

Public Engagement Feedback Report

Halifax Drive Traffic Calming Study

Background

The City's Neighbourhood Traffic Calming (NTC) Program received complaints from residents about speeding along Halifax Drive. As a result, this street was reviewed by collecting and analyzing speed and traffic volume data. The results from the traffic survey concluded that Halifax Drive met the criteria for a future traffic calming study to be initiated.

The study request was then added to the City's prioritization list of candidate traffic calming studies. In October 2024, the study moved to the top of the prioritization list and was initiated. Based on traffic data, coordination with various stakeholders, and project constraints, proposed concept plans have been developed.

The Halifax Drive NTC plan includes:

Halifax Drive between Canterbury Avenue / Saunderson Drive and Walkley Road

- 3 speed cushions. Speed cushions are being proposed along this section of the street because it is an OC Transpo route and a key emergency response route for Fire Services. Speed cushions allow large vehicles like buses and emergency response vehicles to straddle the cushions.
- A cycling lane on the north side of Halifax Drive.
- Edgelines on the south side of Halifax Drive. On-street parking will remain.

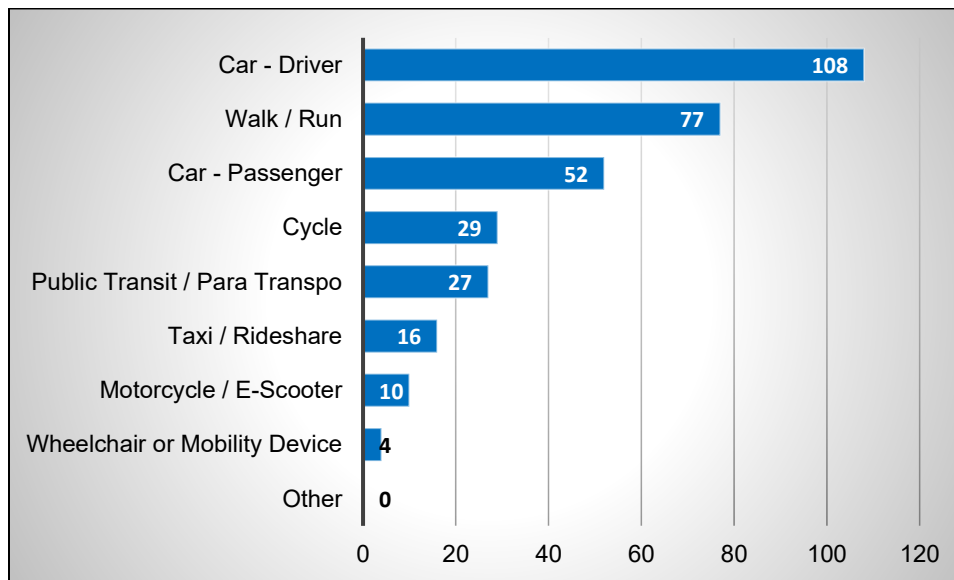
Public Consultation and Online Survey Results

Over the spring of 2025, an online survey was conducted to gather feedback on the proposed traffic calming plan. The following section includes the results from the online survey and summaries of the individual comments received. A total of 119 people completed the online survey. The online survey was available from May 11th to June 27th, 2025.

1. What mode(s) of transportation do you use when travelling along Halifax Drive? (Choose all that apply):

Response	Total # of responses
Car - Driver	108
Walk / Run	77
Car - Passenger	52
Cycle	29
Public Transit / Para Transpo	27
Taxi / Rideshare	16
Motorcycle / E-Scooter	10
Wheelchair or Mobility Device	4
Other	0

