

Johnston Road Traffic Calming Study

Public Engagement Feedback Report

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Introduction

The City of Ottawa is undertaking a Neighbourhood Traffic Calming (NTC) Study along Johnston Road from Ewing Street/Grandpark Circle to Blohm Drive to recommend solutions to reduce negative impacts of motorized traffic and improve safety for all street users.

An online survey was conducted from February 17 to March 12, 2025. The primary purpose of this survey was to gain public feedback on the [proposed concept plan](#), which was developed based on the review of traffic data, coordination with multiple stakeholders, and project constraints, to assist City staff in recommending permanent roadway modifications in this study area.

The results of this online survey are summarized within this report in the form of a 'Public Engagement Feedback Report'.

Survey Results Summary

A total of 154 responses were received for this survey. The following provides a summary of the responses to each question.

Where do you live in relation to this project's study area?

Overall, 73% of the total respondents reported living within the neighbouring area or adjacent to Johnston Road (within the blue borders), and the remaining 27% live outside of the neighbouring area (outside the blue borders). Refer to table 1 and figure 1 below.

Response	# of Respondents	% of Respondents
I live within the neighbouring area / on or adjacent to Johnston Road (within the blue borders)	112	73%
I live outside of the neighbouring area (outside of the blue borders)	42	27%

Table 1: Survey responses by area of residence

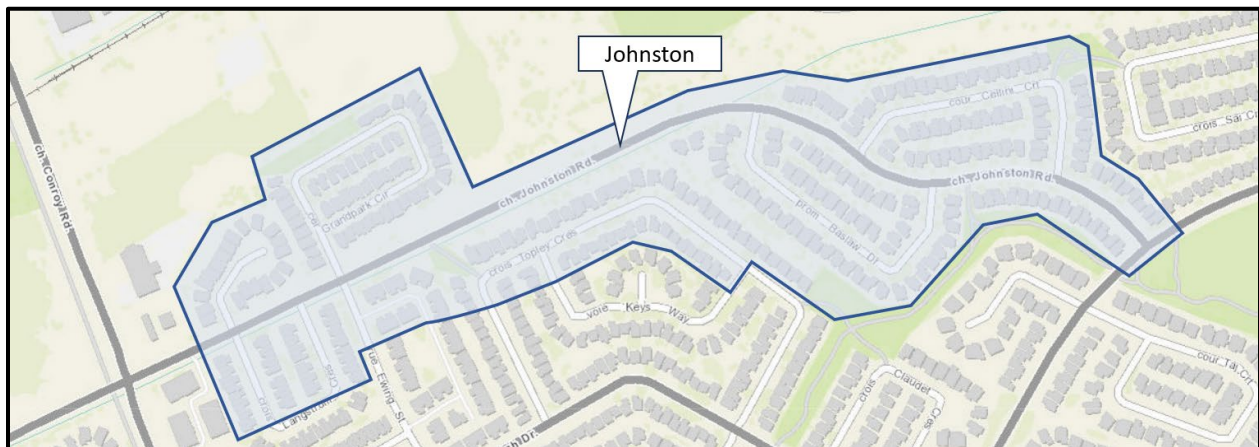


Figure 1: Aerial view of Johnston Road and neighbouring areas

What mode(s) of transportation do you use when travelling along Johnston Road? (Choose all that apply)

Respondents indicated that they use a variety of transportation modes while travelling along Johnston Road. The most common modes of transportation were by vehicle as a driver (98%), walking/running (76%), by car as a passenger (51%), and cycling (49%).

