

White Alder Avenue Traffic Calming Study

As We Heard It Report

July 2021

Executive Summary

An initial online survey was conducted from March to April 2021 to confirm community support and gain feedback from the public.

A total of 248 responses were received for this survey. The full survey results including comments provided have been presented in this report. The survey yielded the following key takeaways:

- **Vehicle speeds and aggressive driving** were the two existing issues that respondents indicated the greatest level of concern over, followed closely by intersection design/visibility, pedestrian safety, cyclist safety, collisions/near misses, and traffic volumes (in that order).
- **Loss of at least some on-street parking was supported** by the majority (83%) of respondents. More specifically, 53% supported the loss of all on-street parking and 30% indicated they are supportive of losing some on-street parking.
- Respondents indicated **support for the presented possible measures**, except for mid-block measures (which had slightly more opposition than support).
- **Community support for this study was confirmed**, with 84% of respondents indicating they are supportive.
- Common themes from the general comments included pedestrian safety, speeding, intersection safety, on-street parking, and nearby streets.

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Introduction

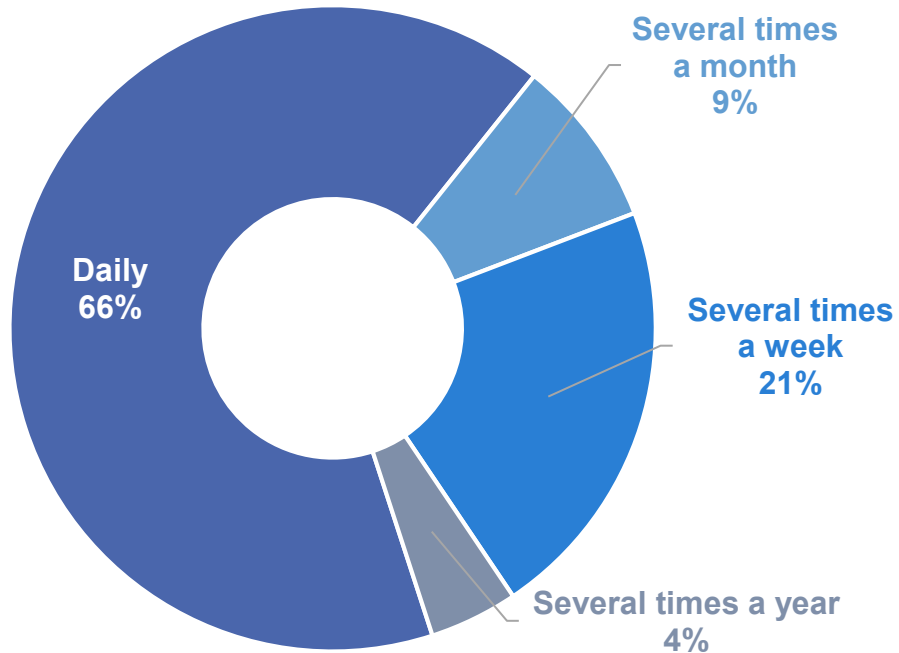
The City of Ottawa has begun a traffic calming study for White Alder Avenue between Findlay Creek Drive and Bank Street in response to traffic concerns raised by residents. An initial online survey was conducted to confirm community support and gain feedback from the public. The online survey was held between March and April 2021. The results of the online survey are summarized within this report.

Survey Results Summary

A total of 248 responses were received for this survey. The following provides a summary of the responses to each question.