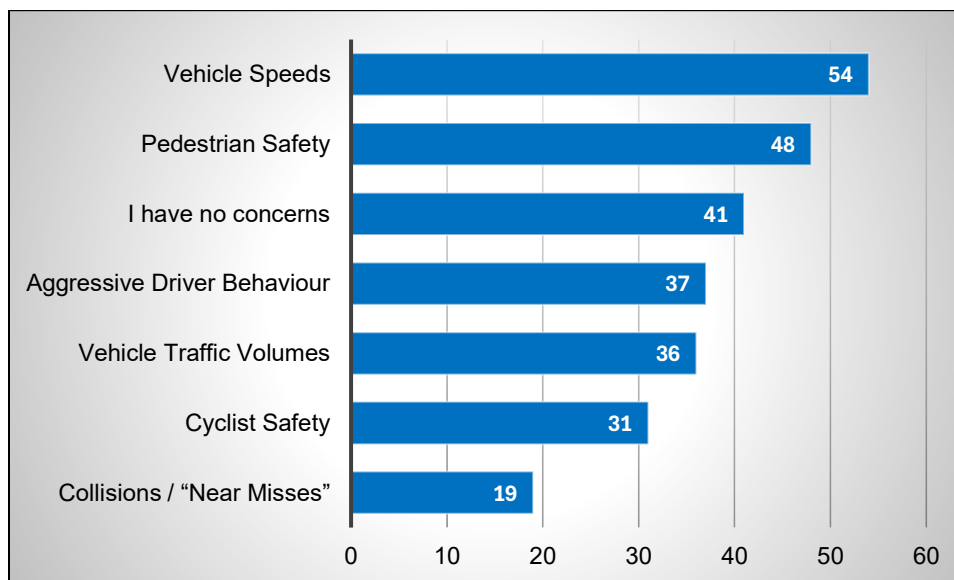
*Total Number of Responses – 323



2. What are your primary concerns when travelling along Halifax Drive? (Choose all that apply)

Response	Total # of responses
Vehicle Speeds	54
Pedestrian Safety	48
I have no concerns	41
Aggressive Driver Behaviour	37
Vehicle Traffic Volumes	36
Cyclist Safety	31
Collisions / "Near Misses"	19

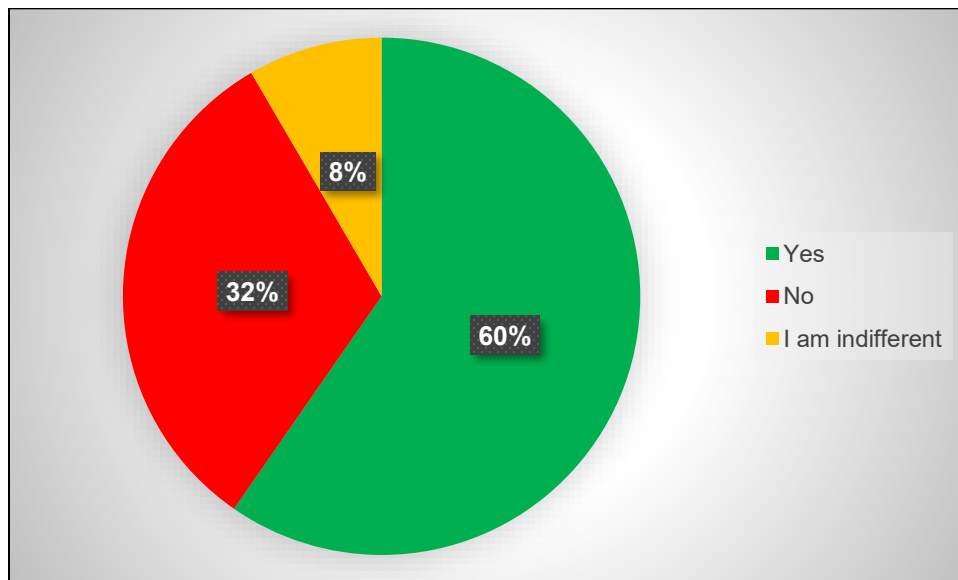
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3. The purpose of the traffic calming study is to recommend permanent roadway modifications intended to improve safety, primarily by reducing vehicular speeds along Halifax Drive. Are you supportive of traffic calming study along Halifax Drive?

Response	Total % of responses	Total # of responses
Yes	60%	71
No	32%	38
I am indifferent	8%	10