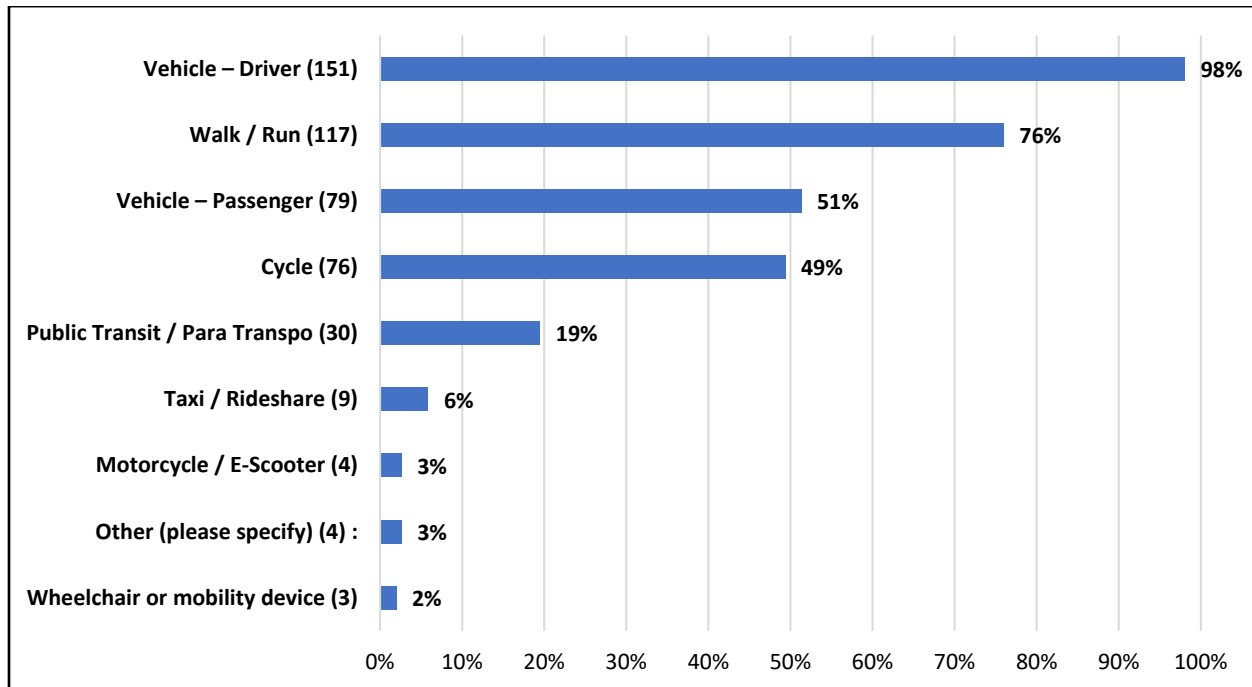


Figure 2: Modes of transportation

Other includes skateboard, dog walking, bird watching, children bus pick-up/drop off location.

What are your primary concerns when travelling along Johnston Road? (Choose all that apply)

Respondents reported that the greatest level of concern is vehicle speeds, followed by aggressive driver behaviour, pedestrian safety, cyclist safety, collision or “near misses”, and vehicle traffic volume (in that order). Additionally, 19% of respondents indicated that they have no concerns.

