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Community Drop-In Session Clarence Avenue & Main Street Intersection Improvements

The City of Saskatoon completed a traffic review at the intersection of Clarence Avenue and Main Street this summer after several residents reached out with concerns about safety. Channelization on Main Street is recommended to address these safety concerns.

Engagement Event #1

A targeted on-site engagement event was held with local residents most impacted by the proposed channelization on August 23, 2022.

Thank you to all the residents who attended and/or provided comments.

What We Heard

Based on what we heard, we've updated the recommendation.

- A pedestrian crossing is added on the south side of Clarence Avenue.
- Cycling will be considered in the channelization design.

Engagement Event #2

A second engagement event is planned to collect additional feedback from community members in Nutana and Varsity View on the recommended channelization.

When: Wednesday, February 1, 2023,
from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: Albert Community Center Loft
(3rd floor, wheelchair accessible)

Residents who attended Engagement Event #1 are welcome to join us again if they have additional questions or comments to share.

Next Steps

This traffic review and recommendation, along with a summary of all feedback received, will be presented to City Council for approval at an upcoming City Council – Public Hearing meeting. If adopted by City Council, the channelization process would begin this year.

Please refer to saskatoon.ca/clarenceandmain for project information and send your questions or comments to NTR@saskatoon.ca.

Thank you,



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Background

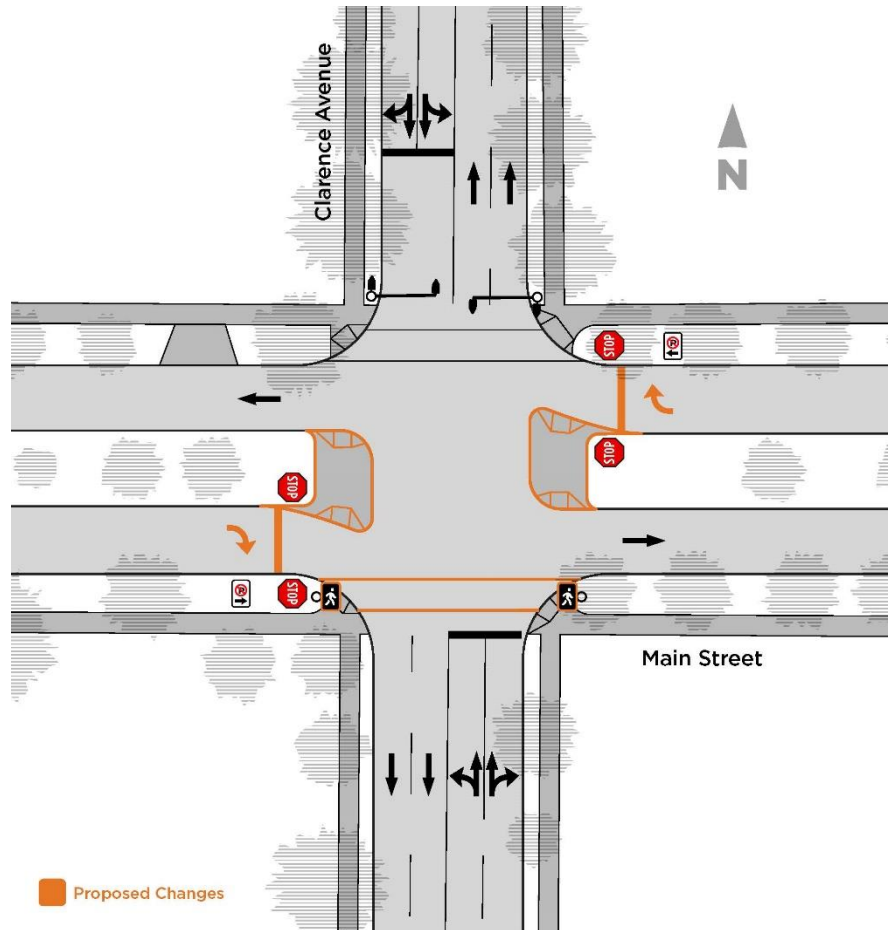
To improve safety at the intersection and address collision patterns, channelization on Main Street is recommended. This involves modifying the existing medians on Main Street at both approaches to create right turn only lanes. Drivers on Main Street would be required to turn right at the intersection and would no longer be able to drive straight through or turn left onto Clarence Avenue.

Advantages

- Improves safety by reducing right-angle (T-bone) collisions
- Short-cutting is discouraged
- Less traffic on Main Street
- Preserves all neighborhood trees
- Clarence Avenue drivers are not impacted

Disadvantages

- Main Street traffic is restricted
- Local traffic may be required to re-route to adjacent streets



Other Options

The following options were considered in the traffic review, but not recommended:

Sight Line Improvements	Removing a significant number of trees near the intersection would improve sight lines for Main Street drivers and may reduce collisions; however, the potential for right-angle collisions would still exist.
All-way Stop	The installation of an All-way Stop would increase traffic volumes and short-cutting on Main Street.
Traffic Signals	Installing traffic signals would require the removal of several trees. In addition, Clarence Avenue traffic would be delayed, and traffic volumes and short-cutting on Main Street would increase.