

Public Consultation (PIC#2) Summary Report

Westdale Traffic Management Review (May 2019)

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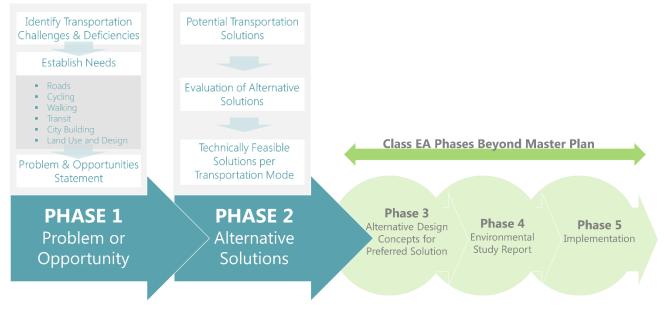
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1. INTRODUCTION

Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions ("Wood") was retained by the City of Hamilton (referred as "City" hereinafter) to conduct a Traffic Management Study for the Westdale neighbourhood area. The objective of this study is to identify and recommend potential transportation-related improvements in the Westdale neighbourhood which benefit all road-users reflecting the Complete Streets concept of design. The study will be completed so that it addresses the first two phases of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process.



The MCEA process is graphically presented in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Master Class Environmental Assessment Process

This purpose of this report is to present the results of Public Information Centre (PIC) 2 for the Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Review which was held on May 13, 2019 between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the 2 Bond St N, Hamilton, ON L8S 3W1, Canada (St Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church). The report discusses the general purpose of PICs, the specific consultation plan developed for the project and the purpose of the PIC. The report also serves to document the key issues presented at the event as well as to summarize the public feedback solicited at the event through the comment sheets and discussions with project team members.

1.1 Study Background

This purpose of the study is to review the traffic conditions in the study area and provide recommendations on potential traffic-related improvements. The Westdale Community is generally bound by the King's Highway 403, Main Street, Cootes Drive and natural terrain. The neighbourhood is mainly low-density residential in nature, with several schools (one (1) elementary, one (1) middle, and two (2) secondary schools). McMaster University is located on the west side of the Westdale neighbourhood. Refer to **Figure 2** for an illustration of the study area.

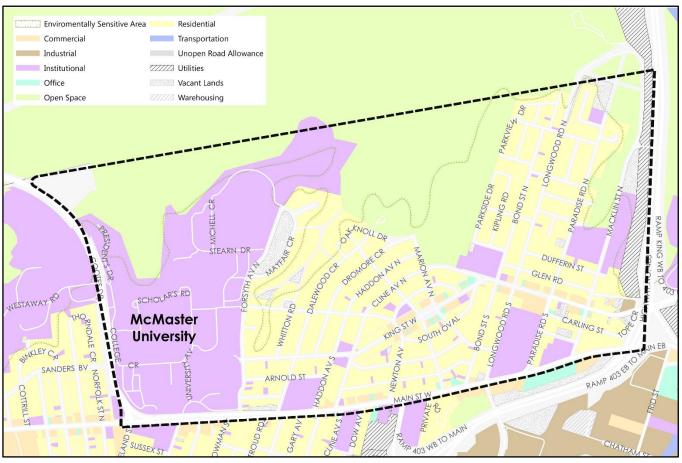


Figure 2: Study Area

According to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Schedule C, Main Street West and Cootes Drive are major arterials within the study area. King Street is classified as collector. The remainder of the streets are considered local roadways.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

Recognizing the importance of this Traffic Management Review as the blueprint to enhance residents' mobility and safety within the Westdale neighbourhood, it is imperative to build on the relationships and engagement from previous planning initiatives to ensure continuity and continued involvement of residents and stakeholders, as well as engage new citizens.

The consultation approach for the Westdale Traffic Management Review is based on a well-established process developed by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) that commits to a process that is:

- Open and inclusive to everyone within the Westdale neighbourhood, the City of Hamilton and to others interested in the planning process;
- > Transparent: making certain that residents and stakeholders clearly understand how decisions are made;
- Frequent: There are two scheduled PIC's and proposed meeting(s) before the second PIC to review the PIC material with the Community Association and stakeholders to get input. Comments/enquiries throughout process can always be received through e-mail "<u>TrafficOps@hamilton.ca</u>". Occurring early and often to ensure repeated (meaningful) opportunities to participate, provide input and engage the project team;

- > Two-way: relying on honest and open two-way communication and not simply one-way persuasion; and,
- Easy to understand and participate in. Considering the technical nature of this study, the consultation undertaken for this study will ensure that all public materials and displays are presented clearly, logically and are graphically appealing. A good public consultation program engages the public in a manner that is respectful, cognizant of their values and understandable to the masses.

For this project, consultation will be provided through two (2) PICs. PIC 1 was hosted on June 21, 2018 and PIC 2 conducted on May 13, 2019 and consisted of presenting the public with alternative solutions to the issues presented at PIC 1. Feedback solicited from both PIC 1 and PIC 2 will be considered throughout the project to ensure the project addresses the overall needs of the neighbourhood.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO. 2

To fulfil the objectives of the consultation strategy in the approved Terms of Reference (ToR), a second PIC was held on May 13, 2019 between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church.

The purpose of the second PIC was to:

- > Present the preliminary recommended alternative solutions for the Ainslie Wood Neighbourhood;
- > Allow the public to provide input and ask questions regarding their specific neighbourhood concerns;
- > Finalize transportation recommendations based on tonight's input;
- > Refine phasing and costs of transportation improvements for City budget; and,
- Use the public feedback in moving forward to the final stage of the study (Complete and file the Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Study).

The event was arranged as an open house drop-in format, which included display boards illustrating the study progress and preliminary alternative solutions within the Westdale neighbourhood and the next steps in the study process. The display boards are provided in **Appendix A** for reference purposes. The project team delivered a 20-minute presentation to attendees, which provided an overview of the project and the format of the engagement. The map with the recommended preferred solutions are provided in **Appendix B**.

