

Vision Zero meeting with City representatives
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Notes provided to BDCL
(Karen)

Five members of the Bonnie Doon Vision Zero community group met with City employees yesterday. Nabila Chatur, Traffic Planner, presented a plan for near term interventions to help **limit traffic short-cutting and reduce unsafe speeds** in 2 key areas.
Biggest takeaway: there are some real actions set to happen in the near future.

The meeting provided a plan divided into 2 sections:

Traffic calming in the NE quadrant (89-90-91 Streets)

There was consensus (although resident counts differed significantly from City counts) that the traffic volumes were excessive on 89St. The count numbers do not show speed.

The actions proposed were:

- Eliminating the Left Hand Turn (LHT) from Connors at 92A Ave and 92 Ave. 89 Street would remain open.
- Making 89 St one-way (for just one block) from 88 Ave to 89 Ave. this would be achieved with signage & curb extensions to pinch the access
- Adding speed bumps
- Adding pinch point curb extensions on 89 and the other streets too.
- a LHT southbound from Connors onto 92 St not advised. It is difficult because of what they call 'interlocking turns'. It would also necessitate consultation with Strathearn. And it would funnel more traffic onto 92 St and down to 88 Ave toward what is already a problematically busy intersection.

Traffic calming along the arterial roads (92 St & 88 Ave)

The actions proposed were:

- There is a new City program 'Tables & Bumps'. It is a different process, but 92 Street has already been flagged as a good fit for 'tables'. Basically, a table is a wide flat speed bump, not at an intersection. They allow for good bus traffic. they would be installed mid-block. We could get multiple 'tables' along 92 St. This could happen in **2023(!)**. Those of us at the meeting gave this 5 thumbs up. It is a different process, so this was not the venue for decision making. But they did note our enthusiasm.
- Raised sidewalks are more difficult and expensive since they often involve changing the curb drainage. We would only be able to get 1 raised sidewalk.
- We have worked with École Maurice-Lavallée visual arts teacher Madame Geneviève L'Heureux, and she had some of her students submit designs for the Vibrant Crosswalk at 92 St & 92 Avenue. We have selected our top two designs (see attached). The City now has that information. The City is now doing some kind of evaluation on the toxicity (I think that's what they said) of the paint. À voir, if we can get that done this year... Our design choices

- The final suggestion was that 92 convert to 'in-lane bus stops'. So instead of pulling to the side when making southbound stops, the bus would stop in traffic, and effectively halt vehicles behind. There would be some kind of curb extension where passengers would step out.
- Boulevard plantings are not possible...something about emergency vehicle access I think
- 88 Ave is a designated priority for a near-term bike path. As such, the City is holding off installing any bumps or tables, because they don't want to get messed up in the Bike work. But eventually a table could be installed at the East end entry from the Mall/85th Street. That's where cars are traveling the fastest.
- The 91 St & 88 Ave curb extension is coming.
- 40K signs have been requested!! (we'll see if that happens, it is not City policy...)

More random:

- Not sure if Rutherford School has submitted a Vibrant Crosswalk design
- Wayfaring signage: noted. Tim offered to provide the City suggestions & expertise.
- I have requested from Google (for what it's worth...) that 92/91 be noted as a 40K road. No news. The City may have a better pathway to getting that updated.
- Bonnie Doon Community League may be asked to help with communications in the areas where further consultation is needed. (ie one-way and eliminating LHTs)