

Glasgow Street Traffic Review Update

The City of Saskatoon undertook a Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) in Avalon in 2015. The comprehensive review, which included gathering input from area residents and traffic analysis, resulted in a traffic improvement plan that was adopted by City Council on April 25, 2016. This plan, as well as more information about the NTR process, is available at saskatoon.ca/NTR.

The final plan included a number of measures to calm traffic within and reduce shortcutting through the Avalon neighbourhood, including pinch points, median islands and curb extensions.

Following the implementation of the traffic calming measures identified in the traffic plan, the City observed that the pinch points on Glasgow Street were proving ineffective in addressing shortcutting traffic. Alternate measures were considered and it was determined that a directional closure that prevented northbound left turns onto Glasgow Street may be effective. It was installed on a trial basis in the Fall 2017 which we are now in the process of evaluating. The evaluation will consider traffic counts, stakeholder feedback (police, emergency services, school divisions) and community feedback.

Left-turn Restriction Advantage and Disadvantage

Advantage:

- Glasgow Street is a local street. The left-turn restriction has been effective at reducing traffic volumes/shortcutting on Glasgow Street which was cited as a key concern during the NTR process.
- The overall level of safety on Glasgow Street has increased by lowering traffic volumes.

Disadvantage:

- Traffic volumes have increased on McAskill Crescent, MacEachern Avenue, and Turner Avenue. Although the traffic volumes on these streets have increased when compared to pre-closure volumes, the volumes are within the expected range for local roads and the traffic is local to the Avalon neighbourhood.
- Travel distances and times have increased modestly as motorists have to drive a few more blocks to arrive, or depart, from their residence.

Administrative Recommendation to Council

The directional closure of Clarence Avenue at Glasgow Street has effectively reduced shortcutting traffic on Glasgow Street (west of Clarence Avenue) and should be installed permanently to restrict left turns to/from Glasgow Street (south).

Schedule

The Administration will be providing a report to the Public Hearing Meeting of City Council on **Monday, June 25 at 6 pm**. The full report will be attached to the Council agenda and available on the City's website on **Thursday, June 21** at saskatoon.ca/meeting. There is no need for residents to register to speak at this meeting.

With a permanent road closure recommendation, the Administration will **not** report to the Standing Policy Committee for Transportation on June 11.