Key messages that the project team presented throughout the event included:

- > The study process and the importance of public engagement and feedback;
- A combination of numerous potential alternatives can be used to calm traffic in the area and generally improve the auto environment; and,
- Similarly, a combination of numerous potential alternatives can be used to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

3.1 Communication Strategy

Notification of opportunities to participate in the Westdale Traffic Management Review PIC included:

- Newspaper advertisement: notices were placed in the Hamilton Spectator on May 3, 2019 and May 18, 2019 inviting the public to participate; and
- Consultation web page: the City of Hamilton posted PIC information on the project website (https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/westdale-neighbourhood-trafficmanagement-review) prior to the event. The PIC content was posted to the website after the PIC.

The PIC notice can be found in **Appendix C**.



3.2 PIC Attendance

In total, 13 residents attended the event. The sign-in sheet is included in Appendix D.

3.3 Summary of Participant Feedback

Comment forms were provided to elicit additional input from attendees. The comment form consisted of space to write any general questions or comments and also asked the following two (2) questions:

- What do you think about the preliminary recommendations?
- Any other comments, questions and suggestions?

Attendees were encouraged to provide feedback on the study by submitting their comments on site, via mail, fax, website or email. The deadline for comments was May 27, 2019. Five comment sheets were received during the PIC and five emails were received after the PIC. The completed comment sheets can be found in **Appendix E**. Comments received via email after the PIC event is also provided in **Appendix E**.

3.3.1 Common Themes

Comments and questions discussed during the PIC as well as comments received through completed comment sheets were categorized into themes outlined in **Table 1**.

Theme	Frequent Comment
Cycling	I am scared to ride a bike here. I want to see more consistency in the types of bike lanes throughout the City.
Transit	Where are chicanes being implemented and how will they impact cycling? LRT will be blocking off current turning lanes, which will affect the traffic in the rest of the study area. What is the long-term ramification of LRT and the future student housing? Where is everyone going to park?
Parking	 Several McMaster students park their cars in the neighbourhood (King St. and Paradise Rd. S. on Glen Rd., Dufferin St., etc.) and then take the bus into McMaster. The problem with parking on both sides of the street is that the road becomes wide enough for only 3 lanes (Marion St.). This becomes more dangerous for children and cyclists (i.e. opening care doors). Paradise Rd. should have on-street parking to help reduce speed issues. Dufferin St. is not wide enough for street parking. Summer months is okay to park one car but in the winter, due to all the snow and ice, it's difficulty to find parking.
Pedestrian Safety	Likes raised intersections but has never seen any before. People will only stop when there is a school crossing guard at Longwood Rd. but otherwise they don't stop. There is lack of education about this. There needs to be a button facing the sidewalk for pedestrian crosswalks because right now it's hidden. There are places with no sidewalks on Paradise Rd. Sightline issues on Bond St. Are drivers expected to stop at the pedestrian crossover? Will the pedestrian crossover include a traffic light? Likes bollards.
All Way Stop (AWS) Sign	People tend to roll through AWS signs instead of stopping. Bond St. and Marion Ave. used to not be an AWS stop but now it is. I like AWS because it slows people down. Uncertainty of ROW at AWS for pedestrians vs. motorists.

Table 1: Common Themes Discussed at the PIC

Theme	Frequent Comment
Traffic Calming	 Would like to see AWS at Paradise Rd. and Glen Rd. In favour of speed humps. Would like to see speed limits lowered from 50 km/hr to 30 km/hr or 40 km/hr. There are so many students and they don't follow the rules. The streets in this area are narrow and have parking on both sides, which make a 30 km/h speed limit more comfortable. All streets where people gather, such as Bond St. should be 40km/h. Locke St. could be 30km/h. Basically anywhere were there is congestion should be 30 km/h. Permit parking on both sides of street to encourage slower speeds. Please clarify what a chicane is and how it will impact cycling lanes since narrowing lanes with eliminate bike lanes. Cars will be tempted to speed up to get in front of the bikes. Speed bumps provide false sense of security for pedestrians. It is also bad for the environment because of all the stop and go. What is the difference between speed cushions vs. speed humps and has the City implemented both? Is there difference in noise level for both? Can buses go over speed cushions, like the ones on Macklin St. In favour of raised intersections.
General Traffic	Provide clarification on who has ROW when lights are flashing at pedestrian crossings Is a traffic signal warranted at Sterling St. and Forsyth Ave. due to high pedestrian volumes? Does traffic volume also consider pedestrian volume? What time of the year and day are traffic counts completed? Pedestrian push buttons should be placed such that they are visible from both directions (i.e. should be facing sidewalk). Improve consistency of crossings (pavement markings, signage, etc.) Can we implement a pedestrian scramble? This means any intersections that is not strictly signed will allow pedestrians to go in different directions to cross (diagonal etc.). Similar to New York. Can this be implemented at an AWS? Continual parade of students at Sterling St. and Forsyth Ave.; traffic backs up as a result

3.3.2 Additional Comments and Feedback

Other comments that were received included:

- > Heavy trucks on Longwood and Paradise are shaking house (resulted in crack in ceiling).
- Some of the costs for roadway improvement alternatives are excessive.
- Implementation of LRT will close some turns in/out of Westdale from Main Street. Has this been considered?
- > The Jamesville neighbourhood is very safe... can we mirror those traffic calming measures in Westdale?
- > The map with alternatives shown needs more solutions / alternatives.
- > Do you measure the effectiveness of the implementation?
- I'm always hypercautious at intersections because you don't know pedestrian and cyclist's behaviour.
- The general public does not have a basic understanding of rules. This is a destination neighbourhood, where people are unfamiliar with AWS signs and how to drive in dense areas.
- Why are vision zero practises not implemented here? The study team should research other cities and countries vision zero practises and copy places where there are less pedestrians' deaths / injuries.
- > Do all people perceive intersections differently? Is it innate?
- Clarify the adjustments to King St. and Paradise. There is a plan to build student housing in this area; has the study team taken this into consideration? Who is responsible for the coordination of both plans?

4. NEXT STEPS

All received comments will be further reviewed by the project team and will inform the next phase of the study. The project team will identify the key problem areas based on technical analyses in conjunction with public feedback prior to developing alternative solutions. As such, the subsequent study phases include the development and screening of pertinent alternatives.

Appendix A: Display Boards





Public Information Centre No. 2 Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Review

Date: May 13 2019, Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm Location: St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church 2 Bond St N, Hamilton, ON L8S 3W1

woodplc.com



Study Overview

Key Transportation Issues:

- How can we make Westdale's streets safer for driving, walking and cycling?
- How can we reduce collisions, traffic congestion and queuing at specific locations within Westdale?
- How can we make transit, cycling and walking more attractive in Westdale?
- How can we address future transportation issues under consideration in Westdale?

The Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Review was initiated to identify potential ways to improve the transportation safety and mobility needs of local residents – for all modes of travel.





The Study Process

Identify Transportation Opportunities and Challenges

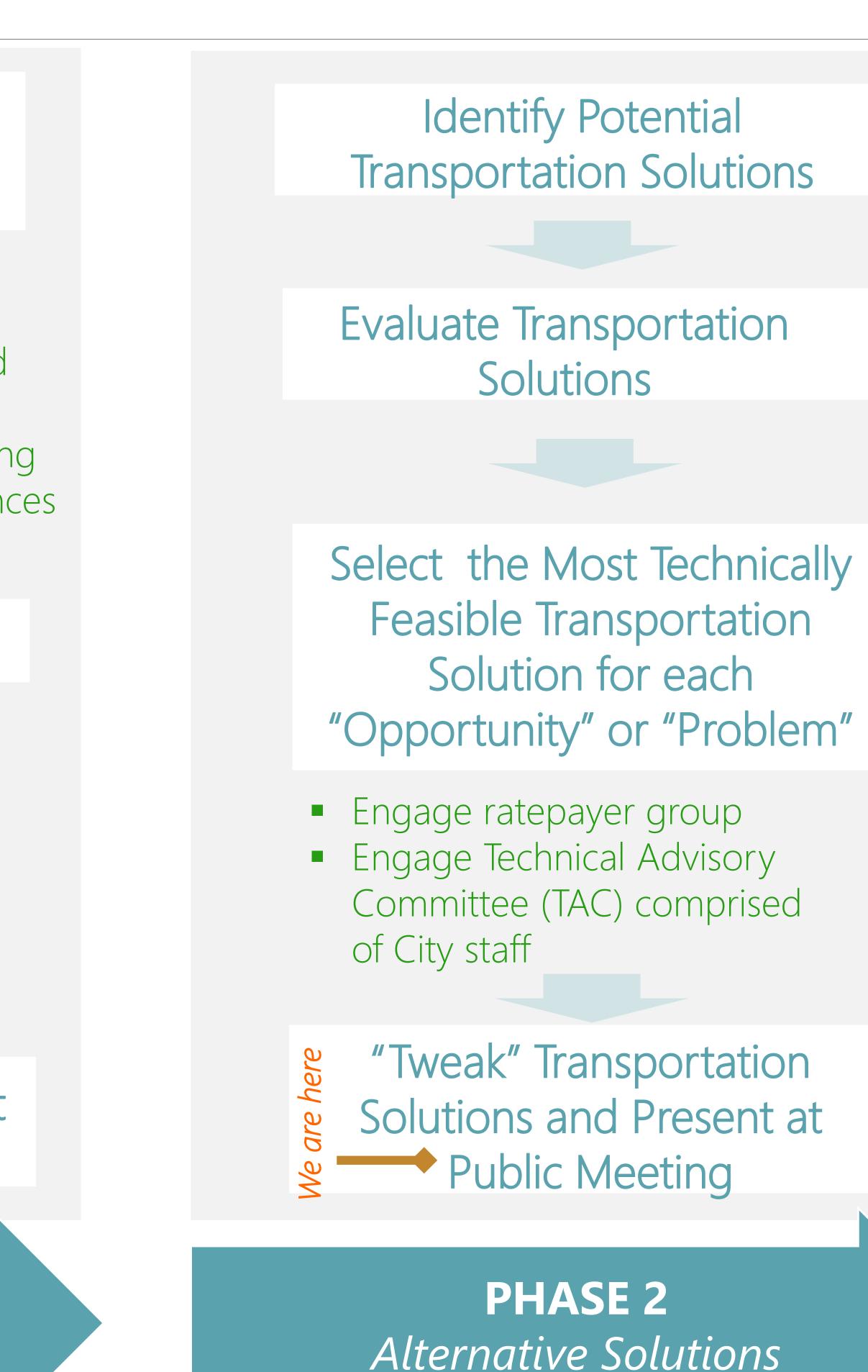
- Conducted walk-about of Westdale's transportation system
- Identified high crash, volume and speed areas
- Engaged local residents at public meeting (July 2018) to discuss their own experiences

