

CITY OF SASKATOON

Forest Grove Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 1st, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: St. Volodymyr School Gym (302 Kellough Road, Saskatoon)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Sheliza Kelts	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Minqing Deng	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Carly Grassing	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer-in-Training

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Sheliza Kelts – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – November 1, 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: Chelsea Lanning

- Group was supportive of the majority of the recommendations.
- Berini Drive between Rogers Road and Kerr Road speed display board facing southbound traffic
 - Thinks the northbound direction has a higher speed. Double check speed data results.
 - Like speed display boards.
- Gray Avenue & Cruise Street median island on southeast leg of Gray Avenue
 - Some are not sure about the median islands.
 - Most of the table supported this.
- Rossmo Road & Bradwell Avenue median islands on east and west legs of Rossmo Road
 - Generally, we can overdo it. People need to teach their kids road safety. Not fair that there is an overabundance of 'stuff'.
 - Add crosswalk.
 - Most of the table supported this.
- Rossmo Road & Pitt Avenue median islands on east and west legs of Rossmo Road
 - Add crosswalk.
- Central Avenue & Rossmo Road/Reid Road re-evaluation
 - Add sidewalk access to the bus stop on both sides of Central.
- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive re-evaluation
 - Needed especially when school lets out. Pedestrians also affect it.
 - Recommendation should say westbound not eastbound.
- Central Avenue & 115th Street on intersection improvement list
 - Think it works fairly well.
 - With more traffic northbound, left and thru lane can get backed up.
- Other comments
 - Central Avenue & 108th Street Northbound – better marking ahead for lane designation.
 - Don't agree with reduced speed zones for school zones. Most group members agree with school zone reduced speeds.
 - Attridge Drive & Rever Road bus stop affecting traffic flow on Attridge Drive.
 - Residential speed limit reduction to 30km/h seems extreme. Have there been accidents on residential streets to warrant this? Or studies to prove that it's needed. Would we have these same recommendations if we changed the posted speed limit to 30km/h?
 - Transit speeding on Dunlop Street
 - Median island at Attridge Drive & Central Avenue south leg - Northbound bump out on median island comes out of nowhere in the dark.
 - Gray Avenue – Do not like left turn restriction at Central Avenue. Some group members want more enforcement for this restriction.

- Yield signs should be changed to stop signs at the following locations on Rossmo Road – Bradwell Avenue, Delaven Crescent (east intersection) and Vickies Avenue.

Group 2: Nathalie Baudais

- Berini Drive & Rogers Road
 - Would also like Active Pedestrian Corridor device.
 - Okay with the rest of the recommendation
- Berini Drive between Rogers Road and Kerr Road speed display board
 - Wants this for both directions.
- Rainbow housing Co-Operative Lanes install 20 km/h speed limit signs
 - Grading very poor due to SaskPower work.
 - If alley is graded, then yes to installing the speed limit signs.
 - Would like the lane paved.
- 115th Street & Vickies Avenue Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
 - Would prefer Active Pedestrian Corridor device because of down lighting.
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons too bright at night if LED (use amber lights instead of blue-white).
 - Include a zebra crosswalk.
- Gray Avenue between Fitzgerald Street and Grant Street speed display boards
 - Police should enforce speeding downstream of the boards.
- Rossmo Road & Bradwell Avenue median islands on east and west legs of Rossmo Road
 - Change the recommendation to a stop sign on Bradwell Avenue instead of median islands on Rossmo Road.
- Various location of yield sign infill
 - Add yield sign at Wilkinson Crescent & Wilkinson Place on Wilkinson Place.
- Central Avenue & Rossmo Road/Reid Road re-evaluation
 - Some residents use this intersection instead of Birch Crescent because traffic can pass them on the right when they making a southbound left turn.
 - Some felt that this intersection is too close to Central Avenue & Attridge Drive for signals which could cause back-ups.
 - Some felt that this there was too much activity at this intersection and signals would be welcome.
- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive re-evaluation
 - Traffic signal timing is too short for northbound traffic.
 - Correct recommendation to westbound rather than eastbound.
- Central Avenue & 115th Street on intersection improvement list
 - Move bus stop further north and allow through movements northbound on curb lane.
- Other comments
 - Forest Drive & Webster Street – concerned for pedestrian safety for kids (cars speeding on Rossmo Road).

- Central Avenue & Gray Avenue – Add advance signs for left turn restrictions so that vehicles can detour, if necessary. Have police enforcement at 7:30am when there are higher numbers of offenders. Add zebra crosswalk on north leg on Central Avenue.
- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive – Provide a longer right turn lane for eastbound to southbound traffic.
- Down Berini Drive – sidewalks need repair.
- Central Avenue & Attridge Drive – Traffic seems worse than before the new bridge – Attridge Drive backs up to Circle when heading eastbound – interchange will be needed in the near future.
- Attridge Drive & Rever Road – Concerns with bus stops. Having to stop behind bus when there's a green light.
- Rail crossing – More grade separated crossings need to be done. At grade crossings are small town mentality. Winnipeg is doing a lot of grade separation work. The delays are particularly bad on Central Avenue because of train shuttling. Overpass from McKercher Drive to Berini Drive should be built, it would resolve train delay issues on Central Avenue.

Group 3: Carly Grassing

- Berini Drive & Rogers Road curb extensions on northeast corner
 - Two out of six don't like it.
- Berini Drive between Rogers Road and Kerr Road speed display board
 - Prefer speed hump.
- 115th Street & Vickies Avenue Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
 - Preference for west side crossing.
 - Would like to see an Active Pedestrian Corridor here.
- 115th Street & Kellough Road Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
 - Good, lighting concerns at night.
- Gray Avenue between Fitzgerald Street and Grant Street speed display boards
 - Prefer speed humps, speed display boards aren't always effective.
- Rossmo Road & Pitt Avenue median islands
 - Good since there is shortcutting on Rossmo Road.
- Rossmo Road/Forest Drive & Spruce Drive standard crosswalk
 - Add a crossing at Rossmo Road & Kellins Crescent to facilitate residents from north Forest Grove accessing Forestry Farm tunnel.
 - People cross at the tunnel mid-block.
- Central Avenue between Rossmo Road and 116th Street speed display boards
 - Too many signs on Central Avenue.
- Central Avenue & Rossmo Road/Reid Road re-evaluation
 - Traffic u-turns at Dutch Growers entrance.
 - Southbound on Central Avenue right lane must turn right.
- Other comments
 - Shortcutting on Vickies Avenue.

- Berini Drive & 115th Street – Traffic signals aren't needed. It is currently used for u-turns. Has traffic changed since the completion of the Central Avenue & Attridge Drive intersection construction work?

Group 4: Sheliza Kelts

- Central Avenue & Rossmo Road/Reid Road re-evaluation
 - Difficult to cross Rossmo Road on the east leg of the intersection.
 - Since transit stop moved on the west side of Rossmo, it is difficult to cross on the south leg of Rossmo Road.
 - Concerns for the pedestrians that use this intersection. Want to see traffic signals here.
 - Want right lane for southbound traffic to be a designated right hand turn only lane.
- Other comments
 - Want more frequent transit service down Central Avenue.
 - Would like to see Central Avenue changed to a four lane roadway eliminating the parking on Central Avenue.

Next Steps

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than November 30th, 2018.
2. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than November 30th, 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: How will a lower residential speed limit be enforced?

A (Sheliza): The Administration has been directed to review residential speed limits and the potential of lowering the speed limit. The review is underway so there is no plan for enforcing yet, it is still being explored. A report with the findings and recommendation will be made to Council in 2019.