

Othello Avenue Accelerated Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Study

Public Engagement Feedback Report December 2024

Background

The Othello Avenue Accelerated Neighbourhood Traffic Calming study was initiated in response to speeding concerns raised by residents of in the area. Upon review, a conceptual plan was prepared which proposed the installation of 5 speed humps on Othello Avenue between Smyth Road and Pleasant Park Road. An online public consultation was undertaken in the fall of 2024 to share the proposed conceptual plan and seek feedback from residents. The survey was available from October 11th to November 7th, 2024. A total of 213 respondents completed the survey. This report contains the results of the online survey.

Online Survey Results

The results of the online survey are presented in the following section as well as a summary of all comments and feedback received through the survey.

Question #1: How comfortable are you with the proposed plan?

Overall, 65% of respondents indicated they were very or somewhat comfortable with the proposed plan while 32% indicated they were very or somewhat uncomfortable and 3% indicated they were neutral. The chart below shows the breakdown of responses to this question.

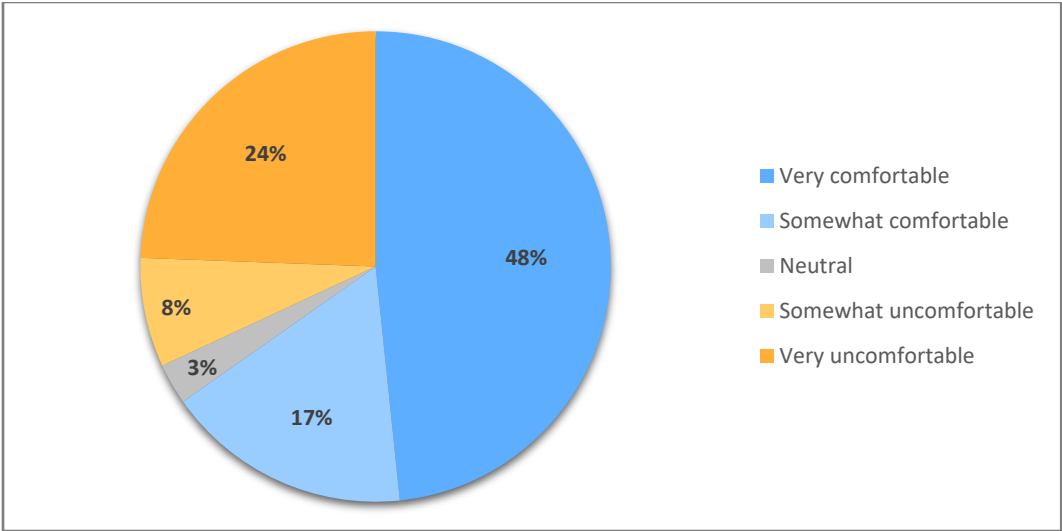


Figure 1: Comfort levels among all survey respondents

- 48% of respondents indicated they were very comfortable
- 17% indicated they were somewhat comfortable
- 3% were neutral
- 8% indicated they were somewhat uncomfortable
- 24% indicated they were very uncomfortable

Comfort Levels by Area of Residence

The following chart correlates the comfort levels with the area of residence of survey respondents.

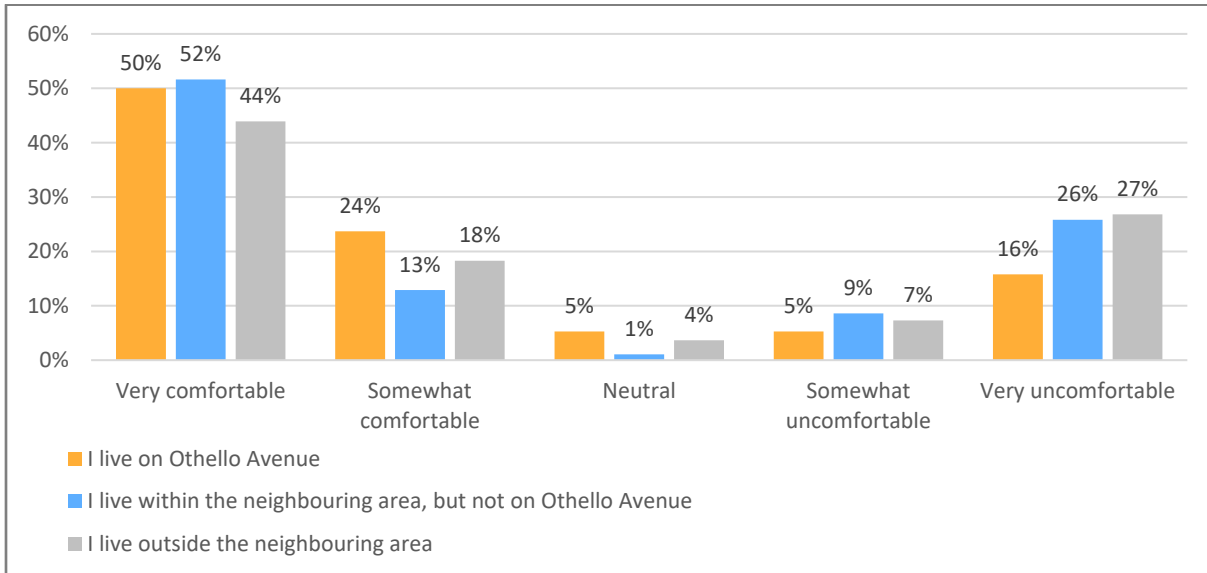


Figure 4: Comfort levels by area of residence

Among residents who live on Othello Avenue:

- 50% are very comfortable with the proposed plan
- 24% are somewhat comfortable
- 5% are neutral
- 5% are somewhat uncomfortable
- 16% are very uncomfortable

Among residents who live within the neighbouring area, but not on Othello Avenue:

- 52% are very comfortable with the proposed plan
- 13% are somewhat comfortable
- 1% are neutral
- 9% are somewhat uncomfortable
- 26% are very uncomfortable

Among residents who live outside the neighbouring area:

- 44% are very comfortable with the proposed plan
- 18% are somewhat comfortable
- 4% are neutral
- 7% are somewhat uncomfortable
- 27% are very uncomfortable

Public Commentary

The following table provides a summary of the individual comments received from survey respondents, as well as responses received from residents via phone call or email. Some of the comments that were received fit into more than one category.

Table 1: Open comments classification

Comment Category	Number of Comments
Support proposed plan/traffic calming in general	86
Against proposed plan/traffic calming in general	33
There are too many speed humps in the proposed plan	31
Proposed plan may negatively affect surrounding streets	20
Desire for increased pedestrian safety at existing crossings	17
Speeding is an issue on Othello Avenue	14
Traffic calming measures should also be considered on surrounding streets	13
Other measures in addition to speed humps should be considered on Othello Avenue	11
Concerned with negative effects of speed humps	11
Concerned about low stop sign compliance	10
No issues on Othello Avenue	9
Measures other than speed humps should be considered on Othello Avenue	8
Desire for alternative enforcement measures (speed camera, police presence, etc.)	7
Concerned with traffic on Othello Avenue	6
Issues with entering or exiting Elmvale mall	6
Concerned about traffic issues related to delivery trucks	6
Location of speed humps in proposed plan should be modified	5
Concerned with excess on-street parking on Othello Avenue	4