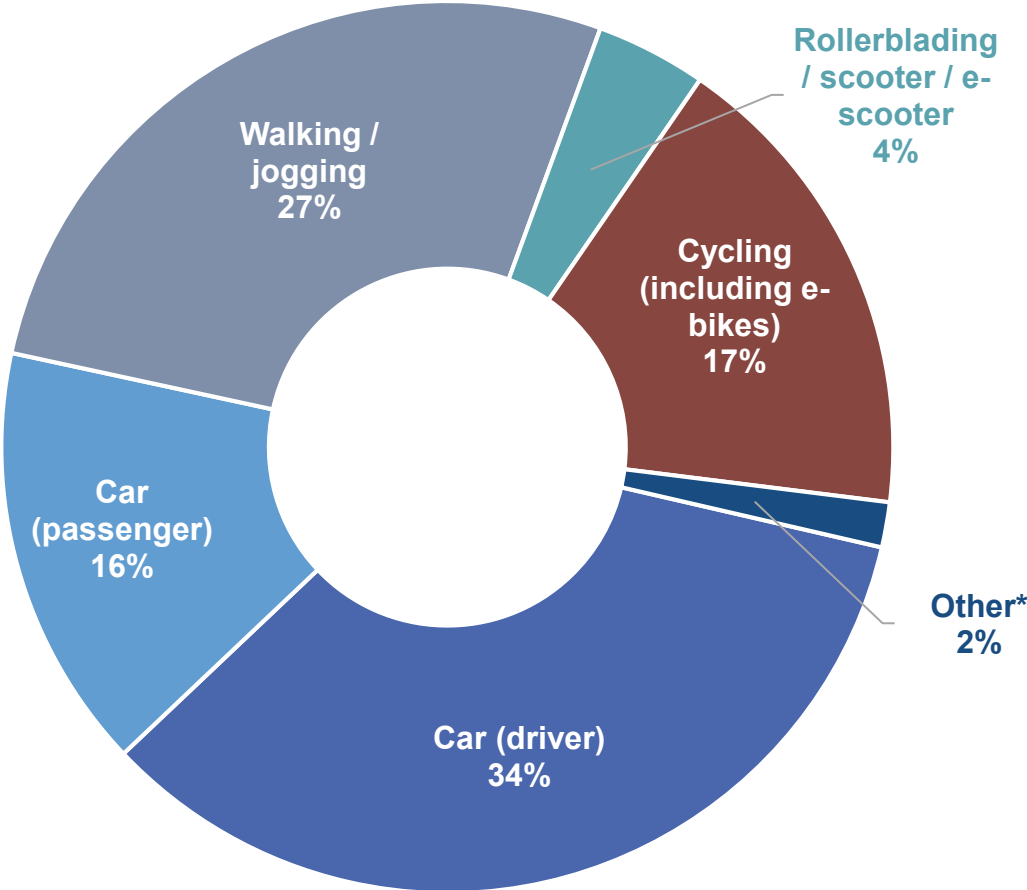
How often do you use White Alder Avenue?

Most respondents (66%) reported that they use White Alder Avenue daily.



Which mode(s) of transportation do you use when travelling along White Alder Avenue? Choose all that apply.

