



Southview Drive / Promenade Southview Infrastructure Renewal Project

Petition Action:

To provide a street layout that will put the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, residents and their visitors first, that will reduce traffic speeds and that will deter aggressive driving behavior.

Items for Discussion

- Resident Concerns
- Review of Existing Conditions
- Opportunities for Improvements



Resident Concerns

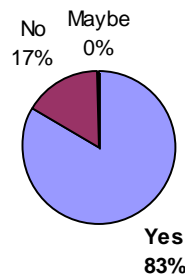
- Multiple sources identify the overall poor health of Southview Drive.
 - In meeting the requirements of the City's traffic calming policy.
 - As can be attested by Councillor Cimino.
 - Confirmed by the Healthy Community Initiative Survey – 2009 Traffic Calming Survey Summary
 - Recent loss of door to door delivery service due to safety concerns by Canada Post employees
 - Confirmed by a resident survey
 - By simple observation on any given day

Resident Concerns

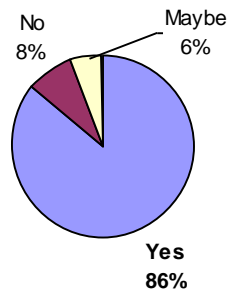
- Resident Survey & Petition

- 37 households were surveyed in June 2013
 - 35 signed the petition requesting a revised street layout.
- In discussion with residents, the following stood out:
 - There is a serious disconnect between residents and drivers
 - Long time residents are saying they've never seen the overall situation this bad.
 - New home Owners did not envision this level of aggressiveness, volume and speeds.

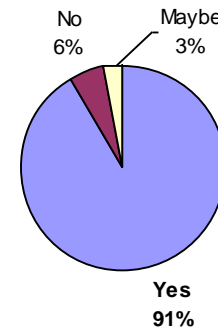
Q2 - Do you have issues/concerns with traffic speeds and general safety?



Q4 - Do you feel the City and citizens should take the reconstruction opportunity to review traffic calming features?



Q5 - Would you support a street design that endorses a lower-speed environment than currently seen?



Review of Existing Conditions

i) Traffic Islands

Traffic Calming.org

Center Island drawbacks:

“Their speed-reduction effect is somewhat limited by the absence of horizontal deflection”

- The islands created many unwanted secondary effects:
 - Poor aesthetic value
 - Loss of on-street parking
 - Created vehicle/cyclist conflicts
 - Created vehicle/resident conflicts (drivers forced to the outside curb)
 - Driveway access conflicts



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ii) Pedestrian Issues

- Walking opportunities are especially unfavorable for North side residents.
- Crossing the street is difficult due to:
 - Volume
 - Traffic speeds & short sightlines
 - Width of street, where 11m is being used to service two lanes of traffic
- Southview/Southview intersection crosswalk was removed.
- There is no crosswalk at Stephen Street (which serves Helene-Gravel elementary)



The stop sign at Southview/Marcel is positively seen to assist pedestrians

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iii) Cycling



- Southview/Bouchard/Marcel intersection
 - Drivers tend to hug the curb, consequently impeding the path of cyclists.
- Conflict areas at all islands
 - Vehicles/cyclists are forced to share a limited space.
- Cycling safety concerns was highlighted in the Healthy Community Initiative Survey of 2009.
- A great deal of cyclists use the sidewalk.



Thunder Bay Bike Lane

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iv) Other Issues

- SPEED
- VOLUME
- AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR
- NOISE
- Driveway Access/Egress
- Loss of On-Street Parking
 - Sidewalk access is often compromised



- Other items creating unwarranted dangerous situations:
 - In some sections of Southview, the comfort speed of many is lower than the posted limit. (i.e: the posted speed is relatively fast) Many drivers get aggressive when following a vehicle driving below the speed limit.
 - There are limited opportunities for cops to enforce a reasonable speed.
 - In completing recent surveys, multiple residents provided stories where they intentionally drive slow when followed by aggressive drivers, often resulting in dangerous actions.

Opportunities for Improvements

- Other Municipalities



Opportunities for Improvements Southview Drive

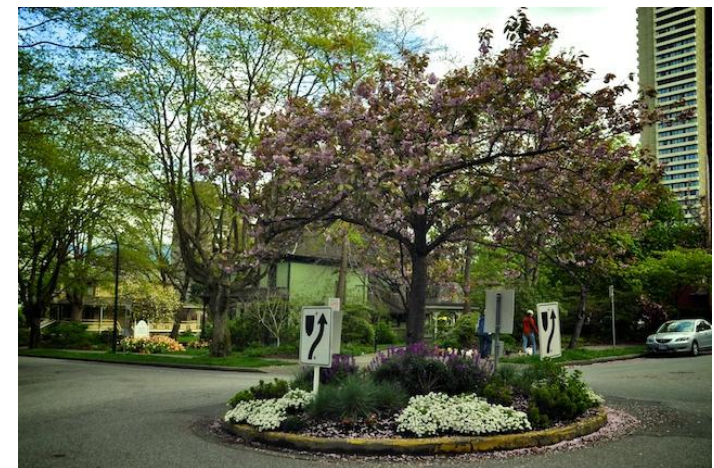
- Reduce the posted speed
- Reduce comfort speeds through engineering
- Eliminate the speed lane by reducing the useable driving lane width
- Reinstate on-street parking
- Give equal consideration to pedestrian, cyclists and residents.
- Landscape and beautify the street

Southview will always be busy, but it does not have to be an aggressive and dangerous place to live.

We must change the overall feeling by turning it into a 'Promenade', a pleasant place, not a drive through street where drivers pay little to no attention to the neighborhood and vulnerable users.



Vancouver Traffic Circles



Conclusion

- The current state of Southview is unhealthy for everyone. The City has a social responsibility for the welfare of its residents
- As we speak, there is an undeniable opportunity to implement improvements. Any future considerations will likely carry significant additional dollars.
- The City held a public information center on August 6, 2013. The majority appeared very unhappy about reinstating the street to current conditions.
- Transportation experts are responsible for designing roads which are efficient and safe for vehicles, active transportation users and residents. The above is not being captured in the proposed design.
- The actions requested are supported by many past City initiatives:
 - To become a pedestrian friendly City by 2015
 - As per the Caldarelli-Cimino motion 011-260
 - As emphasized in the transportation master plan study
- Lastly, it goes unsaid that many people will benefit from a healthier environment on Southview and that it could very well have a positive impact on our daily driving habits.

Thank you