Cloverley Neighbourhood Traffic Management Plan

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Today's objectives

- 1. Introduce goal of Cloverley Neighbourhood Traffic Management Plan
- 2. Share outcomes of neighbourhood survey
- 3. Inform public of possible traffic management measures (benefits, limitations)
- 4. Gather input on preferred management measures and locations for measures



Agenda

- 6:10 pm Opening / introductions
- 6:20 pm Background & Survey Results
- 6:35 pm Introducing Traffic Measures
- 6:50 pm Exercise Introduction
- 7:00 pm Exercise
- 7:50 pm Wrap-up



Introduction and Context

Background Information Survey Outcomes





Purpose of this project

Enhance safety and livability of the neighbourhood. This means:

- Accessibility for residents
- Safe streets for all residents
- Community health is protected

Achieve this by reducing volumes and speeds of traffic using local roads as a cut-through



Process



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Who's in the Room





2003 Traffic Calming Plan





Further context on scope & clarification

- Board of Parking Lot Topics
 - 3rd Street / Moodyville Area
 - Road construction, including Keith Road Bridge & Highway 1 Interchange Upgrades
 - Other issues including speeding and traffic safety issues on East Keith



Ground rules for today's meeting

Scope of engagement today:

Co-create \rightarrow multiple opportunities to shape final plan, within constraints (budget, scope)

- Listen with respect
- Put ourselves in others' shoes
- Share their local knowledge constructively



Community Survey

Key Messages and Outcomes





Community survey

Dates

May 16 – May 31, 2016

120 responses (approx. 500 households in area)

Key Messages

- 89% of respondents agree that short-cutting is an issue
- Short-cutting occurs more than once a week



Reported congestion & speeding

Congestion

- 4th Street, 5th, and 7th / Adderley eastbound
- Lane between Shavington & Heywood eastbound
- Shavington eastbound
- Heywood eastbound and westbound
- Hendry northbound and southbound

Speeding

- Queensbury
- Lane between Shavington & Heywood



Cloverley traffic volumes – highest peak volumes captured during data collection period



Cloverley traffic speeds



Police-Attended Collisions (2011-2016)



- As expected, more collisions along Keith, 3rd, & Queensbury
- A few collisions along local roads within the neighbourhood





Type of measures supported by residents

- 32% support traffic circles
- 29% support speed humps
- 31% supported traffic diverters

Other suggestions included:

- Turning restrictions during peak periods
- Speed readers
- Police enforcement (ticketing people who are not local residents)



Creating our solution

Tools, further context, and exercise



Possible traffic management measures

- Curb extensions
- Median islands
- Speed humps / bumps
- Traffic diverters

- Signage
- Traffic circles
- Speed readers
- Chicanes



Curb extensions



DESCRIPTION:

• Extend curb into the street

BENEFITS:

- Reduce pedestrian crossing distances
- Control traffic movement
- Some speed reduction
- Provide space for landscaping

LIMITATIONS:

• Do not prevent vehicles from entering a street



Median islands





DESCRIPTION:

 Elevated islands parallel to traffic lanes down the middle of the street

BENEFITS:

- Reduce road space, signaling motorists to slow down
- Provide refuge for pedestrians
- Can also control traffic movements when extended across an intersection
- Some speed reduction

LIMITATIONS:

• Do not prevent vehicles from accessing a street



Speed humps / bumps





SPEED HUMP - ON A STREET



SPEED BUMP - IN A LANE

DESCRIPTION:

• Reduce vehicle speeds by introducing modest up-and-down changes in the level of the street

BENEFITS:

• Slow down traffic without making drivers uncomfortable if placed at frequent intervals

LIMITATIONS:

- Do not prevent vehicles from accessing a street
- May create additional noise



Traffic diverters





DESCRIPTION:

• Physical barriers that redirect vehicle traffic heading for a certain street onto a different course

BENEFITS:

- Can effectively reduce traffic volumes
- Provide space for landscaping
- Increase safety of pedestrians & cyclists

LIMITATIONS:

• Reduce number of access points into a neighbourhood for local residents



Signage



7 AM - 9 AM 4 PM - 6 PM MON-FRI

DESCRIPTION:

• Signage can range from Local Traffic Only to turning movement restrictions

BENEFITS:

 Relatively inexpensive and easy to install

LIMITATIONS:

- Mainly self-enforcing (no physical changes to prevent vehicles from turning), although police can enforce turning restriction signage (limited resources though)
- Little impact on speed reduction



Traffic circles





DESCRIPTION:

 Raised, circular islands at the middle of major intersections

BENEFITS:

- Slow down motorists at intersections
- Provide space for landscaping

LIMITATIONS:

 Impact localized to intersections only unless implemented in a series





Speed reader boards



DESCRIPTION:

 Display the speed of passing vehicles

BENEFITS:

• Effective in reducing vehicle speeds

LIMITATIONS:

- Self-enforcing
- Impact localized to where boards are placed
- Does not prevent vehicles from entering a street
- More appropriate for arterial roads



Chicanes



BENEFITS:

- Effective in slowing down motorists if implemented in a series
- Reduce pedestrian crossing distance
- Provide space for landscaping

DESCRIPTION:

 Sidewalk extensions that jog from one side of a street to the other to create a circuitous route.

LIMITATIONS:

- Do not prevent vehicles from entering a street
- Higher cost



If measures are only installed on 4th & Heywood....



If measures are only installed on 4th, 5th & Heywood....

Group exercise

Objective: gain consensus on useful mitigation measures

- Take a neighbourhood-wide approach
- Work in team to create your own traffic management scenario
- Share solutions with larger group

Your turn!

Task

 Work together to place measures in your neighbourhood!

Roles

- Treasurer
- Note taker

Instructions

- Groups of 8
- Place measures on map
- When finished glue measures in place and hang on wall
- Walk around and see other solutions

Constraints

Total budget \rightarrow \$150,000

Approximate costs:

- Curb extension = \$10,000
 - Median island = \$5,000
- Speed hump (on a street) = \$ 3,000
 - Speed bump (in a lane) = \$ 1,500
- Diagonal diverter / semi-diverter = \$ 10,000
 - Right-in, right-out diverter = \$ 15,000
 - Sign = \$ 200
- Traffic circle with new letdowns at corners = \$30,000
 - Speed reader board = \$ 30,000
 - Chicane = \$ 20,000

Reflections

- What did you learn?
- New perspective?
- Reinforced perspective?

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