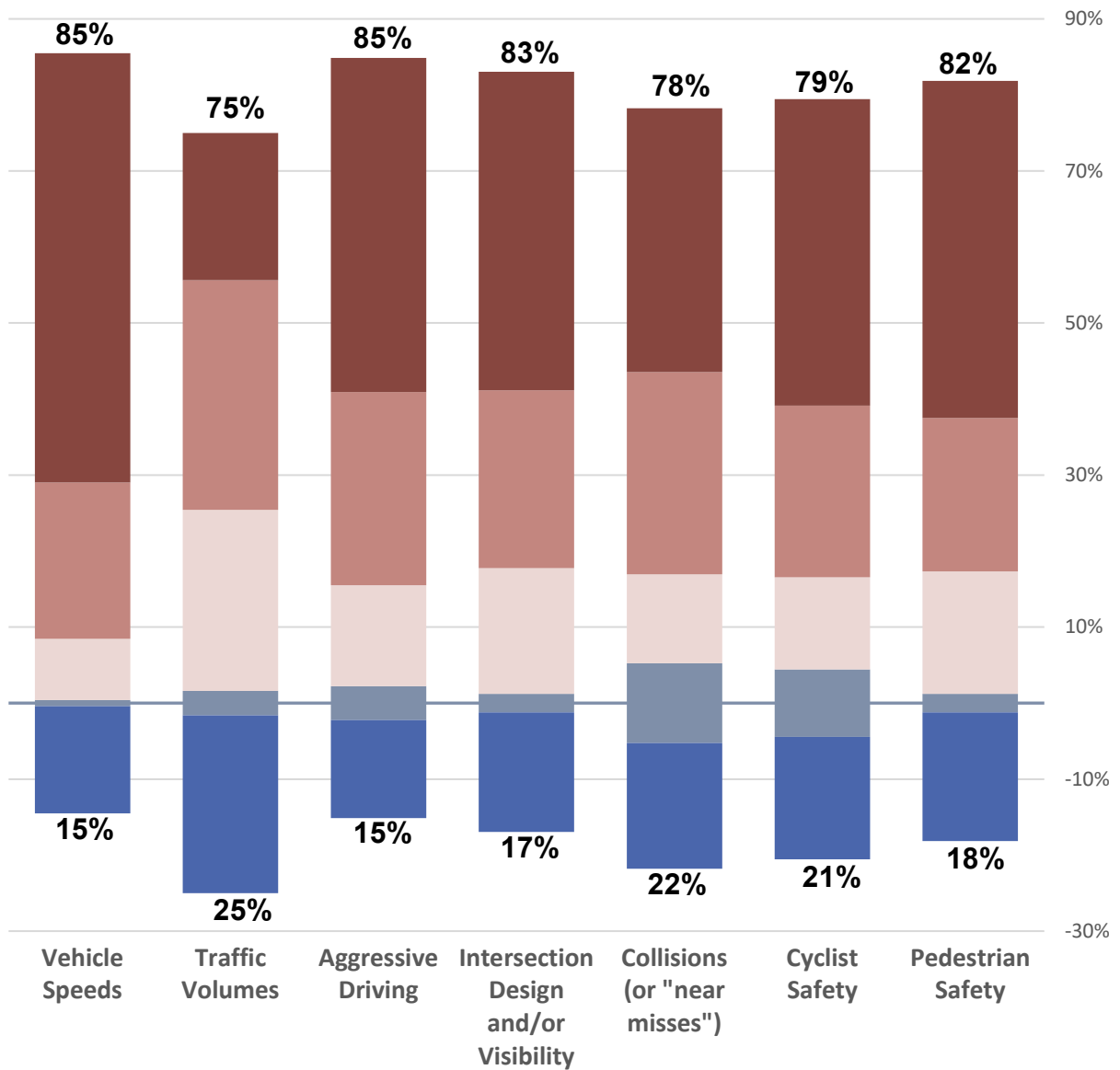
Respondents indicated that they use a variety of transportation modes while travelling along White Alder. The most common modes of transportation were by car as a driver (34%), walking/jogging (27%), cycling (17%), and by car as a passenger (16%).



*Other includes motorcycle, taxi/rideshare, school bus, stroller, dog walking, and wheelchair.

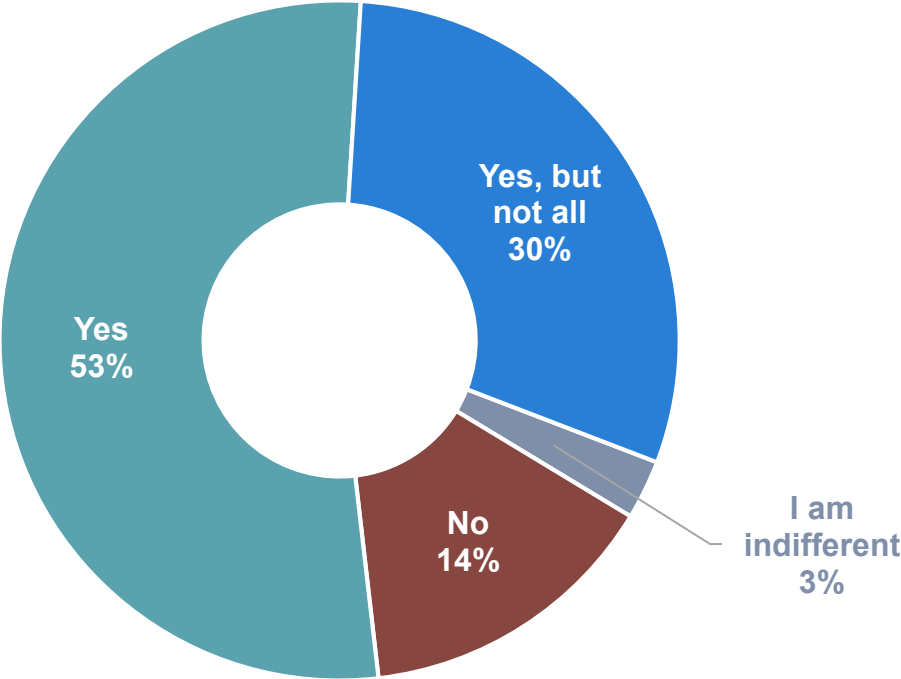
How concerned are you about the following on White Alder Avenue?