Establish Needs

- Roads
- Cycling
- Walking
- Transit
- City building
- Land use and design

Problem & Opportunity Statement Established Study Foundation

PHASE 1 *Problem or Opportunity*



Complete Study – Summer/Fall 2019

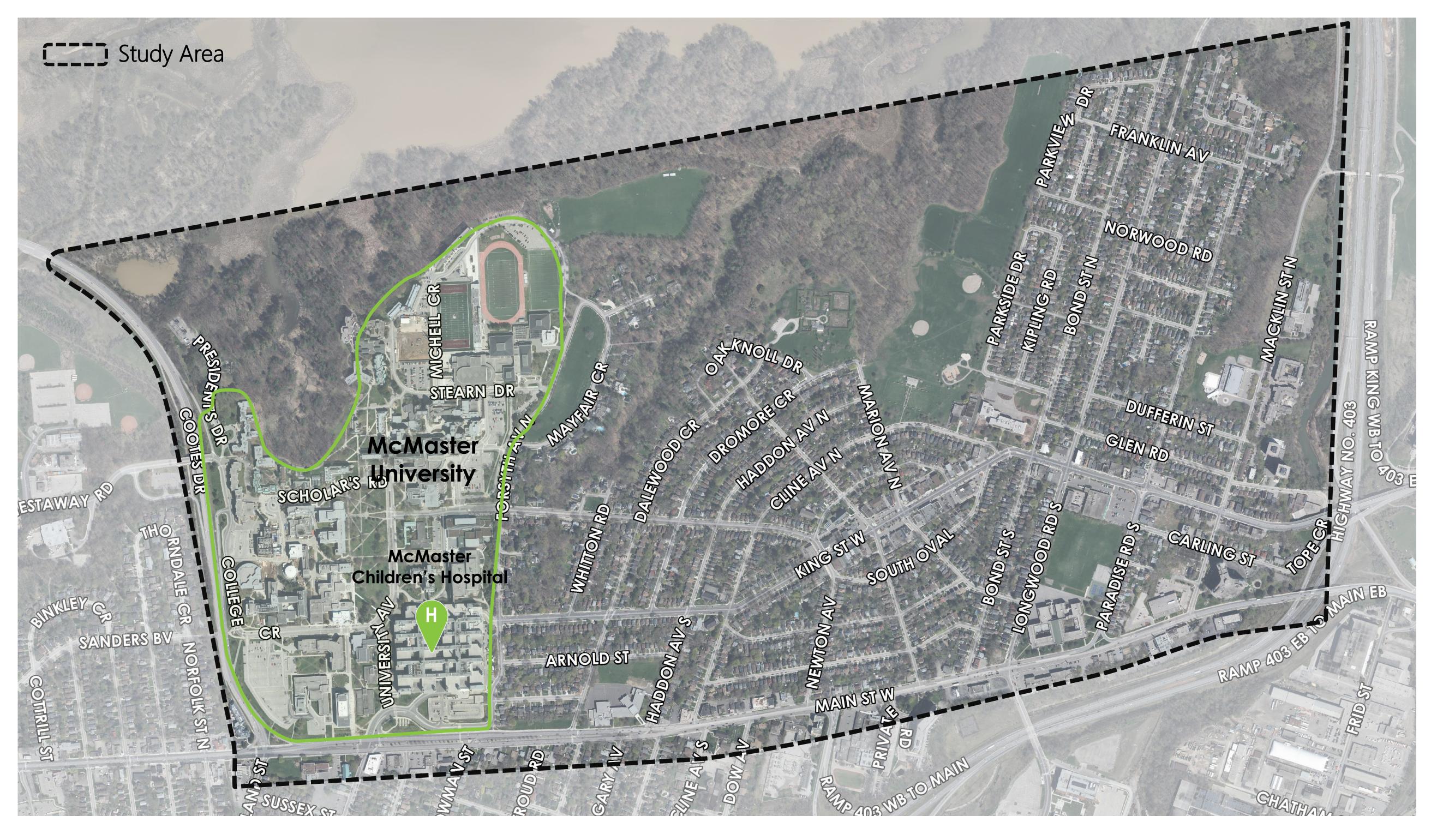
Finalize recommendations
Submit Westdale Master Plan report for public review
Further define implementation schedules for each improvement

All projects recommended as part of this study are pre-approved to proceed to implementation, as approved in the City's budget.



The Study Area

The Westdale Neighbourhood is generally bounded by the King's Highway 403, Main Street, Cootes Drive and natural terrain in the north.



4 A presentation by the City of Hamilton and Wood.



Some of the Things You Told Us About Westdale's Transportation System

Consider new measures to enforce parking in Westdale.

Improve pedestrian safety on local roads by providing more signage and clearer crossings.

Consider other measures (chicanes, bump-outs) that narrow roads at certain locations to reduce speeds in Westdale.

Make cycling lanes safer and extend them to other locations in the community.

> The City should identify additional measures on Main Street once the light rail is built.

We don't like those temporary speed humps to slow traffic down.

There's too much bus traffic on some streets and the bus frequencies need to be reduced.

> Parking is a major problem in Westdale. Several McMaster students leave their cars for hours on local streets.



Roadway Improvement Alternatives

Raised Intersections



Flexible Bollards



Reduce Speed Limit



*All costs are on a per unit basis. Costs are estimates and require additional analysis before finalizing. **Timing of improvements dependent on Council approval.





Used to encourage drivers to cross slowly, while yielding to pedestrians.

- > \$100,000



Used as a safety measure in order to control traffic and provide a barrier between the road and sidewalks.

< \$25,000



Install signage indicating the new lower speed limit. The speed limit will be lowered from 50km/hr to 40km/hr on Forsyth Avenue.

- 1 3 years
- < \$25,000

All-Way Stop Cont



Speed Cushions



Signal Timing Mod



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Wh		This permanent improvement raises sections of the road to reduce speed. Speed cushions will be built in a way that allows emergency vehicles to avoid the cushions.
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Wł		Adjusting the timing and coordination of signals to account for the changes in land use, traffic demand and road network enhancements.
W	hen?	1 - 3 years
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Roadway Improvement Alternatives

Intersection Configuration



Lane / Direction Signage





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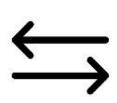


Modify intersection design safety improve to for pedestrians, cyclists and commuters.

Speed Monitoring System



- > \$100,000

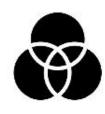


Additional signage clarifying the King Street split at Paradise Road.





- < \$25,000



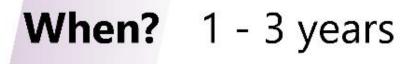
Extend the sidewalk or curb line out into the parking crossings by reducing the pedestrian crossing distance. This will visually and physically narrow the roadway, improve the ability of pedestrians and motorists to see each other, and reduce the time that pedestrians are in the street.

- \$25,000 \$50,000

What?



Target specific areas identified during the data collection process to enforce speed limits and other traffic laws in the neighbourhood.



< \$25,000 Cost?

What?	A series of alternating mid-block curb extensions or islands that narrow the roadway, requiring
	motorists to slow down. Chicanes can also create new areas for landscaping and public space.
When?	3 - 5 years

\$25,000 - \$100,000 Cost?



Pedestrian and Cycling Improvement Alternatives 🕺 🖧

Pedestrian Signage



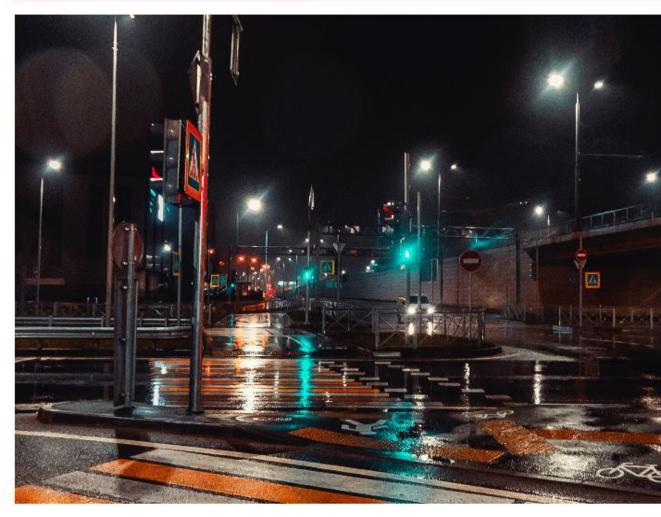


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Identifies pedestrian crossing areas to improve safety.