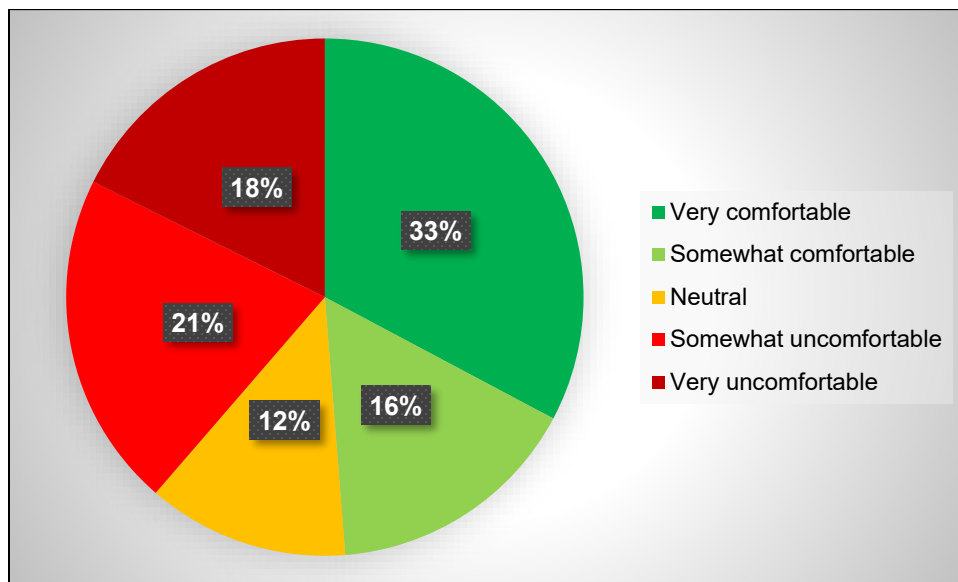
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4. Please indicate your level of comfort for the proposed concept plan along Halifax Drive.

Response	Total % of responses	Total # of responses
Very comfortable	33%	39
Somewhat comfortable	16%	19
Neutral	12%	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	21%	25
Very uncomfortable	18%	21

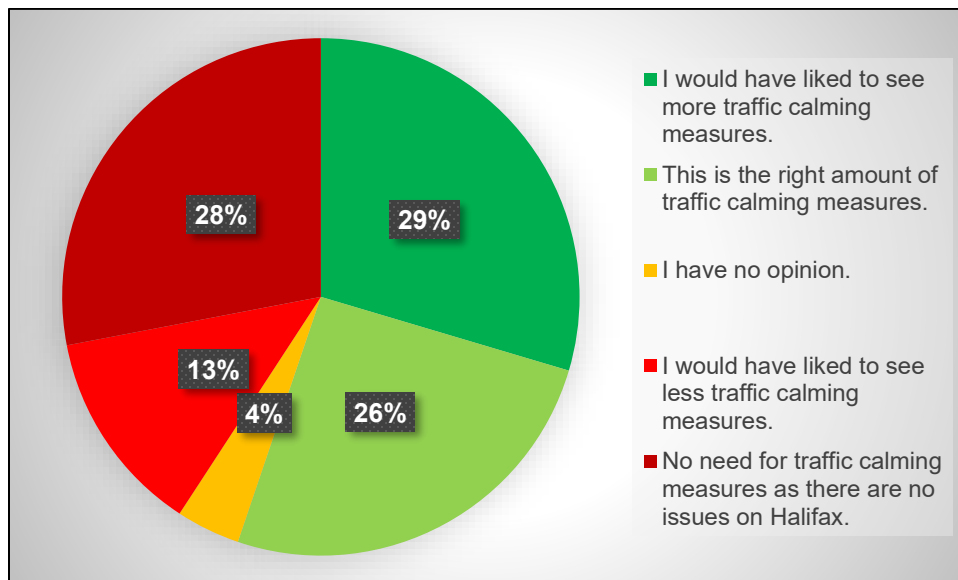
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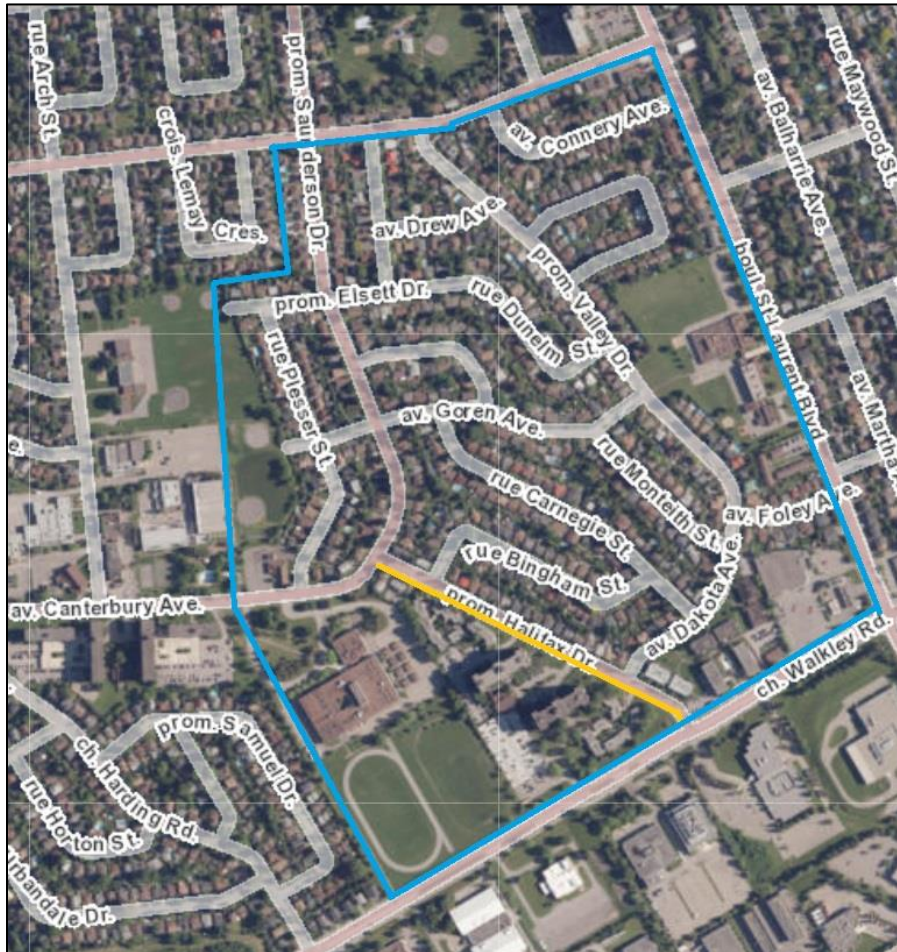
5. Please indicate your observations for Halifax Drive.

