

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- JUNE 23, 2009

TRAFFIC CALMING – NAPA VALLEY AVENUE WARD 2

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not Applicable.

Economic Impact

There will be no economic impact on the 2009 Capital Budget.

Communications Plan

Engineering Services staff held a Public Meeting with the Local Councillor, Fire and Rescue Services staff and the residents of Napa Valley Avenue on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. The notices were mailed out and placed on the City's web page. Also, the notices were advertised in the following papers: Vaughan Today and Vaughan Citizen. York Regional Transit did not attend the meeting, but were advised and sent an invitation from Engineering Services staff.

Purpose

To advise Council of the status of the Napa Valley Avenue Horizontal Traffic Calming Measures project.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on September 8, 2008, Council directed:

“2. That appropriate staff meet with local residents to discuss the choice of horizontal traffic calming measures as described in Alternative #1 of the report.”

Engineering Services staff held a meeting with the community on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. A representative from Fire and Rescue Services attended, and identified concerns for staff safety and vehicle damage with respect to the installation of speed humps. The residents were advised of horizontal traffic calming measures available to them, which included chokers and curb bump-outs. (Refer to Attachment No. 1). The residents were also informed of speed cushions which are a vertical traffic calming measure that are currently being tested in other municipalities.

Engineering Services staff informed the attendees that feedback from the various speed cushion installations is forthcoming in Fall 2009. The Town of Aurora has a pilot project which Engineering Services staff will obtain a copy of the results when they are made available. Staff are also compiling studies and surveys for the existing traffic calming measures installed in the Sonoma Heights subdivision to receive feedback on their effectiveness. A report will be prepared with this feedback in the Fall 2009.

There were ten residents in attendance. The residents were not in favour of the proposed horizontal traffic calming measures. The consensus of the meeting was to await the feedback of both the speed cushion installations, as well as the feedback of the existing traffic calming measures in the Sonoma Heights subdivisions. Should the speed cushion feedback be favourable, a plan for speed cushion installations will be developed. Should the speed cushion feedback not be favourable, a further public meeting will be scheduled to provide options for the residents.

The ten residents in attendance will be notified on the progress of Engineering Services staff review and they will form the review group for this section of Napa Valley Avenue.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

York Region Transit was invited to attend the meeting; however, a representative was unable to attend. Staff will request comment from York Region Transit regarding the appropriateness of speed cushions on Napa Valley Avenue.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that this report be received for information.

Attachments

1. Location Map – Napa Valley Avenue – Horizontal Traffic Calming Measures Alternative #1

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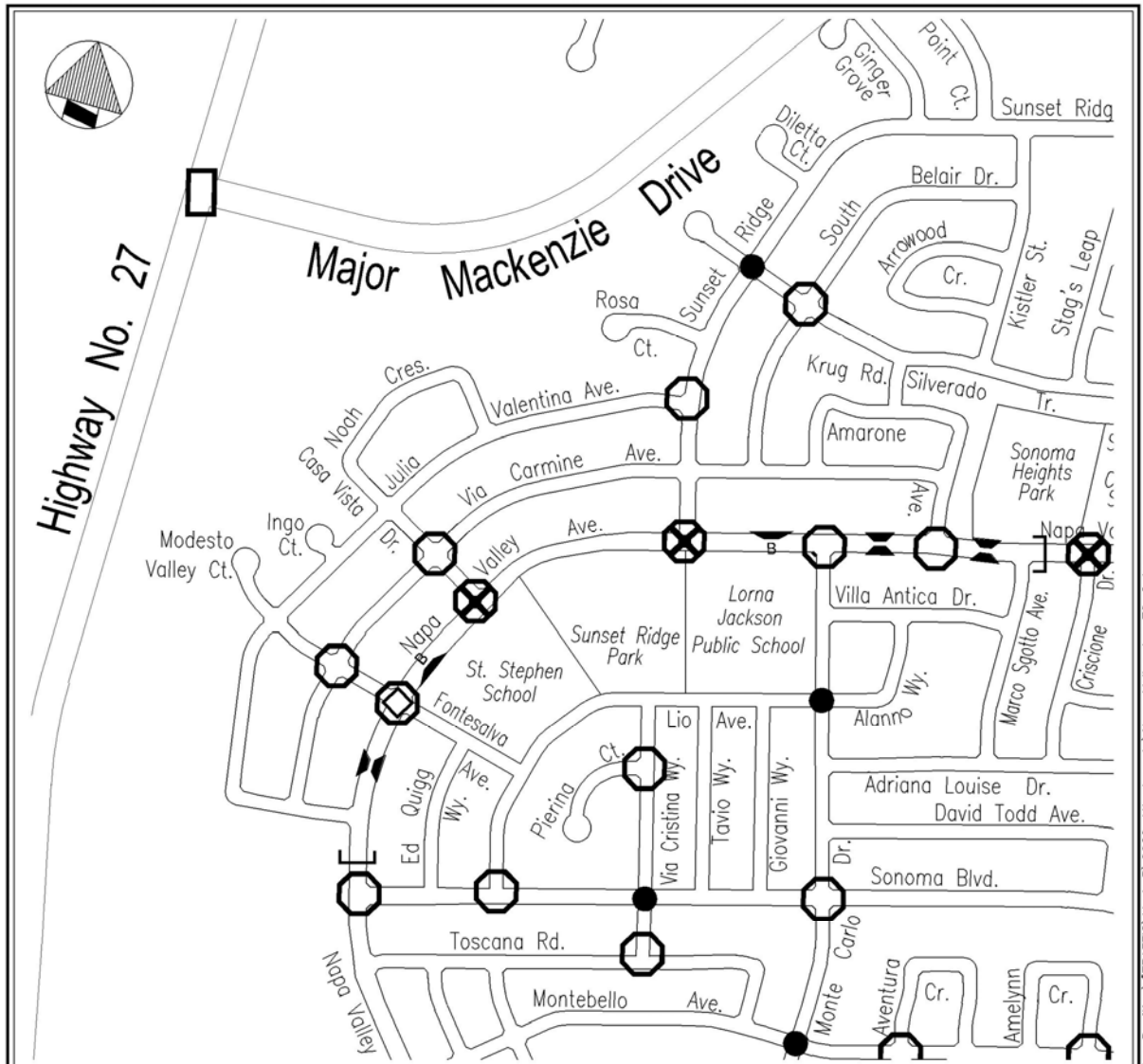
Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT No. 1



NAPA VALLEY AVENUE - HORIZONTAL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

NOT TO SCALE

LEGEND

	EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS		EXISTING SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING
	EXISTING ALLWAY STOP CONTROL		LIMITS OF NAPA VALLEY AVENUE
	EXISTING TRAFFIC CIRCLE		PROPOSED CURB BUMP-OUT
	EXISTING RAISED INTERSECTIONS		PROPOSED CHOKER