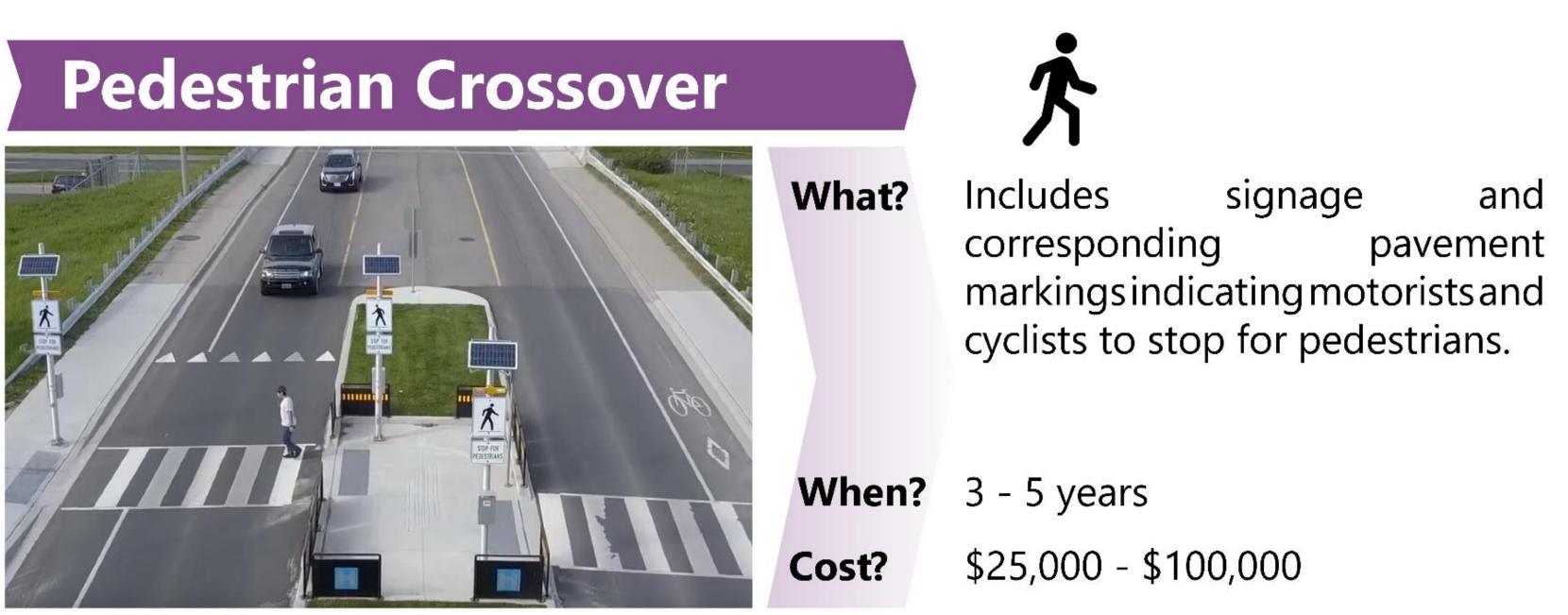
Higher Order Pedestrian Treatment



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What? Used to indicate lane endings, intersections and curves, cross walks.



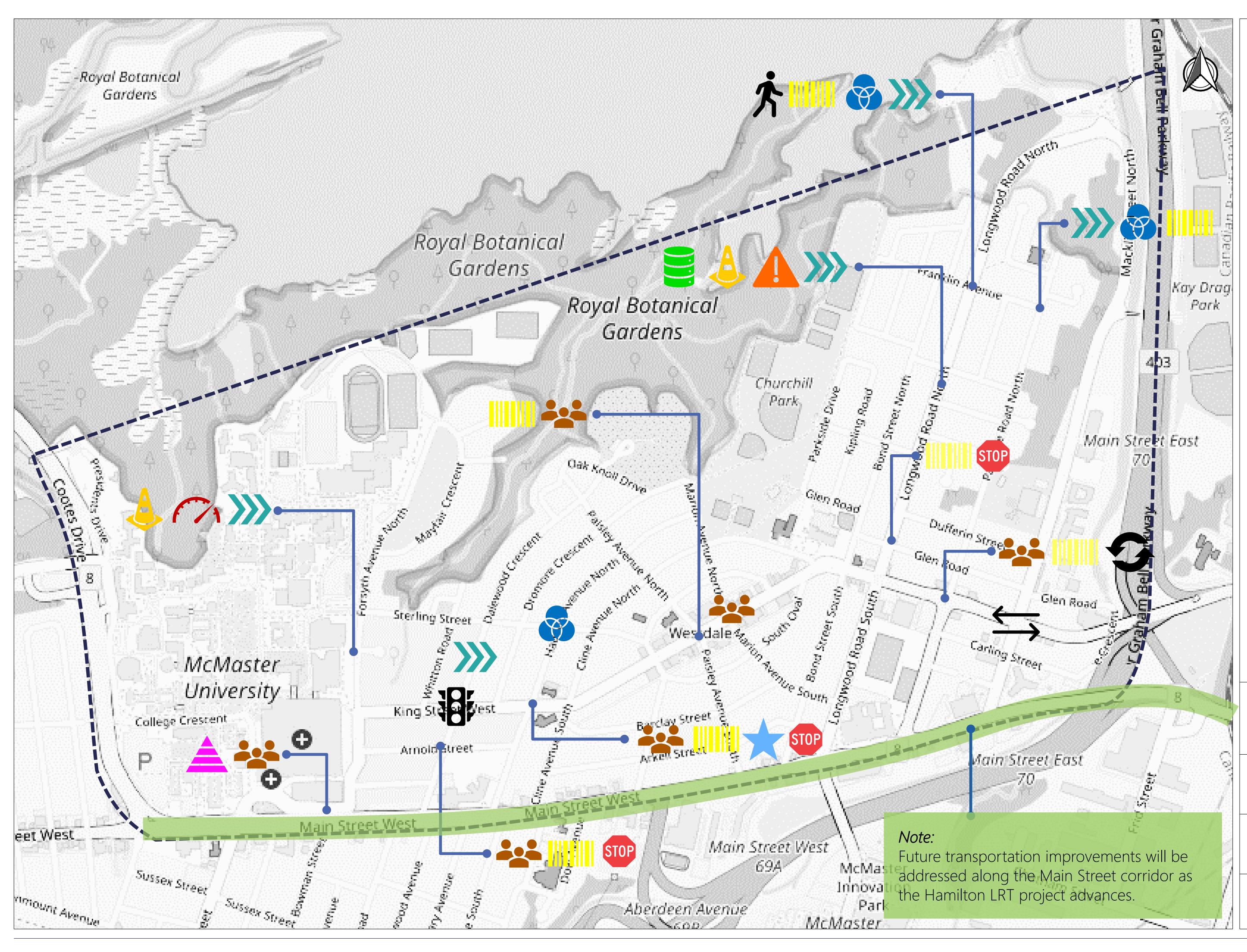
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	What?	May include safety features such as signs, signals, crossing guards or raised platforms. The solution is to implement a higher form of
		pedestrian crossing by including more safety features.
	When?	3 - 5 years
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\$25,000 - \$100,000 Cost?