Response	Total % of responses	Total # of responses
I would have liked to see more traffic calming measures.	29%	37
This is the right amount of traffic calming measures.	26%	32
I have no opinion.	4%	5
I would have liked to see less traffic calming measures.	13%	16
No need for traffic calming measures as there are no issues on Halifax.	28%	35

*Total Number of Respondents – 125

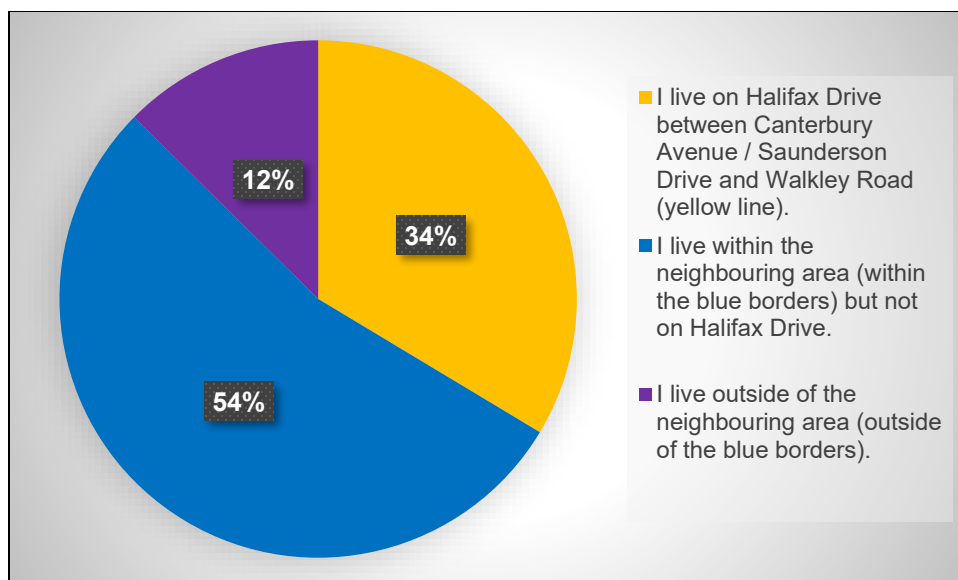


6. Where do you live in relation to this project's study area? This information will be used to help determine the general geographical distribution of respondents who complete the survey.



Response	Total % of responses	Total # of responses
I live on Halifax Drive between Canterbury Avenue / Saunderson Drive and Walkley Road (yellow line).	34%	40
I live within the neighbouring area (within the blue borders) but not on Halifax Drive.	54%	64
I live outside of the neighbouring area (outside of the blue borders).	12%	15

*Total Number of Respondents – 119



7. Do you have any general comments regarding the overall proposed concept plans or any comments about specific proposed measures at particular locations? Comments have been summarized.

