TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW

RITTENHOUSE ROAD

INFORMATION PACKAGE AND PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
Lions Arena Hall
10 Rittenhouse Road
BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received requests from the local residents on Rittenhouse Road to review the existing traffic conditions along this roadway.

In response to these requests, the City of Kitchener has initiated a Traffic Calming Review for Rittenhouse Road. This process includes extensive public input and the consideration of a number of alternatives with respect to social, economic and environmental impacts. This process will ensure that any decision resulting from this study is transparent, defensible and traceable. It is important that any future decisions made by the City in this regard are technically feasible, economically responsible and socially acceptable.

The traffic calming review for Rittenhouse Road will include the following processes:

- Early and ongoing public consultation in the planning process;
- Identification and review of a reasonable range of alternatives;
- An investigation of the impacts of each alternative;
- Evaluation of the alternatives as a basis to identify a preferred alternative;
- Selection of a preferred alternative;
- Implementation and monitoring of the plan.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the study is to address traffic issues and concerns on Rittenhouse Road. Since receiving input at our 1st public meeting, held May 19, 2016, the project team has developed three (3) alternatives for consideration, including a preferred alternative for Rittenhouse Road. The presentation will serve to summarize neighbourhood conditions, resident input and outline the preferred alternative. This public meeting will also provide residents with the opportunity to voice concerns and suggestions on the issues, as well as outline the next step of the process, including implementation strategy.

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From the first Public Information Centre held on May 19, 2016 staff had received twelve (12) formal comment forms from those in attendance. The responses indicated the primary traffic concerns are speeding, the volume of traffic, and stop sign compliance. With six (6) responses recommending a Passive approach and four (4) recommend “Do Nothing” to address the concerns on Rittenhouse Road.
TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS

The City of Kitchener has an approved traffic calming policy that affects this study as follows:

- Traffic calming is used to address safety, speeding or through traffic issues;
- The City requires 25% support from affected residents to initiate a traffic calming study;
- Traffic calming devices can involve changes in traffic signing, traffic control and/or physical changes to the road;
- If neighbourhood issues are caused by the poor operations of the arterial network (regional roads) improvements to these adjacent roads will be considered;
- Vertical deflection devices will not be considered on transit routes, emergency response routes and major collectors;
- In order to implement a traffic calming plan at least 60% support is required from the responses of 50% of the affected residents.

If you are concerned and affected by traffic on Rittenhouse Road, we need your involvement, as well as your neighbours, in order to provide input and support for any changes.
RECOMMENDED CHANGES:
Alternative 1 – Preferred Option – Bike Lane Reconfiguration, Parking, 3 Pedestrian Refuge Islands and 1 Raised Crosswalk
Alternative 2 – Bike Lane Reconfiguration, Parking, 3 Narrowings and 1 Raised Crosswalk
Alternative 3 – Bike Lane Reconfiguration, Parking one side, Painted Centre Median, 3 Pedestrian Refuge Islands and 1 Raised Crosswalk
We need your input!

To help the study team with its work, we are requesting input from the public on the following three questions:

1. Do you agree with the recommended changes to address road user safety concerns along Rittenhouse Road? Please explain or provide additional comments.
   
   YES: ______  NO: ______

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2. If you prefer some other measure or if you feel there are other issues and criteria that should be considered, please provide these below.

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3. General Comments.

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Please indicate your suggestions / ideas on the attached map.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS IF REQUIRED:

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017.