Preliminary Recommended Alternative Solutions for Westdale Neighbourhood

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	Higher order pedestrian treatment
	Crosswalk markings
STOP	All-Way Stop Control
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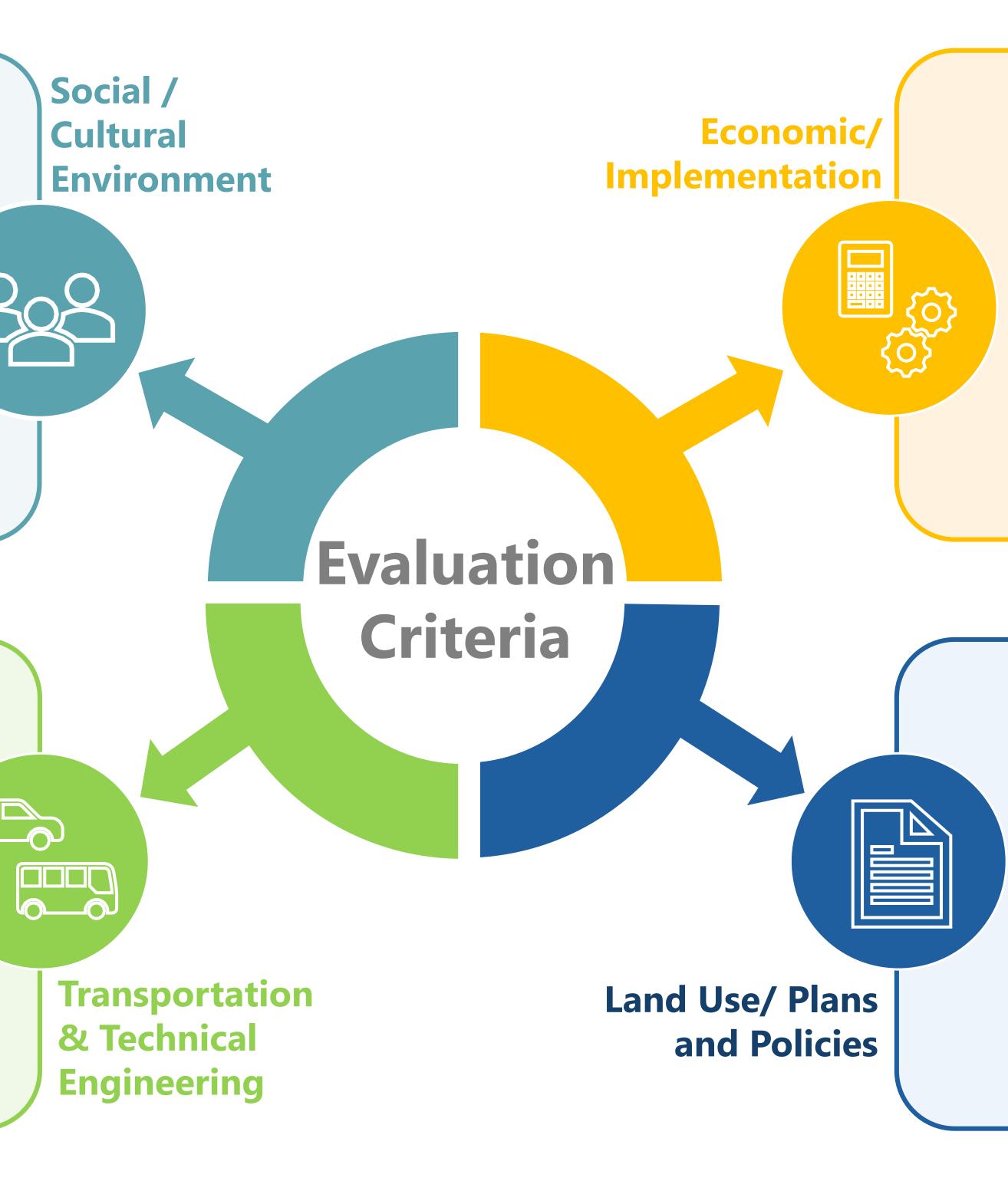


Things Considered in Evaluating Potential Transportation Improvements

- Potential Impact on Community Noise
- Complies with Accessibility for Ontarians with \bullet Disabilities Act (AODA)
- Potential Construction Disruptions
- Potential Impact to Environmental Features
- Potential Impact to Cultural Heritage \bullet and Archaeological Features

 Supports Sustainable Transportation (Transit, Cycling and Walking)

- Potential Impact on Safety
- Potential Travel Delay/ Traffic Capacity
- Adherence to Applicable Design Standards



- Ease of Implementation
- Capital Cost
- Operation and Maintenance Costs
- Timing/Phasing

- Supports Existing and Future Developments
- Compatibility with Provincial and Local Transportation Plans and Policies



Thank You for Attending!

Next Steps

- Finalize transportation recommendations based on tonight's input.
- Refine phasing and costs of transportation improvements for City budget.
- Complete and file the Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Study, which will comply with the Master Planning process for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment studies.