Type	Category	Comments	# of Comments
Issues	Cycling	Cyclists do not follow the rules of the road.	1
	Driver Behaviour	Drivers speeding on Halifax Drive.	5
		Speeding on Saunderson Drive.	4
		Drivers using Halifax Drive to avoid speed camera on Walkley Road.	2
		Drivers speeding on Canterbury Avenue.	1
		Speeding on Harding Road.	1
		Speeding on Urbandale Drive.	1
		Speeding on Walkley Road.	1
	Parking	Parked cars do not move during the winter.	2
		Parked cars result in narrower roads and 'doorings'.	1
	Traffic Calming	Traffic calming measures implemented on Harding Road have diverted traffic to Halifax Drive.	3
		Traffic calming measures implemented on Valley Drive have diverted traffic to Halifax Drive.	1

		Traffic calming measures implemented on Harding Road have negatively impacted drivers' experience.	1
	Traffic Control	No left turn from Elmvale Mall back into neighbourhood creates awkward traffic flow.	1
	Traffic Volume	Too many large trucks frequent the area.	1
		Difficulty pulling out of driveways during school pick-up and drop-off.	1
	Visibility	Parked cars restrict visibility when leaving apartment parking lots.	1
Proposed Measures	Cycling	Do not support cycling infrastructure.	7
		Support cycling infrastructure.	1
		Few cyclists use this road.	1
	Driver Behaviour	Speeding is not a problem on Halifax Drive.	5
	Miscellaneous	Prefer that funds be used elsewhere.	3
		Traffic calming will raise property values and rent, making the area less affordable.	1
		Would prefer funds be used elsewhere, such as sidewalk implementation and road maintenance.	1
	Parking	Proposed cycling infrastructure will make road undesirably narrow.	5
		Do not support parking reduction.	2
		Residents of nearby apartments rely on street parking.	1
	Proposed Plan	Support proposed plan.	13
		Support speed cushions.	6
		Existing conditions are satisfactory.	4
		Do not support proposed plan.	2
		Proposed measures disproportionately impact smaller vehicles without impeding trucks and SUVs.	2
		Speed cushions will slow emergency response times.	1
		Proposed plan balances speed reduction with emergency vehicle response well.	1

		Proposed measures will worsen traffic congestion.	1
		Supports speed cushions but would prefer fewer.	1
		Proposed measures will not sufficiently address traffic conditions unless surrounding area is also addressed.	1
	Traffic Calming	Do not support speed cushions.	5
		City is going overboard with calming measures.	3
		Speed bumps will increase vehicle wear.	1
		Traffic calming measures increase neighbourhood vibrations.	1
		Traffic calming measures do not improve traffic conditions or driver behaviour.	1
Suggested Solutions	Cycling	Implement additional regulation around cycling (education, licensing, etc.).	1
	Enforcement	Implement speed camera on Halifax Drive.	3
		Police enforcement as needed.	2
	Miscellaneous	Additional bus stops along Halifax Drive.	2
		Patch potholes throughout the city.	2
		Improve pavement quality on Canterbury Avenue and Saunderson Drive.	1
		Implement traffic calming measures on Plesser Street.	1
		Publicize speed data to demonstrate need for traffic calming.	1
		Storm sewers on Halifax Drive flood during heavy rainfall and should be cleared out.	1
		Add shelters to bus stops.	1
		Follow-up survey on Walkley Road.	1
	Parking	Restrict parking towards south end of Halifax Drive to reduce intersection congestion.	3
	Pedestrian	Implement PXO at intersection of Halifax Drive and Dakota Avenue.	8
		Implement PXO at intersection of Saunderson Drive and Goren Avenue.	1
		Improve bus stop accessibility in winter months.	1

		Improve pedestrian safety at intersection of Halifax and Canterbury Avenue / Saunderson Drive.	1
	Traffic Calming	Lower speed limit.	7
		Remove flex stakes.	3
		Implement traffic calming measures on Saunderson Drive to Smyth Road.	3
		Implement speed boards.	1
		Implement speed cushions on Saunderson Drive.	1
	Traffic Control	Implement all-way stop control at Saunderson Drive and Goren Avenue.	2
		Implement all-way stop control at Halifax Drive and Dakota Avenue.	1
		Restrict right turn from Halifax Drive to Walkley Road.	1
		Extend left-turn lane from Halifax Drive onto Walkley Road.	1