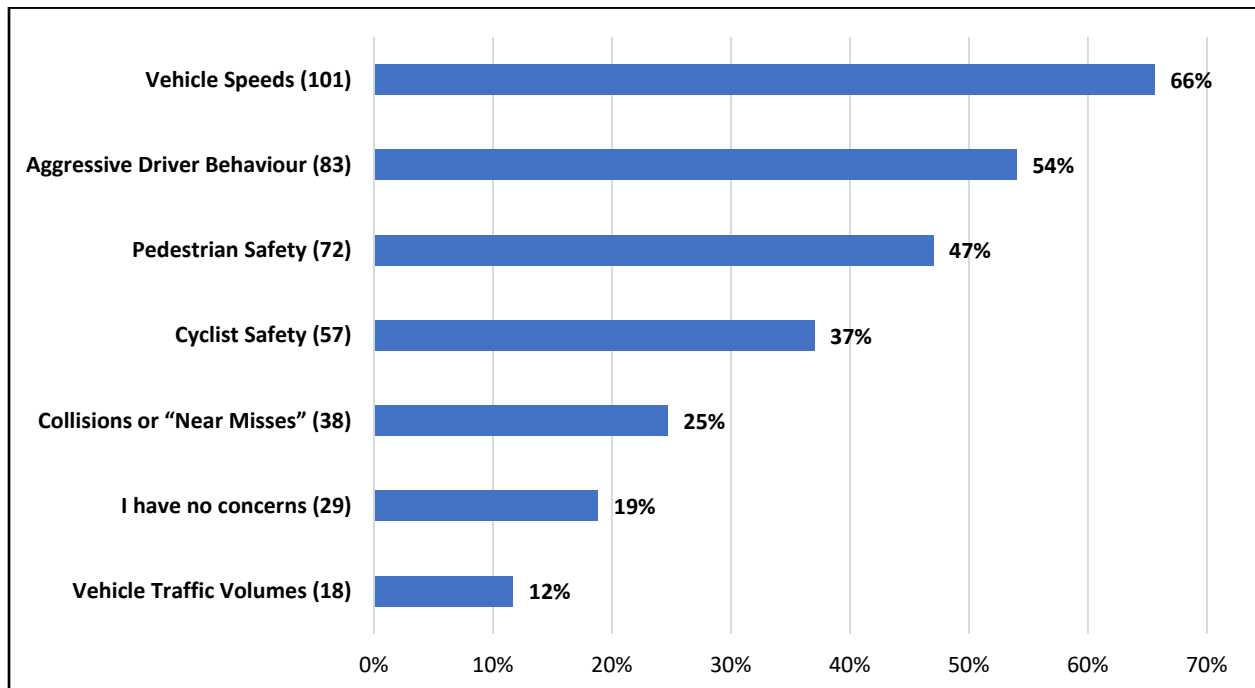


Figure 3: Primary concerns along Johnston Road

The purpose of this study is to recommend permanent roadway modifications intended to improve safety, primarily by reducing vehicular speeds along Johnston Road. Are you supportive of this traffic calming study?

The majority of respondents (73%, 112 respondents) were supportive of this traffic calming study.

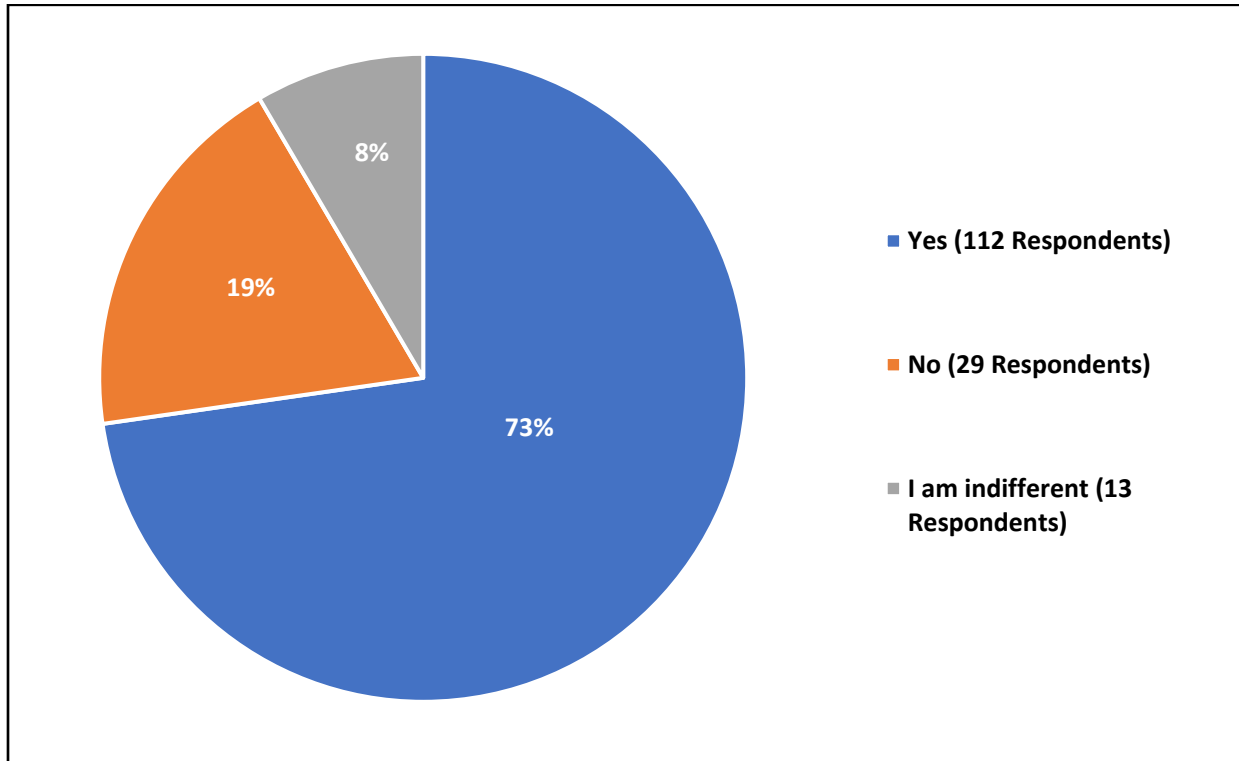


Figure 4: Level of support for the traffic study

Please indicate your level of comfort for the proposed concept plan

Overall, 59% of respondents reported feeling *very* or *somewhat comfortable* with the proposed plan, while 34% indicated they were *somewhat* or *very uncomfortable*. The remaining 7% of respondents were neutral. Figure 5 below shows the breakdown of responses to this question.

