

CITY OF SASKATOON

University Heights Suburban Centre Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 26th, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Forest Grove Community Church (502 Webster Street, Saskatoon)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Senior Transportation Engineer
Carly Grassing	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Sheliza Kelts	City of Saskatoon, Senior Transportation Engineer
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
David LeBoutillier	City of Saskatoon, Engineering Manager

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Nathalie Baudais – Senior Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – September 26, 2019

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: Nathalie Baudais

- Nelson Road & Heal Avenue
 - Some of the participants are willing to try the RRFB and zebra crosswalk. Others preferred traffic signals or an all-way stop.
- 333 Nelson Road
 - Some would like longer parking restrictions and to have parking restrictions on the west side of the west driveway as well. Others were supportive of the suggested 7 metre restriction.
- Heal Avenue & driveway between Attridge Drive & Ludlow Street (Dairy Queen)
 - Too much activity in this area and driveway restrictions would be better.
 - The stop sign will not solve the problems but won't cause harm.
- Lowe Road & Nelson Road
 - There are concerns for pedestrian safety crossing at this intersection. The 3:30 to 4:30 time frame is especially treacherous. Parking restrictions could help improve the visibility of pedestrians wanting to cross at this intersection.
- McOrmond Drive
 - Speed limits through the swale are too slow. Engineers should select speed limits instead of lobby groups.
- Nelson Road & Safeway entrance
 - This area has a lot of activity and making left turns onto Nelson Road is challenging because of the amount of traffic and the speeds.
 - Some would like right-in / right-out restrictions at this location, others did not want turning restrictions.
- City-wide
 - Commercial developments need to be better planned. Ingress and egress should be better designed.
 - Streets in new developments are too narrow.
 - Photo enforcement should be used to address speeding rather than narrowing the streets.

Group 2: Carly Grassing

- Nelson Road & Heath Avenue
 - Tree on the North corner makes it difficult to see pedestrians.
 - The curbs should be painted yellow for no parking areas.
 - Rectangular rapid flashing beacon requested. This is a busier crossing than Nelson Road & Heal Avenue.
- 333 Nelson Road
 - High demand for parking on the northeast corner of Nelson Road & Lowe Road. 7 metres is too small to allow for visibility.
 - Potential solution would be to have an entrance only into the west driveway, exit only from the east driveway.

- Lowe Road between Ludlow Street & Nelson Road
 - Speed display boards are a temporary fix. New drivers do not see the speed display board that was installed in the previous year. Would like something more permanent.
- Heal Avenue & driveway between Attridge Drive & Ludlow Street (Dairy Queen)
 - Difficult to make left turns out of the driveway. This is a very busy location. Driveway should be closed to reduce conflicts.
- Ludlow Street & Heal Avenue 7a
 - Four-way stop requested. This location is not as busy as the Dairy Queen driveway location.
 - The RRFB is the only thing needed at this location.
- Ludlow Street & Heath Avenue
 - Zebra crosswalk and RRFP requested since this is a very busy crossing. Heath is the main route for condo residents.
 - Parking restriction on the northwest corner would improve the visibility of pedestrians.
 - This is the most difficult pedestrian crossing in the area.
- Lowe Road & Nelson Road
 - Stop sign with red flashing beacons should be installed.
- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive
 - Left turn arrow is requested for the northbound left turn.
- Perehudoff Crescent & Epp Avenue
 - Speeding concerns and difficulty crossing the street.

Group 3: Sheliza Kelts

- Nelson Road & Heal Avenue
 - People cross at driveways. Might be difficult to change this behaviour.
- Ludlow Street & Heal Avenue
 - Add parking restrictions to the SW and SE corners on Heal Avenue for both options.
 - 7b is a little preferred but either option is fine.
- Ludlow Street & Heath Avenue
 - Add centreline on Ludlow Street.
 - Add stop sign south for exiting traffic from Co-op, onto Ludlow Street.
- Lowe Road & Nelson Road
 - A traffic signal is preferred over 4-way stop. A traffic signal may stop the traffic from shortcutting on Nelson Road.
- Lowe Road & Ludlow Street
 - Prefer the RRFB on the north side, because it removes the pedestrian conflict for vehicles turning eastbound to southbound and aligns with the recommendation at Heal Avenue & Ludlow Street.

- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive
 - Not enough time in north-south direction for pedestrians to cross Attridge Drive.
- Bicycles
 - There are issues with bikes speeding down the sidewalk.
 - More enforcement is needed for bike issues.
- Nelson Road
 - Stop Nelson Road from being the second Attridge Drive.
 - Maybe a three-way stop at Nelson Road & Heal Avenue instead of the traffic signal at Nelson Road & Lowe Road.

Group 4: Chelsea Lanning

- Nelson Road & Heal Avenue
 - It is difficult to cross so like the recommendation.
 - People aren't stopping at stop signs, enforcement is needed.
- Nelson Road & Heath Avenue
 - A truck always seems to park on this corner.
 - Drivers pass on the right (curb lane) at the driveway into Milano Apartment to get around left turning vehicles. Suggest a curb extension to prevent that.
 - People aren't stopping at stop signs, enforcement is needed.
- 333 Nelson Road
 - There is a curve when you look to the east, it is hard to see if a car is parked here.
- Lowe Road between Ludlow Street & Nelson Road
 - More enforcement is requested here.
- Ludlow Street & Heal Avenue
 - Request for signals or a four-way stop.
 - Option 7a will slow people more but may confuse drivers. Shorter pedestrian crossing seems positive.
 - Option 7b seems simpler. Easier to watch two lanes of traffic than three northbound lanes in Option 7a.
- Ludlow Street & Co-op Driveway
 - Like the recommended restriction.
 - There are bumps in the street that require repair. The manhole is sticking out too far and should be maintained.
 - Street parking is always filled by bank employees, etc. so there isn't turnover throughout the day. Suggest a two hour parking restriction. Off-street parking should be provided by the businesses.
- Lowe Road & Nelson Road
 - Not sure if this is going to help the situation. People are confused about who has the right-of-way.
 - Drivers gun the engine as they leave the intersection.
 - Street parking is heavily used so there may not be room to do this.

- Suggestion that a left turn only and through / right turn lane may work better.
- Lowe Road & Ludlow Street
 - Crossing Lowe Road during non-peak hours is fine.
- There is a lack of pedestrian facilities in the shopping development.
- Cyclists on the sidewalk are an issue in the neighbourhood.
- Suggest a speed display board further north on Lowe Road (north of intersection with Nelson Road).
- The neighbourhood needs more advance notice or signs when there are special events (e.g. Sikh Parade)
- Enforcement is needed on McOrmond Drive between 11:00 pm and 3:00 am
- Enforcement is needed for the Centennial Collegiate parking lot.
- The pedestrian audible signal at Lowe Road & Attridge Drive is not working.

Group 5: David LeBoutillier

- Nelson Road & Heal Avenue
 - Make sure there is a pedestrian button on the median pole.
- Nelson Road & Heath Avenue
 - Check if there is enough street lighting.
 - Make sure that the zebra crosswalk is painted.
- Ludlow Street & Heal Avenue
 - Sidewalk requested for the east side of the intersection (both north and south sides).
 - Option 7a had more support than 7b.
- Lowe Road & Nelson Road
 - Parking restrictions are needed on SE corner of the intersection.
- Roundabout on Nelson Road does not operate well during peak times. Pick-up and drop-off queues from the school block the roundabout circulation.
- Forestry Farm Drive & Attridge Drive
 - It is almost impossible to make the southbound left turn at certain times of the day.
- The new street lighting on College Drive is a bit dim.
- Cyclists on park pathways need to warn pedestrians of their approach.

Next Steps

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than October 19th, 2019.
2. Additional public input via City Engage Page no later than October 19th, 2019.
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: More police presence is requested to deal with traffic infractions like speeding and non-compliance at stop signs.