



Downey Road Traffic Calming

Teal Drive to Niska Road
Phase 1

Open house information package

Thursday, May 18, 2017

5–8 p.m.

Kortright Hills Public School Library, 23 Ptarmigan Drive, Guelph

If you comments, please fill it out the comment sheet at the back of this package and deposit it in the designated box provided at this open house.

About the project

The City completed the Downey Road Transportation Improvement Study to identify the appropriate classification for Downey Road and to find options to address speeding and enhance the experiences of people walking and biking along Downey Road.

Council approved five of the six the recommendations of the Downey Road Transportation Improvement study in September 2016. Council did not approve the recommendation for a roundabout at Niska Road, and asked that staff report back on alternatives for this intersection at a later date. Traffic control plans for this intersection are still being considered.

The Cycling Master Plan is a 10-year strategy to make it easier, safer and more accessible for people biking in Guelph by building a connected network of on- and off-road bike facilities throughout the City. It is part of the City of Guelph's efforts to support sustainable transportation, relieve traffic congestion, and make active transportation options available to everyone. Adding bike lanes to Downey Road will improve safety for all road users including people who walk, bike and drive.

Purpose and scope of the open house

The purpose of this open house is to present the details of the coming construction work to the community.

The changes being presented are already approved by Council. Feedback on the traffic calming elements being added this year was collected as part of the Downey Road Transportation Improvement Study. Comments on these elements is not part of the scope of this open house.

At this open house, you will learn about:

- construction timing and schedules;
- Where construction activities will take place;
- what to expect during construction;
- potential impacts to neighbouring properties,
- traffic impacts;
- property access;
- changes to any City services during construction (e.g. garbage collection); and

You are encouraged to ask questions staff at the open house about any of these and other construction-related subjects.

Scope of construction

This is the first phase in the implementation of the Council-approved recommendations of the Downey Road Transportation Improvement Study. This phase includes the construction of the following traffic calming elements:

- An entrance feature west of Teal Drive
- Pedestrian refuge islands at Quail Creek Drive/Pheasant Run Drive and Downey Road and at Hazelwood Drive and Downey Road
- Curb extensions or bump-outs
- Line painting including bike lanes and pedestrian crossing marks

Timing of construction

Construction on Downey Road is expected to start in July or August and will take about two months to complete.

The raised intersections, speed cushions and intersection improvements for Niska Road and Downey Road will be completed in future phases of construction.

The City of Guelph will be monitoring the effectiveness of the traffic calming elements added in phase one before building other elements approved by Council. This will ensure that traffic calming elements are working as expected and allow the City to make changes or adjust elements added in the first phase, and/or review other elements yet to be added. The City's goal is to make sure these changes address the needs of the community.

Contractor

The contractor will be selected by the public bid process in June or July.

Other changes to the roadway

The City does not expect to be removing any trees. The City will be adding more storm drains in the construction area to improve local drainage.

Dust, noise and vibration

Dust, noise and vibration are a common part of most construction projects. The contractor is required to provide proactive dust suppression on open areas, clean muddied roads, use low-noise generators, and operate equipment only during the working hours permitted by the City's noise bylaws.

Future notices

Updates about this project will be posted at **guelph.ca/construction** under the **Downey Road Traffic Improvement** project. A construction notice will be delivered to homes located in the construction area closer to the start of construction to advise of timing and any impacts to property access, traffic and City services.

Comments

Please provide comments on the attached comment sheet and deposit the comment sheet in the box provided at the registration table. Your comments will help the City to addressing any concerns that you might have regarding this project.

For more information

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Thank you for your attendance at this open house

DOWNEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMENT SHEET

1. Do you have any general comments regarding the construction project?

2. Do you have any specific requirements during construction?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____