Contact Us

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A presentation by the City of Hamilton and Wood.





Ravi Bhim, MASc, P.Eng, PTOE Head Traffic Engineer, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions

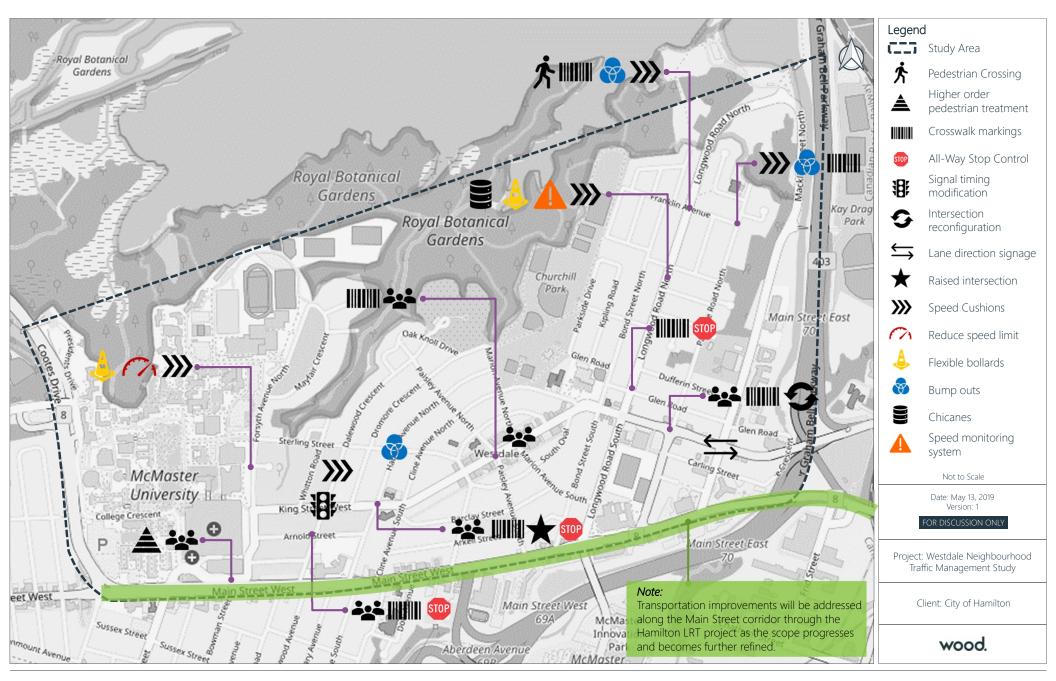
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Appendix B: Recommended Preferred Solutions





Appendix C: PIC Notice



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES (PICs) & NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

THE STUDY

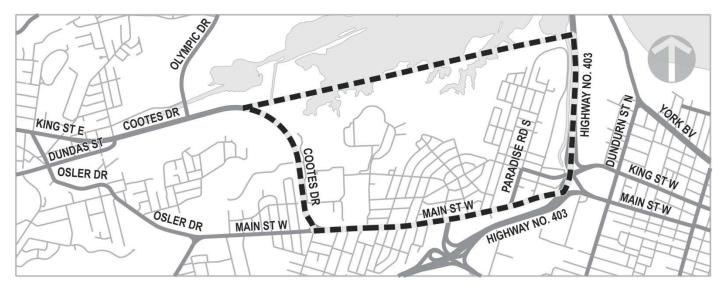
The City of Hamilton has initiated two Neighbourhood Traffic Management Reviews to identify issues and assess alternatives that address existing opportunities and challenges in two neighbourhoods, Ainslie Wood and Westdale, as depicted in the maps below.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Review

A Public Information Centre will be held displaying information to review the recommended solutions and receive public input:

- **DATE:** Monday, May 13, 2018
- **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, 2 Bond St N

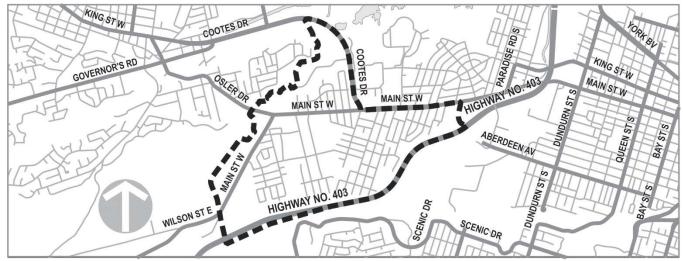


PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 Ainslie Wood Neighbourhood Traffic Management Review

A Public Information Centre will be held displaying information to review the recommended solutions and receive public input:

- DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
- **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: West End Fortinos, 1579 Main St W, 2nd Floor



THE PROCESS

These studies will reflect aspects of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Master Plan process (under the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA (as amended in 2015), addressing Phases 1 and 2. Following a review of these two neighbourhoods, two separate reports will be prepared that document their results.

The PICs will be drop-in style sessions where attendees can review the results of the evaluation process and recommended solutions. Attendees will be asked for their input.

Upon completion of these studies, separate reports will be prepared and made available for public review and comment. Another advertisement will be published at that time, indicating where the reports can be viewed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED

There is an opportunity for interested persons to review outstanding issues and bring concerns to the attention of our management team at any time during this process. If you have any questions or comments, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Transportation Operations & Maintenance,	Head Traffic Engineering
Public Works Department	Wood
Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 1713	Phone: 905.335.2353, ext 3136
Email: bryan.purins@hamilton.ca	Email: ainslie.ntmr@amecfw.com

Please contact Bryan Purins, the City's Project Manager, regarding disability accommodation requirements for the PIC by May 10, 2019.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.* With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Appendix D: Sign-in Sheet



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Appendix E: Comment Forms



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COMMENT SHEET

Thank you for attending tonight's Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management Review's Public Information Centre! We hope you found the presentation materials useful and informative.

We would appreciate additional input that is relevant to this study (see below). Please drop your completed comment sheet in the box provided before leaving - or return your comment sheet via e-mail or mail by May 27, 2019 to:

Bryan Purins

City of Hamilton Project Manager Public Works Department Email: TrafficOps@hamilton.ca Phone: (905) 546-2424 ext. 1713

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The Redestrian crossing is in the wrong place on Longwood Rdnear the highschool. It should be before Marion as it now blocks the turning lane backing up traffic.

