

CITY OF SASKATOON

Westview Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Caroline Robins Elementary School (1410 Byers Crescent)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mariniel Flores	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer Westview Neighbourhood Traffic Review Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Lanre Akindipe	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Minqing Deng	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Sheliza Kelts	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Staff Sergeant Patrick Barbar	Saskatoon Police Service, Traffic Unit

Regrets:

Councillor Troy Davies	Ward 4 City Council Representative
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Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Mariniel Flores – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – April 19, 2018

Saskatoon Police Service

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

Small Group Discussions

Breakout into small groups to discuss traffic concerns in Westview and potential solutions.

Small group reports to large group

Group 1: Lanre Akindipe

- Avenue W & Richardson Road
 - Too many vehicles and speeding.
 - Traffic count is needed for this street.
 - There currently is no parking because snow is not plowed in the winter season.
- Avenue W & Byers Crescent
 - Pedestrian safety concerns at this intersection.
 - Pedestrians don't use the crosswalk.
- Richardson Road
 - Speed humps suggested.
- Richardson Road & Junor Avenue
 - Difficult to make left-turns.
 - Difficult for pedestrians to cross.
 - Traffic signals or three-way stop suggested.
- Richardson Road & Hnatyshyn Avenue
 - Vehicles are not obeying the yield sign.
- 37th Street
 - Speeding is an issue from Junor Avenue to Richardson Road.
- 33rd Street & Matheson Drive
 - Pedestrian lights suggested.
- 33rd Street & Avenue W
 - Signal timing for pedestrian crossing takes too long.
- 22nd Street & Avenue P
 - Left-turn signal arrow suggested.
- 33rd Street & Avenue P
 - Left-turn signal arrow suggested.
- 33rd Street & Edmonton Ave
 - Noisy and rough when cars drive over the railroad tracks despite past improvements.
- General
 - Sidewalks within the neighbourhood are in poor condition.
 - Industrial development on McClocklin Road will have a huge impact on traffic patterns in Westview.
 - Speeding in school zones in the neighbourhood.

Group 2: Nathalie Baudais

- 33rd Street & Junor Avenue
 - Concerns regarding southbound traffic flow at peak hours. Suggest restricting parking to create southbound right turn lane.

- Concerns regarding westbound traffic flow at peak hours. Suggest restricting parking to create a westbound right turn lane.
- Correcting this intersection would alleviate shortcutting through Westview.
- 37th Street
 - Used to be dead-end, but now is a speedway.
 - Speeding along entire length.
 - Traffic and shortcutting will be worse once McClocklin Road opens.
 - Are there plans to extend Claypool Drive to 37th Street? The existing back road needs grading and is currently used as a shortcut because McClocklin Road is closed. Is a new road connection planned here?
 - Lack of parking on 37th Street by Senator Gladstone Park.
 - Want a good solution, but not speed humps or horizontal deflections.
 - Pedestrians aren't visible and don't wait to cross at walkway to Doctor Seager Wheeler Park. The brick wall on the north side by the condo development blocks drivers' view of pedestrians.
- Byers Crescent
 - Traffic issues around school. U-turns in school zone.
 - Drivers are avoiding Byers Crescent due to school traffic.
 - Parking too close to the curb extensions.
- Byers Crescent & 37th Street
 - Suggest stop sign because vehicles are not complying with yield signs.
 - School buses stop on this corner, causing operational issues.
- Richardson Road
 - Pedestrian crossing unsafe at the bend, near walkway connection off Davidson Crescent.
 - Speeding along the curve and parked cars are getting hit.
 - Drivers use it as a shortcut to Dundonald neighbourhood.
 - Students pop out of parked cars.
 - Speeding by Senator Hnatyshyn Park is particularly bad.
- Richardson Road & Byers Crescent
 - Pedestrian crossing is dangerous.
 - Sightlines are not good.
 - Pedestrian device is suggested.
 - Education suggested for students to focus their crossings here.
- Richardson Road & Avenue W
 - Difficult to make left-turns onto Richardson Road.
 - Students from school cross without looking.
 - Would like a zebra crosswalk.
 - Would like a three-way stop or traffic signals.
- Richardson Road & Murdoch Place
 - Crosswalk needs to be painted.