Respondents indicated an overall level of concern for all types of issues presented. The greatest level of concern was reported for vehicle speeds and aggressive driving, followed by intersection design/visibility, pedestrian safety, cyclist safety, collisions/near misses, and traffic volumes (in that order).



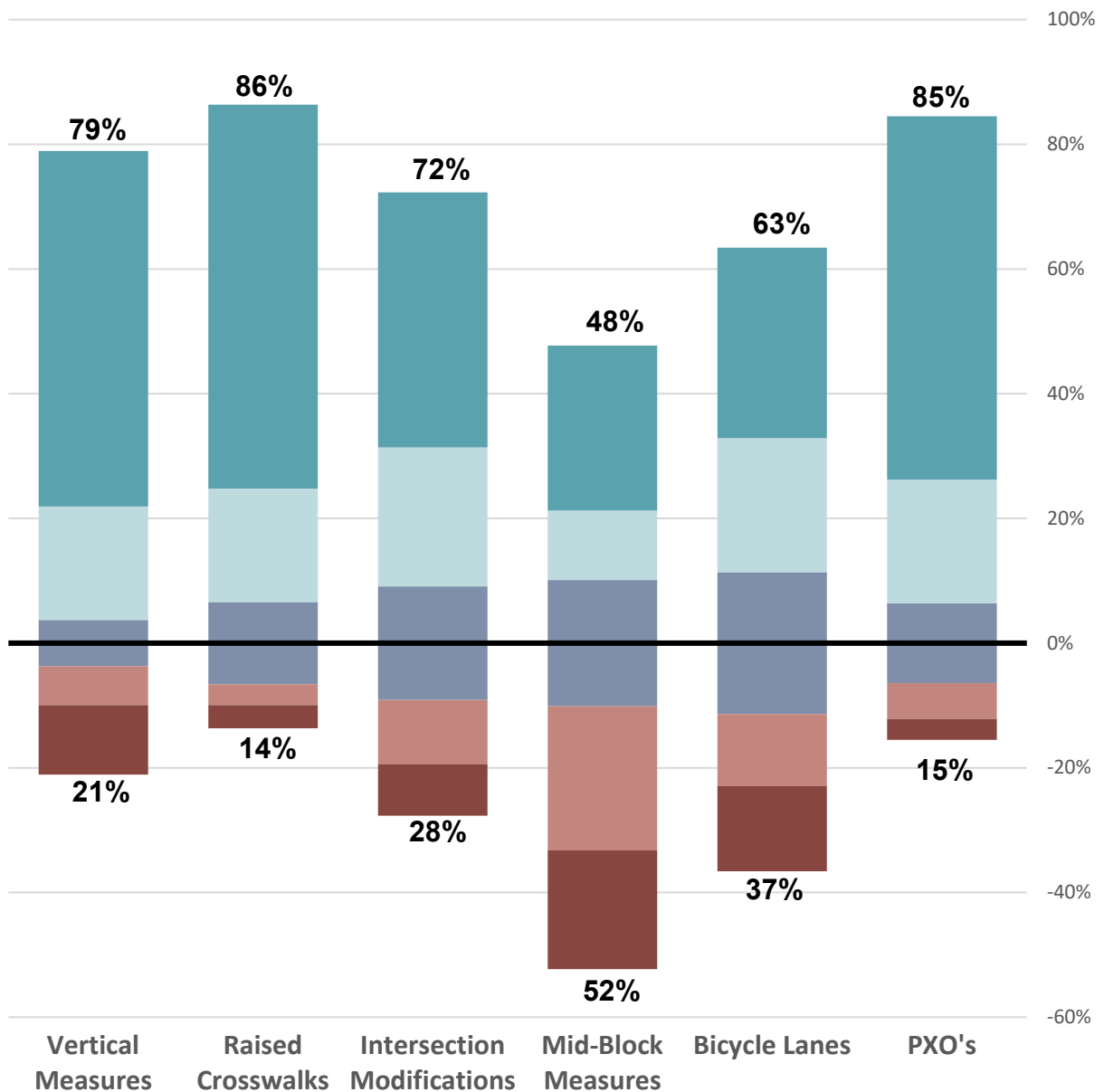
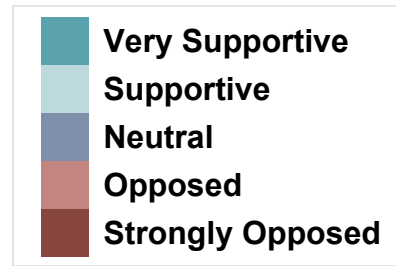
Are you supportive of losing on-street parking?

