arlington Avenue and Louise Street (North leg)
  - Supportive. If delayed use other Louise Street.
- Louise Street and McEown Avenue/600 East Place
  - Supportive. Suggest painted stop bars.
- Arlington Avenue between 3100 Eastview and 2700 Eastview
  - People speed up between Eastview 2700 and #9 on map eastbound end of school zone – expand school zone further east. School zone enforcement is needed at ends and near #7 on map. People like the school zone signs rolled out to the middle of the street. Preferably on median treatments. Improves the visibility of speed reduction signs.
- Taylor Street and Arlington Avenue
  - Eastbound delays for left turns.
- Wilson Crescent and Preston Avenue
  - Westbound left sightlines to see northbound traffic are poor.
- Preston Avenue and Armistice Way
  - Crossing Preston Avenue to make a westbound left turn from Armistice Way is difficult.

**Group 2: Mariniel Flores**

- Arlington Avenue and Louise Street (North leg)
  - Some residents are supportive and others are neutral about stop control.
  - Not supportive of median island.
- Arlington Avenue and Porter Street
  - Supportive of changing yield to a stop control; want a 3-way stop (community garden and seniors present). Maybe a zebra crosswalk is needed.
- Louise Street and McEown Avenue/600 East Place
  - Most do not support installation of an all-way stop (not necessary); one resident was supportive.
  - Supportive of the other recommendations here.
- Arlington Avenue and 1800 Easthill
  - Move existing island farther from the curve (to south approx. 50 ft) so it doesn't get hit; warning sign for curve (30km/hr advisory); one resident wants the warning signs removed but is okay with the majority's choice. Should slow people down.
  - Same comment for the proposed additional median island.
- Arlington Avenue and 2300 Easthill
  - Supportive of median island with the exception of one resident.
- Arlington Avenue and 1100 East Centre
  - Not supportive of median island.
- Arlington Avenue and 2700 Eastview

- Suggest more police presence instead of median island; educate kids to get out of the car on sidewalk side.
- Arlington Avenue and 3100 Eastview
  - Not supportive of median island; obstruction (not needed).
  - Suggest speed display board instead of median islands along Arlington Avenue. Needed in the middle of the Arlington Avenue school zone in both directions.
- 1300 East Centre and Arlington Avenue
  - Speeding in the back lane. Suggest 20km/hr speed limit signs in both directions.
- Arlington Avenue and East Drive
  - Bus stop blocks right turns. Suggest moving bus stop across East Drive.
- Adelaide Street and McEown Avenue
  - Vehicles near Adelaide Street and McEown Avenue make it difficult to exit driveways.
- Adelaide Street – Preston Avenue to McEown Avenue
  - Centerline painting suggested.
- Preston Avenue and Adelaide Street
  - Don't like traffic signals because you can't make U-turns at signalized intersections.
- Louise Street and Preston Avenue
  - Some like the idea of consolidating driveways, others don't.

### **Group 3: Nathalie Baudais**

- Arlington Avenue and Porter Street
  - Busy spot for pedestrians.
  - Stop sign may not make a difference, cars are stopped when it's busy anyway. Fine with making the switch from yield sign to stop sign. Several high school students turn right, then make a U-turn to head northbound on Arlington rather than making a left turn.
- Louise Street and McEown Avenue/600 East Place
  - Supportive of all-way stop. Happy to see this.
- Arlington Avenue and 1800 Easthill
  - Making existing median island permanent is not enough to address the speeding and collisions at this location. This is a blind corner. Several collisions, including a fatality have occurred here. Suggest traffic signals.
  - Speed humps would better address the speeding issue. Median islands may still help. Install the islands and make sure that evaluation/follow-up is completed. If devices are ineffective, other measures need to be considered.
- Arlington Avenue and 2300 Easthill
  - Repaint crosswalk (street was repaved recently). Would like it to be a zebra crossing.
  - There is a school zone sign visibility issue here. Tree needs a trim.
- Arlington Avenue and 1100 East Centre

- Would like an upgrade to APC in addition to the median.
- Arlington Avenue and 3100 Eastview
  - Median island okay. There is a new playground at John Dolan School. No parking for school staff so they park on Eastview. Would like a crosswalk across Arlington Avenue.
- Arlington Avenue between 3100 Eastview and 2700 Eastview
  - Speed display board is pointless and redundant if other measures are in place. However, if it educates drivers, it is worth doing. Place additional school zone sign.
- Alley behind 2700, 2600, and 2500 Eastview
  - Enforcement needed as well.
- Seniors don't use push buttons near Market Mall.
- East Heights/Arlington Avenue
  - Pedestrian crossing device is needed.
  - Extend Alvin Buckwold School zone beyond East Centre.
- Preston Avenue and Arlington Avenue
  - Protected left turn phase should be provided every cycle.
- Arlington Avenue and Louise Street
  - Traffic doesn't fully stop at 4-way stop.
- Preston Avenue and East Drive
  - Proposed Active Pedestrian Corridor (APC) does not solve passing on the right. Would prefer traffic signal or curb extensions. A jut out even if it's not a full curb extension would be better than nothing.
- Louise Street and Preston Avenue
  - Would love to have driveways consolidated.

