



TRAFFIC SHORTCUTTING PILOT PROJECT

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FAQ

What is shortcutting?

Traffic shortcutting occurs when drivers leave the arterial road network and take local community roads to access destinations outside of a neighbourhood. Drivers entering or exiting their own neighbourhood are not shortcutting.

What is a Speed Hump?

A speed hump is a mound of pavement raised approximately 75 mm across the roadway. The speed hump also includes pavement markings and signage to warn drivers.

According to the Transportation Association of Canada, the main purpose of speed humps is to reduce vehicle speeds. However, when speed humps are placed in series vehicle volumes may be reduced.

What is a Speed Table?

A speed table is a speed hump with a long flat top. The speed table also includes pavement markings and signage to warn drivers.

How were the communities chosen?

City Council continues to hear from citizens with concerns about shortcutting and speeding traffic in their neighbourhoods; currently, 27 neighbourhoods have expressed interest in taking measures to address shortcutting and speeding.

The traffic management measures implemented in the fall of 2015 will be the first phase of a pilot project designed to test a more streamlined process to address localized shortcutting concerns. The communities selected for this first phase of the pilot project were chosen based on long standing community concerns for localized vehicle shortcutting and speeding, verified through traffic surveys.

Vehicle shortcutting and speeding concerns will continue to be assessed in other neighbourhoods as part of the second phase of the pilot project.

Further criteria will be developed as part of the development of a City Policy for Community Traffic Management to be presented to City Council in June 2016.

How can I get my community on the list for traffic?

Please call 311 or email <mailto:communitytrafficmanagementplan@edmonton.ca> and have your request noted.

What is the process for involving the public in this decision?

In response to a recommendation from the City's Audit Committee to develop a streamlined process for addressing localized traffic issues, Transportation Committee of City Council directed Transportation Services on August 19, 2015 to undertake a pilot process in four communities (Ormsby, Crestwood, Newton, and Ottewell), with the intent of implementing traffic calming measures to address shortcutting and speeding concerns by September 2015. In order to meet this timeline, formal Public Engagement in each community has consisted of: meeting(s) with the concerned citizens and/or Community Leagues in each neighbourhood, notification to the Ward Councillor, and notification (signs and bulletins) to impacted households.



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How will this impact Fire Rescue, ETS and Waste Management, roadway maintenance?

These services will continue to be provided in your community. The evaluation of the pilot project will consider the operational impacts to Fire Rescue, ETS and Waste Management. The pilot project will assess the different impacts of both speed humps and speed tables.

Will speed humps result in increased traffic noise?

The City of Edmonton completed a noise study at existing speed hump locations along 109 Street between 52 and 54 Avenue in Pleasantview. The results of this study show that there is no increase in noise level at the speed hump locations.

How will the pilot project be evaluated?

The City will conduct speed, volume and shortcutting surveys before and after the traffic calming measures are installed. Feedback will be gathered from area residents regarding the program. The results of the data collection and public feedback will be reported to City Council's Transportation Committee on March 23, 2016 and will provide background for the development of a traffic shortcutting policy in 2016.

How can I provide feedback?

For general feedback, please call 311 or email:

communitytrafficmanagementplan@edmonton.ca

For feedback on the measures at Ormsby Road East or on 69 Avenue - 188 Street intersection, please call 311 or email:

ormsbyplacetraffic@edmonton.ca

For feedback on the measures in the Newton neighbourhood, please call 311 or email:

newtontraffic@edmonton.ca

For feedback on the measures in the Crestwood neighbourhood, please call 311 or email:

crestwoodtraffic@edmonton.ca

For feedback on the measures in the Ottewell neighbourhood, please call 311 or email:

ottewelltraffic@edmonton.ca

How will the traffic control changes at the 69 Avenue – 188 Street be enforced?

City Administration has been working with Edmonton Police Service so they are aware of the change in traffic control. People found violating the traffic control changes could be ticketed for \$233 for failure to obey a traffic control device.

I am concerned about the level of enforcement in my neighbourhood, can I request more police presence?

If you are concerned with the level of police enforcement, please call Edmonton Police complaint line at 780-423-4567 or email at mailto:trafficcomplaints@edmontonpolice.ca

What is a driver feedback sign?

A driver feedback sign shows the speed of vehicles travelling towards it.