The majority (53%) of respondents indicated they are supportive of losing all on-street parking, while an additional 30% indicated they are supportive of losing some on-street parking. 14% of respondents were not supportive of losing any on-street parking. 3% of respondents were indifferent.



Please indicate your level of support for types of potential modifications on White Alder Avenue.

Respondents indicated an overall level of support for all presented measures, except for mid-block measures (which had slightly more opposition than support). The greatest level of support was indicated for raised crosswalks, pedestrian crossings (PXO's), and vertical measures.



Are you supportive of this traffic calming study?

Responses confirmed community support for this study, with 208 respondents (84%) supportive.



Please provide any general comments/ideas you have regarding this traffic calming study.

140 general comments were provided from the survey respondents. The common themes of the written comments are summarized below. The full responses are provided in the appendix.

- **Pedestrian Safety**

- There is significant concern over poor visibility between pedestrians and vehicles. More specifically:
 - at the Spartina Street intersection (due to speeds, parked cars and the bend in the road), and
 - at the Meadowlilly intersection (due to speeds, parked cars and intersection design).
- Pedestrian crossings are desired along White Alder Avenue, particularly at Spartina Street, Meadowlilly Road, and Widgeon Way (West).

- **Speeding**

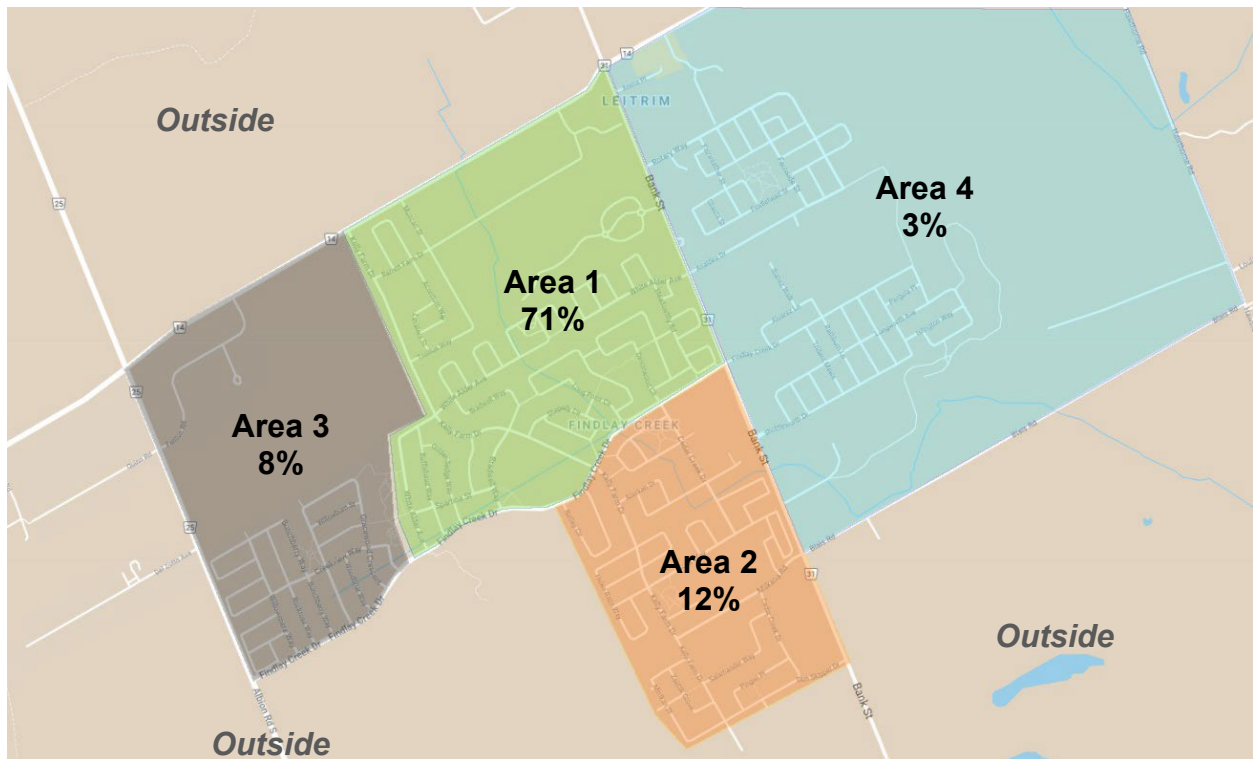
- Respondents are concerned about speeding in various sections of White Alder Avenue, particularly in relation to safety of children.

- There are no speed issues on White Alder Avenue.
- Additional traffic enforcement is desired to address speeding.
- **Intersections**
 - There is significant concern about visibility and intersection design at the Meadowlilly Road intersection.
 - A few respondents noted concerns about the Widgeon Way (West) intersection, as it has only one stop sign and no painted crosswalk.
 - There are stop compliance issues, particularly at Kelly Farm Drive, as well as at Widgeon Way (West).