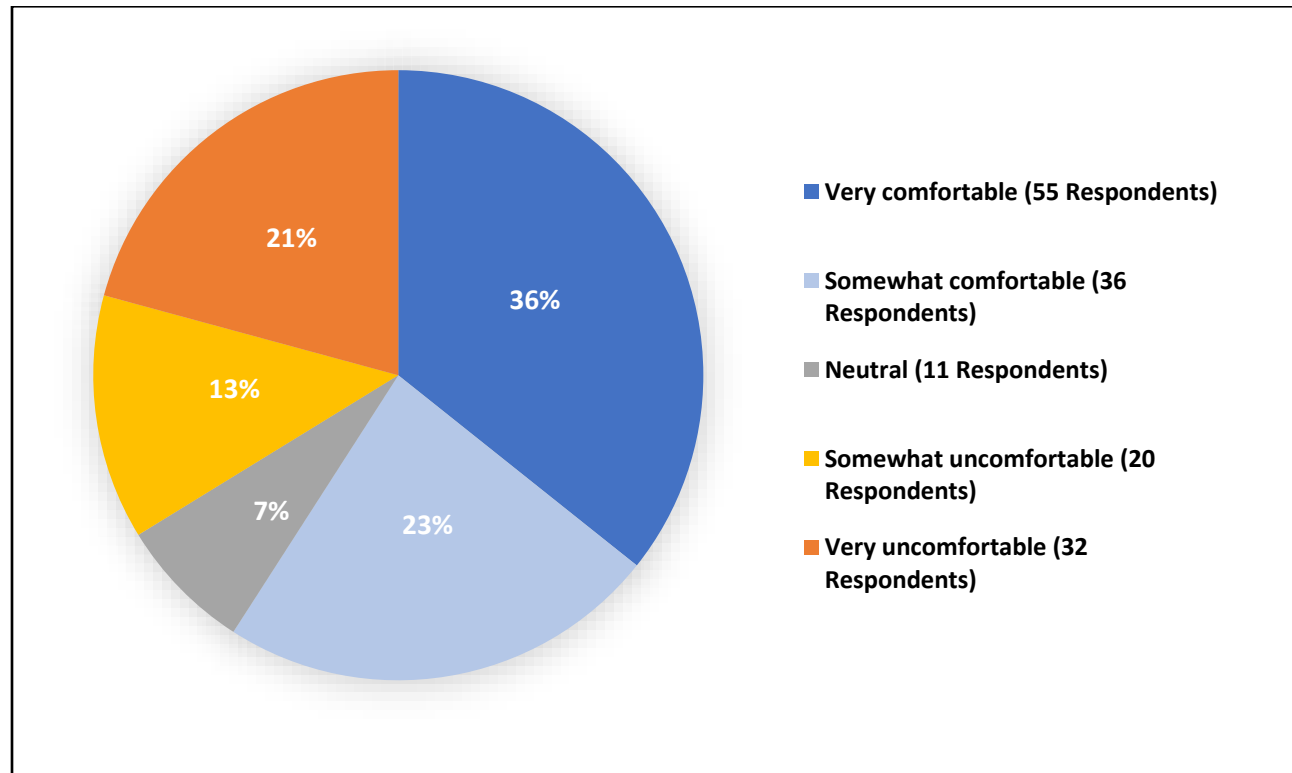


Figure 5: Comfort levels among all survey respondents

This graph presents a direct correlation with the findings from the survey question “*Please indicate your observations on the proposed plan*”, offering more detailed insights into the community's views on the proposed traffic calming plan. Notably, among the 13% of residents (20 respondents) who indicated they were somewhat uncomfortable with the plan, 15% of them (3 respondents) expressed a desire for more traffic calming measures. Conversely, of the 23% (36 respondents) who felt somewhat comfortable with the proposal, a subset of 25% (9 respondents) preferred to see fewer traffic calming measures implemented.

Please indicate your observations on the proposed plan

28% (43 residents) would have liked to see more traffic calming measures. The majority of respondents (31%, 47 respondents) felt the plan showed the appropriate amount of traffic calming measures. 23% (36 respondents) would have preferred fewer traffic calming measures, while 15% (23 respondents) felt that Johnston Road is safe as-is. The remaining 3% (5 respondents) had no opinion on the matter.