The bus stop on King St. W (just past the bridge) should be an indent socars can pass the bus. Currently, cars are stuck waiting for podestrians to load into the bus while cars are backed all the Way to the bridge. Because the bus stop is right where the rodd splits between Westdale + Mainst. W. The corner of Haddon + King St. W. should have a traffic

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To: Cc: Subject: Hoeun, Sovandary Wilson, Maureen; Purins, Bryan RE: Speed Cushion Specifications

Hi Sov,

Thank you for sending me the drawing again. and the additional information and photo. As you know from our previous communications, I live on _______ here I and other neighbours advocated for speed bumps in 2017. During the first spring (2018) after its installation I noticed and had to contend with what I guess was an unintended consequence of how the hump was designed and/or installed, specifically the space left on either end of the hump and the roadside curb. Because the hump was installed with too narrow a space between the hump and the curb, the melting pieces of ice, slush, leaves and other detritus carried along with the spring rain and thaw would cause logjams at those junctures. As a result this prevented the water and debris from flowing past those points and large pools of water would form along the length of the humps.

The problem was compounded by the fact that my street has alternate months parking for part of the year but over a number of consecutive winter months, parking is restricted to one side of the side i.e. the west side of Bond. Thus, parked car tires also constricted the space for passage of water and exacerbated the piling up of debris thereby causing logjams and pooled water.

As you will recall I contacted you about this faulty design and installation in November 2018 and you helped me to have the hump re-adjusted. Given that a few months ago a notice came around advising that existing speed humps are to be replaced with speed cushions, I am anxious to have my observations and concerns brought to the attention of all city departments involved in the endeavour so that the "flaws" that I have described can be considered and corrected before the new speed cushions are installed particularly, as I understand it, the cushions will constructed using asphalt or some other durable material not as conducive to amendment after installation as were the rubber speed humps.

Please note that I have copied this email to Maureen Wilson, my City Counsellor, and Bryan Purins. I attended the May 13 meeting about traffic management and safety issues for the Westdale area and he may have been in attendance.

Thanks again Sov for your past help and attention to this matter.

Hello

I am just following up with regards to the voicemail you left me on May 15th. Attached, please find an updated specification drawing for the speed cushions.

As you can see from the drawing, the height of the cushions will be approximately 8 cm. I was told we do have a speed cushion installed on Second Rd W in Upper Stoney Creek, however, it was installed years ago and it is not constructed to the new specifications attached.

As an example, the speed cushions we will be installing will be more similar to the ones in the image below:



Best regards,

Sov Hoeun *Roadway Safety Technologist* Transportation Operations & Maintenance, Public Works (905) 546-2424 Ext.4106



From: Hoeun, Sovandary Sent: March 27, 2019 4:34 PM

Subject: Speed Cushion Specifications

Hello

As per our conversion on the phone, please find the specification drawing attached for the speed cushions we will be installing on Bond Street.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I would be happy to answer.

Best regards,

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Shams, Aniqa

Sent:	Monday, May 6, 2019 10:19 AM
То:	Purins, Bryan
Subject:	please add me to the Westdale traffic management study mailing list.

Thank you!

Shams, Aniqa

To: Subject: Purins, Bryan Wesdale Traffic Review

Hi Bryan,

I have attended two sessions regarding traffic in Westdale. I tryly appreciate the hard work that the compnay has been doing. I would like to add that at Marion N and North Oval it is dangerous. Because of parked cars right near the curb, the traffic coming from North Oval going west edges outward. Many times people turn the corner going on Marion towards Cline. Something needs to be done so those individuals can see oncoming traffic on Marion when on North Oval; and those on Marion travelling toward King.

Thank you,

Shams, Aniqa

To: Subject: Purins, Bryan mailing list

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Please add me to the mailing list of the Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Review.

From: Purins, Bryan

Subject: RE: Hansen #15221657 Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management review - feedback

Good morning

Thank you for taking the time to provide your comments regarding the Westdale Transportation Management Plan. I have passed them along to the Consultant for review.

The 30km/h speed limit in the North End was a pilot project initiated by the residents and supported by Council 5 years ago. One caveat of that was it was to be the only area with 30km/h speed limits until a study can be completed to determine the effect on compliance levels. Staff will be summarizing the pilot project in a report later this year once we can collect data for the "after" studies.

Studies have shown that artificially lowering the speed limit really has no effect on reducing vehicle speeds on roadways. Drivers tend to travel at speeds they feel comfortable, regardless of the speed limit, it is why most people travel over the 100km/h speed limit on highways and why the Province has proposed raising the speed limit to 110km/h in certain stretches. If you want drivers to abide by the speed limit there has to be some type of physical traffic calming measure in place, hence the recommendation for speed cushions, bumpouts, speed monitoring device and the pedestrian crossover on Longwood. While you may not feel it is a dangerous crossing we have had other residents request an all-way stop or some safer form of crossing in that area because they feel it is unsafe.

Best,

Bryan Purins C.E.T.

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Sent: May-22-19 7:40 PM To: PWTraffic Operations Cc: Wlson, Maureen Subject: Westdale Neighbourhood Traffic Management review - feedback

To whom it may concern, As a recent Westdale North Resident, I was pleased to learn of this review and possible solutions to make our neighbourhood safer.

While I appreciate the options that have been presented, I just don't think any of them go far enough. I live on Longwood Rd N between Norwood and Franklin and do not believe that slowing people down at Franklin with a Pedestrian activated crossing or bumps outs will do much to stop people from speeding between the stop sign on Norward and the top of the hill, which is actually not a dangerous cross to make. The only way to make the streets safer is to slow down traffic throughout the neighbourhood. It is no secret that speed is an issue as the sign indicating speed was reinstalled this spring. As residents of Longwood, we are so fortunate to be in walking distance to Cootes Paradise. We welcome visitors but feel they need a reminder that Longwood isn't a highway to paradise, it is a residential road.

If we want to continue to be a family-friendly neighbourhood (and city) the streets need to be safe for all users, including the toddlers learning how to safely cross streets, ride bikes and share the road.

Jamesville got it right. Why can't we? 30km/h speed limit. No exceptions. Let's make this explicit that this is a safe, pedestrian community that follows **vision zero policies**. This ensures kids can make mistakes and not lose their lives.

Many thanks for your time, effort and considerations

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