 - There is poor visibility for drivers at the Findlay Creek Drive intersection.
 - There should be more stop signs.
- **On-street Parking**
 - On-street parking should be reduced to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians, especially near intersections and bends in the road.
 - On-street parking is needed and should not be reduced.
- **Nearby Streets**
 - There is concern that permanent traffic calming measures on White Alder Avenue could increase traffic on other streets (especially Bufflehead Way).
 - There are speeding concerns on nearby streets as well.

What is your postal code?

Out of 248 respondents, 240 provided their postal code. Postal code locations are summarized below.

Area	Boundaries (north, south, east, west)	% of respondents
Area 1	Leitrim Road, Findlay Creek Drive, Bank Street, Diamond Jubilee Park	71%
Area 2	Findlay Creek Drive, Dun Skipper Drive, Bank Street, Helen Rapp Way	12%
Area 3	Leitrim Road, Findlay Creek Drive, Diamond Jubilee Park, Albion Road	8%
Area 4	Leitrim Road, Blais Road, Hawthorne Road, Bank Street	3%
Outside of Areas 1-4		7%



Conclusion

A total of 248 responses were received for this survey. The survey yielded the following:

- Respondents were most concerned about vehicle speeds and aggressive driving, followed closely by intersection design/visibility, pedestrian safety, cyclist safety, collisions/near misses, and traffic volumes (in that order).
- Most respondents (53%) supported the loss of all on-street parking, with an additional 30% indicating they are supportive of losing some on-street parking.
- Respondents supported the presented possible measures, except for mid-block measures (which had slightly more opposition than support).
- 84% confirmed that they are supportive of this traffic calming study.
- Common themes from the general comments included pedestrian safety, speeding, intersection safety, on-street parking, and nearby streets.

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Thank you for your participation in this survey!

Appendix

General Comments

The speed here is very bad and drivers do not even care or pay attention to the speed limit. We already had a few accidents here one was a school bus hitting 4 vehicles and a house.