- 37th Street & Richardson Road
 - Lots of accidents.
 - Needs a four-way stop. Drivers expect a four-way stop because they are used to them at Junor Avenue & 37th Street.
- McClocklin Road
 - When will McClocklin Road open? (*Construction will be completed on July 1.*)
- Glenwood Avenue
 - Would like a sound wall to reduce traffic noise for houses that back Circle Drive. Can't use backyard. This location did not make the top ten in 2015.
 - Would like "Children at Play" signs and speed reduction. Street is very busy in the summer months due to nearby park activities.
- 33rd Street & Avenue W
 - Always busy.
- Senator Gladstone Park
 - Dirt road (east-west) north of this park should be closed.
 - Illegal dumping.
- General
 - McClocklin Road needs to be considered when reviewing Westview traffic.
 - Transit buses are speeding.
 - Who is responsible for air traffic control? There has been an increase in air activities and wondering how flight paths are set. (*Transport Canada, Toll Free Number: 1-888-463-0521*)

Group 3: Sheliza Kelts

- Lewis Crescent
 - Drivers cutting corners into oncoming traffic.
- Alley east of Junor Avenue from Peterson Crescent to Richardson Road
 - Shortcutting down alley/lane.
 - Barrier suggested at t-intersection in the alley south of Peterson Crescent.
- Richardson Road & 37th Street
 - Four-way stop rather than two-way stop signs suggested. Two-way stop signs were switched last year or so.
 - Kids crossing on north leg.
 - Speeding & pedestrian crossing issues.
- North of Senator Gladstone Park by Community Garden
 - People are parking and are up to no good late at night.
- Road from Claypool Drive to 37th Street
 - Dirt road now. Would like it maintained.
- Richardson Road & Avenue W
 - Want three-way stop.
 - Pedestrian issues.

- Unpredictable.
 - Slow down drivers.
- 37th Street & Cole Drive
 - May need to trim tree to improve visibility of the yield sign.
- Byers Crescent
 - Speeding in front of Caroline Robins School.
 - Seeing speeding more in the afternoon.
 - Difficulty crossing.
 - People parking where they should not be. Parking enforcement required.
 - Enforcement of illegal u-turns required.
- 33rd Street School Zone
 - Speeding.
 - Difficulty crossing.
 - People parking where they should not be. Parking enforcement required.
 - Enforcement for u-turns required.
- Richardson Road & Byers Crescent
 - Hard to cross.
- Byers Crescent & Selkirk Crescent
 - Hard to cross.
- Richardson Road & Junor Avenue
 - Hard to cross.
 - Want push button pedestrian crossing.

Group 4: Mariniel Flores

- Richardson Road
 - Speeding in the 1700 block. Vehicles are losing control and are driving on resident's lawn. Median islands on the outside and inside of the curve was suggested.
 - Speeding along entire stretch.
 - Traffic shortcutting from school to Junor Avenue to Hampton Village.
 - Aggressive drivers are passing vehicles and tailgating.
 - Curb extensions suggested at Bence Avenue and at Catherwood Avenue.
 - Poor snow removal on Richardson Road so pedestrians have to walk on road.
 - Speeding in front of Senator J. Hnatyshyn Park. Difficult to cross. Four-way stop suggested at Catherwood Avenue.
 - Speeding along 2000 block near Wentworth Road. Eastbound vehicles are encroaching into the westbound traffic lane along the curve. Raised median is suggested.
- Richardson Road & Avenue W
 - Three-way stop or some type of barrier suggested.

- Richardson Road & Byers Crescent
 - Four-way stop suggested.
 - Westbound traffic encroach into the eastbound traffic lane.
 - Vehicles are not stopping fully.
 - Poor drainage. Intersection floods every year.
- 37th Street West
 - Extend 37th Street to Circle Drive to reduce traffic on 33rd Street.
Some residents do not want this road extended as this may result in increased traffic on 37th Street.
- 37th Street & Richardson Road
 - Four-way stop suggested.
 - Curb extensions at all four corners suggested.
 - Traffic signals suggested.
- 33rd Street & Catherwood Avenue
 - Supportive of recommended traffic signals from 33rd Street Corridor Study.
- Selkirk Crescent
 - Vehicles speeding in the northbound and southbound direction.
 - Buses speeding.
- Byers Crescent in front of Caroline Robins School
 - Illegal parking.
 - Road is narrow due to snow.
 - U-turns in school zones.
 - Speeding.
 - Shortcutting.
 - Lots of kids.
 - Speed humps or a drainage swale suggested to reduce speeds.
 - Children should get into parked vehicles on the passenger side.
 - Raised median barrier suggested.
- Avenue W & Byers Crescent
 - Pedestrian device with red flashing lights suggested.
 - Jaywalking across Richardson Road.
- Byers Crescent & Selkirk Crescent
 - Pedestrian device with red flashing lights suggested.
- 37th Street & Byers Crescent
 - Speeding.
- Maintenance road from 37th Street to Claypool Drive
 - Needs to be graded/maintained.
 - People park wherever and will get hit.
 - People are using this because McClocklin Road is closed.
 - Lots of kids.
 - Road needs more gravel.
- 33rd Street
 - Supportive of creating a bus bay at the bus stop east of Avenue W.

