



# PLEASANTVIEW CTMP

## FAQs

FEBRUARY 2016

### Background

A community traffic management planning process began in early 2014 in Pleasantview. The City of Edmonton worked with a volunteer Traffic Advisory Committee to develop a plan to address traffic speeding and shortcutting concerns in the neighbourhood. Traffic calming measures were installed in Pleasantview beginning on July 20, 2015 on a trial basis.

Over the fall of 2015, the City of Edmonton gathered public feedback on the trial traffic in a number of ways including:

- At a 109 Street workshop on October 29, 2015 attended by 34 residents
- At a 106 Street workshop on November 19, 2015 attended by 59 residents
- At a November 26, 2015 Community meeting attended by 173 residents
- 550 inquiries/ comments came in directly through the project email and hotline
- A January 2016 phone survey conducted by Bannister Research which asked 205 Pleasantview residents to provide comments on specific aspects of the traffic management plan and their experience with the traffic measures

Reviewing all the comments received to date, the City of Edmonton has determined there is little community support for the trial traffic management measures, or to make any adjustments to the plan and has therefore decided to remove all measures **completely by March 2016**, resources and weather permitting.

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#### When are the trial traffic management measures being taken out?

Traffic management measures in Pleasantview, including the intersection modifications at 106 Street and 51 Avenue, the curb extensions at the intersection of 58 Avenue and 60 Avenue with 109 Street **may be removed as early as next week and certainly by March 2016**. 106 Street between 53 Avenue and 56 Avenue will also revert back to two-way operation. Exact timelines are difficult to predict due to winter weather conditions and availability of construction staff.

#### Why are the measures being removed before the end of the trial period?

Community feedback shows that the majority of Pleasantview residents are not supportive of the trial traffic management measures or to any “tweaking” of the plan. Additionally, the traffic monitoring study shows considerable diversion of traffic into residential areas of the neighbourhood.

For these reasons, the City has decided to remove the trial traffic management measures as soon as possible.

#### How will people be notified?

Due to the instability of the weather and availability of contractors during the winter months, advance notice of the removals may not be possible. Roadwork will attempt to be scheduled during times of lower traffic flow to reduce inconvenience to area motorists.



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### Is this the end of the Community Traffic Management Plan for Pleasantview?

Yes. The CTMP process in Pleasantview has concluded, however, information gathered during the public engagement process outlining community concerns will be forwarded to other City projects and initiatives.

### When will concerns be addressed and how?

#### In the Short-Term

The following measures or initiatives will address some concerns immediately or within a short time frame:

**Driver Feedback Signs (DFS):** DFSs have been shown to reduce average travel speeds by 8 – 10km/hr. DFSs will be installed in both the northbound and southbound directions on 106 Street and 109 Street. The intention is to install these signs at the time of the removal of the trial traffic measures.

**School Safety Review Program** – The City's photo radar program provides funding to the School Safety Review Program which is a part of a five-year road strategy to review school zones at 108 Edmonton Public and Catholic schools. The City's Office of Traffic Safety reviews the safety around schools recognizing that injuries to children often result in life-threatening or permanent damage. Mount Pleasant School has been added to the schools to be reviewed in 2016 which may result in safety measures being implemented for the 2016/2017 school year. Measures that could be considered include: pedestrian crosswalk controls, sightline improvements, road safety education initiatives, fencing, sidewalk construction, additional Driver Feedback Signs, as well as improved visibility of stop signs and school zone signs using retro-reflective poles.

**Enforcement:** If you are concerned with the level of police enforcement, please call the Edmonton Police complaint line at 780.423.4567 or email [trafficcomplaints@edmonton.ca](mailto:trafficcomplaints@edmonton.ca).

**Speed humps:** Installations of speed humps in 2015 in Crestwood, Newton, Ormsby Place and Ottewell as a part of the Traffic Shortcutting Pilot Project found they decreased travel speeds on some roadways. The Pleasantview Community-wide phone survey revealed residents are split on the idea of speed humps on 109 and 106 Streets.

#### In the Long-Term

The following measures or initiatives could address community concerns within a longer time frame:

**School Drop-off Construction Program** – The City's photo radar program also provides funding to this City safety program. Locations for construction are prioritized by the Edmonton Public and Catholic School Boards, who work in partnership with the City on design and construction of the school drop-offs. The City will request Edmonton Public School Board consider Mount Pleasant School for construction of a school drop-off.

**Stop Signs:** Traffic control devices such as yields and stop signs are not used as traffic calming measures as placing them where they are not warranted can lead to non-compliance and safety issues, however, feedback received during the CTMP public engagement process heard about the need for additional stop signs at specific locations in Pleasantview. This information has been shared with Transportation Operations.



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**Reducing Posted Speed Limits:** The cities of Edmonton and Calgary are in conversation with the Province of Alberta regarding a process for reducing speed limits in supportive neighbourhoods within the province. No decisions have been made to date on this issue.

Community Leagues can request that the City review speed limits on residential roadways within their community with the aim to reduce the speed limit to 40 km/hr. as per the Speed Reduction Policy (C566), however the reduction must have written support of 67% of the entire community.

### What was said about traffic volumes?

The Community-wide phone survey revealed that 66% of respondents feel that traffic volumes had stayed the same or increased since the installation of the traffic management measures in Pleasantview. Furthermore, feedback from the public engagement activities in October and November reveal that attendees feel the trial measures have negatively impacted their community by creating driver, cyclist and pedestrian safety risks and increasing traffic volumes and congestion on residential streets.

### Are the bike lanes coming out?

In general, no, however, portions of the bike lane line markings on 106 Street between 51 Avenue and 56 Avenue will be temporarily removed until spring. As soon as weather permits, the bike lane lines will be re-marked. These bike lanes predate the installation of traffic calming measures in Pleasantview and remain a major on-street bike route.

### What is happening in Pleasantview with the Engage 106-76 project?

A concept planning study is underway for 106 Street from Whitemud Drive to Saskatchewan Drive and 76 Avenue from 104 Street to Saskatchewan Drive. Public engagement activities have been ongoing since the summer of 2015. The project team will be reaching out to Community Partners in the near future to begin the concept planning process for 106 Street in Pleasantview. To stay informed on any future public engagement activities or to become a Community Partner visit the project website at [engage106-76.info](http://engage106-76.info).

### When is Neighbourhood Renewal coming to Pleasantview?

Neighbourhood reconstruction takes 2 - 3 years to complete and is tentatively scheduled to **begin** in Pleasantview sometime within 2023 - 2026. Final scheduling would be subject to available budgets, construction costs and coordination with underground utilities.

### Will City Council be informed of the CTMP process in Pleasantview?

Yes. A report of the Pleasantview Community Traffic Management Plan will be presented to City Council on March 23, 2016.