We need traffic calming bumps on all the main Findlay creek streets. People drive so fast and it's not safe for pedestrians to cross white alder or Findlay creek drive either. There also needs to be more stop signs on Kelly Farm, white Alder, Creekview and Findlay Creek drive. That would slow people down! The only time when people drove slow Was when the roads were full of the snow moguels a few years ago.

Speeding and aggressive driving on White Alder is out of control. It is particularly dangerous on the section between the 4-way stop that then passes the bus loop, turns the corner, and passes the two pedestrian bridges through to Findlay Creek Drive. Speeding gets close to 100km/hr and I reported it a number of times for the first few years when I moved here. The Ottawa City Police reporting system is very time consuming and enforcement is lacking other than by the police who live also here.

In addition to this study, there should also be a four way stop sign at Creekview and Gracewood and onward. Two stop signs are not sufficient and many drive right through the stop sign while speeding.

There doesn't seem to be a huge traffic problem on white alder and losing parking will be detrimental in an area where there isn't enough parking to begin with especially when it snows

M There is no line of sight from out of Meadowlilly into White Alder due to the design and cars parked by the corner. You have to pull right onto White Alder to see what is coming. Cars turning off White Alder into Meadowlilly cut right across the road. My kids live on Stalwart and cross to get to school. They don't have a line of sight, the cars speed so fast and there is no safe place to cross the road. I have witnessed many near misses..

Removing parking will only cause other issues on already overly crowded streets. Build more 2 car driveways!

The intersection at White Alder Ave and Spartina st is a major concern for me. It sees lots of pedestrian traffic, crossing the road to go to Diamond Jubilee Park. There is limited visibility due to cars parking along the road, and driving at high speeds. I have personally witnessed children almost being hit because they believe the way to be clear.

There is limited visibility for drivers and pedestrians crossing the road at White Alder and Meadowlilly Rd. because of how the road bends. This makes it nearly impossible to ensure that drivers can see people crossing or turning both left and right out of Meadowlilly Rd. onto White Alder. I suggest a stop sign on White Alder to ensure safety for pedestrians and drivers. Moveable traffic calming signs are frustrating to drive around with heavy on-street parking and add to aggressive driving

I am very concerned about the intersection of White Alder and Spartina, particularly crossing from the bridge at Diamond Jubilee Park to Spartina and vice versa. This is a route used by children walking to and from Vimy Ridge PS and is very dangerous to cross. Additionally as a motorist that intersection is very difficult to see around when turning from Spartina onto White Alder. I would love to see this addressed.

Speed bumps would be the most effective way to slow cars down

Findlay creek should have more children playing signs

I am very concerned about the 'intersection' at Diamond Jubilee Park and Spartans crossing White Alder. My kids and many others pass that daily to get to and from Vimy Ridge Public School. It is difficult to see cars coming from the north if you are walking west over to Diamond Jubilee. You have to enter the roadway to see if cars are coming.

The intersection of white alder and meadowlilly is of greatest concern to me. In particular crossing at the intersection, across meadowlilly to proceed west for example, the space is too large and cars go too fast I am always worried I won't be seen by a car when I cross.

My house is off of white alder...meadowlilly road and it's also very dangerous and people speed like crazy.

We need to make vehicles actually stop at the stop signs and reduce their speed.

White Alder and Meadowlilly Road are a constant traffic visibility issue as well as a high collision area. This is especially when turning left or right from Meadowlilly onto White Alder (in winter) as well as turning left off of White Alder onto Meadowlilly.

I full support this. I walk daily along White Alder and there are so many speeding cars. Yesterday I was almost hit by a speeding car who suddenly decided to turn onto a side street as I was crossing the road at the intersection. The driver didn't even blink. Thank goodness for this study. It's long overdue.

White Alder/Spartina: many children take on their route between school and home, or to access Diamond Jubilee park. It is hard to see traffic approaching Spartina from either direction without stepping off the edge of the sidewalk and looking down White Alder. There is also too little space between the end of the bridge and the end of the sidewalk. I have seen children come off the bridge too quickly and end up in the road because there isn't enough time to stop.