#### **Group 4: Mingqing Deng**

- Arlington Avenue and Porter Street
  - Holy Cross eastbound drivers turn right, then make a U-turn to go northbound at Sturby Place.
- Louise Street and McEown Avenue/600 East Place
  - Are motorized scooters in compliance with bylaw?
- Arlington Avenue and 2300 Easthill
  - Northbound left turn problems.
  - Eastbound parked vehicles obstruct intersection.
- Arlington Avenue & 3100 Eastview
  - Need more reminders of John Dolan School.
- Louise Street near 1800 East Centre
  - There is a bus stop on the eastbound side that leaves just enough space for a car to park between the stop and the crosswalk. Suggest placing parking restriction there as well as on westbound side of intersection.
- East Drive between Preston Avenue & Arlington Avenue
  - Speeding issues. Drivers do not stop at 2-way stop. Extend school zone eastward.
- 700 East Drive and 700 East Drive cul-de-sac

- Remove pedestrian do not cross sign and add zebra crosswalk and pedestrian ramp on east side.
- Preston Avenue and East Drive
  - Curb extension may be needed as well as the zebra crosswalk.

#### **Group 5: Chelsea Lanning**

- Arlington Avenue and Louise Street (North leg)
  - Hard to get out at peak times, right or left. Parking restriction to create two northbound lanes between Louise Street & Taylor Street would help. These could be all day or only during peak periods.
  - Check to see if a left turn and right turn can still happen at the same time (2 lanes). Island is a traffic obstruction, waste of money and hard for snow clearing. Just need to trim the spruce tree there.
- Arlington Avenue and Porter Street
  - Hard to get out at peak times, right or left. Suggest a parking restriction southbound on Arlington Avenue to aid right turns.
- Louise Street & McEown Avenue/600 East Place
  - Agree. All-way stop will help bus operations and vehicle movement.
- Arlington Avenue and 1800 Easthill
  - Hard to turn here in the winter because it gets slippery. More obstacles make it harder to keep cleared and safe.
  - Advisory speed signs not understood, frustrating, and cause unexpected sudden braking; do the signs need to be there?
- Arlington Avenue and 2300 Easthill
  - Median islands are an obstruction for snow clearing.
- Arlington Avenue and 1100 East Centre
  - Median islands are an obstruction for snow clearing.
- Arlington Avenue & 2700 Eastview
  - Median islands are an obstruction for snow clearing.
  - This one is most supported because of kids crossing for school here.
- Arlington Avenue and 3100 Eastview
  - Median islands are an obstruction for snow clearing.
- Would like to see the Alvin Buckwold School Zone extended through the intersection on each side to help kids cross.
- John Dolan School should have a school silhouette roll out sign in the middle of the road during school zone hours. Lots of parking near there that also impedes traffic. More school zone signs needed in this zone to remind drivers they are in a school zone.
- More general safety and education is needed for parents and kids in school zones about how to cross safely. Kids are jumping out of the car into traffic lanes.
- Taylor Street and Arlington Avenue
  - Sight lines are obstructed on northwest corner due to a spruce tree.
- Preston Avenue and East Drive

- Would prefer a signal to help vehicles get onto Preston Avenue. People shortcut through the alley near John Dolan school to get to the Arlington Avenue signals because this intersection doesn't have any.

### **Next Steps**

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than October 19, 2018.
2. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than October 19, 2018.
3. Additional consultation if required.
4. Present traffic plan to Standing Policy Committee on Transportation as information.
5. If City Council approval is required for a recommendation (e.g. road closure), a recommendation will be included in the report for City Council approval.
6. What if I don't agree?

### **Question and Answer**

Q: Has the City thought about solar lights for signs in school zones?

A (Nathalie): We follow MUTCD national standards. Solar lights aren't a standard at this time.

Q: How about speed display boards in school zones?

A (Nathalie): We have some of these boards and have recommended them in school zones. These are only installed for one season to ensure it's effective. If left in place too long, drivers become complacent.

Q: Is it a coincidence or planned that speed display boards are sometimes installed near speed cameras?

A (Nathalie): Speed display boards are recommended through the NTR program and speed cameras are a different program. Although separate programs, they are both installed in areas where there is speeding.

Q: Is the Wilson Crescent and Preston Avenue intersection included in the scope of this study?

A (Nathalie): No. That intersection was a part of the Circle Drive South project and is outside the scope of the NTR program.