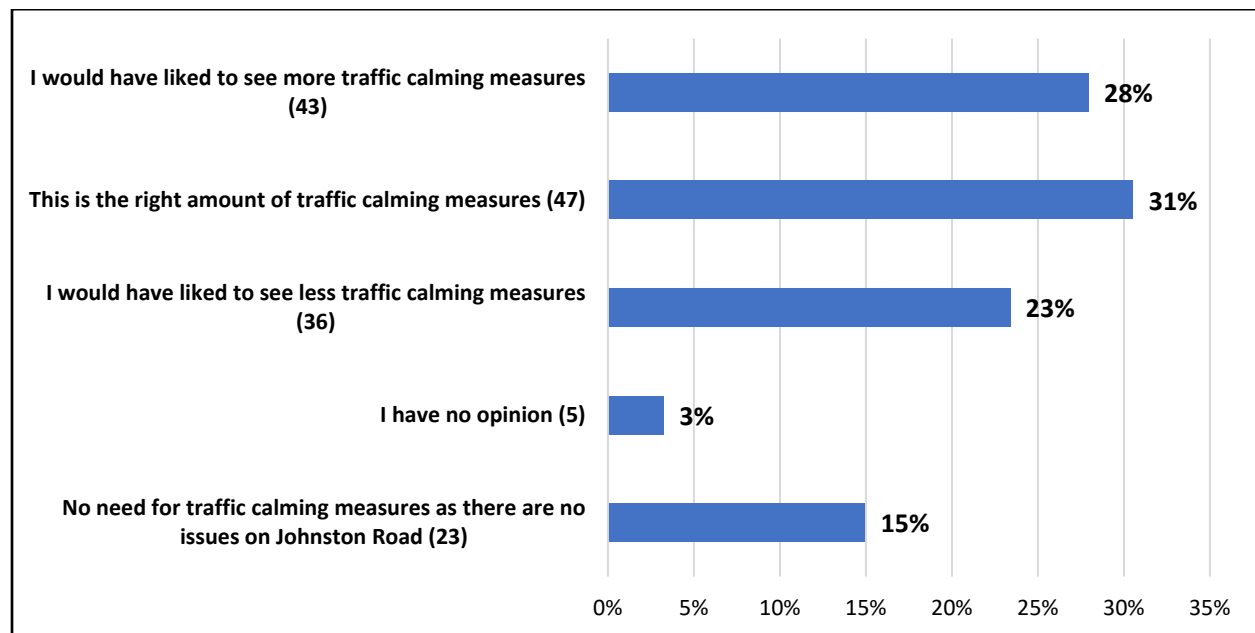


Figure 6: Observations on the proposed plan

Do you have any general comments regarding the overall proposed traffic calming concept plan or any comments about specific proposed measures at particular locations?

The following table provides a summary of the individual comments received through this online survey. The comments have been grouped together based on their respective category and classified as general/suggestive, supportive or concerned comments. It should be noted that some of the received comments fit into more than one category.

Table 2: Open comments classification

Comment Category	Number of Comments
Stopping compliance issues.	33
Against bike lanes / Bike lanes are not needed.	23
Concerns over / Do not support on-street parking removal or reduction.	22
Additional reinforcement such as speed radars/cameras, by-law enforcement, police presence is required.	22
Concern over speeding (on various sections of Johnston Rd).	22
Against proposed plan / traffic calming in general.	19
Full or partial support for proposed concept plan or traffic calming in general.	17
Desire for other/more measures (sidewalk, speed cushions, landing pad, flexible post, concrete curbs, raised crossing, stop signs, PXO, etc.).	16
Desire for less speed cushions.	8
Aggressive driver behaviour.	8

Comment Category	Number of Comments
No issues on Johnston Rd / No speeding on Johnston Rd.	7
Concern over speeding on side streets / Desire for traffic calming measures on side streets.	6
Concerns over / Do not support speed cushions.	6
Noise related issues.	6
In support of bike lanes / Support parking removal.	4
Existing speed limit should remain the same.	4
Parking reduction / removal will negatively affect surrounding streets.	3
The proposed modifications might affect property access.	1

Conclusion

The survey conducted along Johnston Road gathered 154 responses, reflecting diverse community perspectives on the traffic calming measures. The key findings are as follows:

- Respondents indicated the most common **modes of transportation** were by car as a driver (98%), followed by walking/running (76%).
- **Vehicle speeds, aggressive driver behaviour and pedestrian safety** were the three existing issues that respondents indicated the greatest level of concern over, followed by cyclist safety, collisions or “near misses”, and vehicle traffic volume (in that order).
- **Community support for this study was confirmed**, with 73% of respondents indicating they are supportive.
- The majority of respondents felt *very* or *somewhat comfortable* with the **proposed traffic calming plan**.
- **Observations about the proposed traffic calming plan**: the majority of respondents felt the proposed concept plan showed the right amount of traffic calming measures or would have like to see more traffic calming measures.
- Common themes from the general comments included **stopping compliance issues, opposition to bike lanes, concerns over on-street parking removal, requests for additional reinforcement measures, and speeding concerns on Johnston Rd.**