- Added lane on 33rd Street for westbound right-turning traffic onto Avenue W suggested.
- Circle Drive
 - Traffic noise. Sound walls suggested.
- Circle Drive & 33rd Street
 - Icy.
 - Snow piled on median which makes it difficult to see oncoming westbound vehicles when turning left.
- General
 - Pedestrians almost hit in school zones within the neighbourhood. Some type of activated pedestrian device and enforcement for u-turns is suggested.

Additional Concerns

- 37th Street
 - Wondering if the dirt road at the end of 37th Street presently being used to access Claypool Drive will be converted to a proper roadway.
 - This north/south dirt road from airport needs grading. Lots of people using it because McClocklin Road is closed.
- Seager Wheeler Park in front of Richardson Road
 - Snow piled along sides of road.
 - Pedestrians are walking on snow banks.
 - Remove snow off road.
 - Road is narrow because it is a bus route and people are parking next to the snow windrow.
- Avenue W & Byers Crescent
 - Would like an Active Pedestrian Corridor similar to the one installed at 33rd Street & Avenue K
- General
 - Sidewalks in the neighbourhood need to be replaced (especially in front of 150 Selkirk Crescent).
 - Sidewalks in the neighbourhood are icy.

Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than May 21, 2018
3. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than May 21, 2018
4. Traffic count data collection, analysis
5. Develop recommendations and prepare draft traffic plan
6. Follow-up public meeting to provide input on draft plan
7. Determine revisions and finalize traffic plan
8. Present traffic plan to City Council for approval

Question and Answer

Q: If traffic counts are collected this summer, your data will not reflect all the changes after opening McClocklin Road. How are you going to address that?

A: (Mariniel) This has come up during the small table discussion. We have captured the concern and this will be taken into consideration in the data collection program.

Q: Can you have red and amber flashing lights as a pedestrian device? A device with one color does not stand out as much over time. Alternating colors would really capture driver's attention. Can you use this type of device?

A: (Nathalie) The City of Saskatoon follows standard devices recommended by the Transportation Association of Canada. Unfortunately, that is not a standard device. Amber flashing lights are activated only when the button is pushed. The flashing lights should capture driver's attention.

Q: There are too many all-way stops suggested on Richardson Road after hearing the summaries from each table group. Police enforcement will be needed way more than ever if there are stop signs at every block during rush hour.

A: (Nathalie) We will follow our Stop and Yield Policy when we assess and install stop signs. We will only recommend stop signs at locations that are warranted.

Q: What are the requirements for stop signs?

A: (Nathalie) There are many different considerations, such as traffic volume, collision history, and whether or not the intersection is a three-legged or four-legged intersection.

Q: Can you tell us what the time frame of the McClocklin Road construction is?

A: (Nathalie) The road was initially expected to open in 2017; however, there were delays due to servicing issues. I do not have firm timelines but we are expecting it to be open this summer. *(Construction will be completed on July 1. Contact Brad Zurevinski at bzurevinski@dream.ca for construction updates).*

Q: How big is the industrial development going to be?

A: (Nathalie) Councillor Davies will be able to provide that information. I think it will be mostly commercial.

Q: There are many issues in the school zones in our neighbourhood, such as speeding, parents not parking correctly when dropping off and picking up their children, u-turns etc. What are some other ways these issues can be addressed?

A: (Staff Sergeant Barbar) The Kiss 'n Ride program is a great program that has been implemented in schools. Saskatoon Police Service also has mobile speed display boards and are receiving good feedback. If you follow us on Twitter @SPSTraffic, issues posted here will reach me directly. The Saskatoon Police Service website also has a general email inbox. I would also encourage you to send letters to school. Parent patrols and parent volunteers can help in addressing these problems so I encourage you to look into that as well.

C: I wanted the group to know that I received a flyer from Dream Development about a meeting regarding the industrial development and McClocklin Road. The flyer includes the meeting location and time.

C: The City should make the dirt road at the end of 37th Street into an access. It is going to be relatively easy to maintain.

A: We will pass this comment to our colleagues in Roadways & Operations as it has come up in different small group discussions as well.

C: There are many pedestrians that jaywalk across Richardson Road.

A: (Staff Sergeant Barbar) It is only considered "jaywalking" when there are traffic lights on both ends of the block.