Diamond jubilee park has 2 bridges that spit kids out onto a white Adler (major concern at spartina). Kids coming down the incline from the bridge enter the roadway with little notification to motorists. A simple painted pedestrian crosswalk would be an improvement. This is also a direct route for kids walking to school, but is so dangerous for children to cross. A cross walk is needed.

I do have concerns for the side roads off of White Alder, I have seen cars speed down Widgeon Way, as well as Bullrush, and Flatsedge to avoid waiting for school busses, or to get past them. If these traffic calming measures are going to make the side roads a rally way, then I am opposed to all changes on White Alder.

There are many roads in Findlay creek that deserve this type of attention. Findlay creek rd is in need of all of these slow-down measures!!

Meadowlilly/Whitealder Intersection is very bad for speeding, turning, pedestrians crossing and volume during peak hours

The intersection of White Alder and Meadowlilly is a disaster waiting to happen. It's poorly designed but placing a 4 way stop at that intersection would snarl traffic. I would prefer to see a traffic circle.

The intersection at white alder and meadow Lilly is not well planned. There's should be a 4 way stop or something in place.

Intersection at meadowlilly has difficult visibility. Stretch after (west of) S curves is a straightaway after being slowed down (due to road design) that cars speed off once on that straight away (past Bulrush) North side sidewalk ends abruptly at first corner of S curve after Bank street. Difficult for pedestrians to get over to sidewalk there.

People don't like change, since the North entrance to Findlay creek opened there has been change and people who bought their homes not understanding how the subdivision works don't like that it is changing/expanding. In my opinion someone is more likely to lose their life or be critically injured by the 2 side parking in gracewood where children run out from detergent the cars and there is no room for through traffic in both directions.

I live on Stalwart Crescent and have asked several times for the intersection of White Alder / Meadowlilly / Stalwart Crescent (East) to be converted to a 4-way stop. The visual lines if you are approaching White Alder from Meadowlilly are non-existent and it is lucky that there has not been a serious accident there. Drivers enter White Alder nearby from Bank Street and regularly speed down White Alder and cut the corner when turning left on to Meadowlit. Please include this in the study!

Speed is a serious issue on White Alder and needs to be addressed. The other factors, which will not be addressed by any traffic calming are: drivers not giving right of way to pedestrians people on bicycles that do not follow the rules of the road parking on the rounded corners (near Turtle Park) which block visibility and drivers that don't know the meaning of a STOP sign.

I think that speed bumps should not be added as they will only cause more harm than good.

Please also look at Meadowlilly road. It intersects with White Alder and people drive dangerously fast on it.

There ABSOLUTLEY has to be a crosswalk at Spartina which is the entrance to the large park. It is dangerous and a lawsuit waiting to happen for the City.

I don't see an issue here. Let's not waste taxpayers money where a problem doesn't exist.

I live on White Alder Ave across from Diamond Jubilee park. Near where White Alder becomes straight, going towards Findlay Creek Drive. As soon as cars come around the corner to the straight part, they accelerate very quickly, especially at night. I wouldn't be surprised if people get up to 80-

<p>100km/h beyond the corner. Another problem is the intersection at white Alder Findlay Creek Drive. The way FC Dr curves makes it very dangerous to turn onto FC Drive. The line of sight is decreased.</p>
<p>The intersection at white alder and meadowlily is horrible! It is worse trying to enter onto white alder from meadowlily as the site lines are very bad. There is a red car constantly parked on meadowlily that hinders traffic and sight lines. If there is a car parked in the driveway at the corner, it is impossible to see down white alder for cars coming. I know you can't do anything about someone parked in their own driveway, but perhaps the intersection can be moved into white alder 2 see better</p>
<p>I live on white alder and I'm terrified when I'm outside with my toddler. The speed of cars is unbelievable. There are clearly lots of families around with all of the park space - something needs to be done to slow cars down or there will be an unfortunate accident I fear</p>
<p>From stalwart and white alder to the bend after flat sedge is a speed zone, the summer traffic controls were poorly placed. There needs to be stop signs and speed bumps. I am terrified for my kids safety. This has been a problem since I have moved here in 2011.</p>
<p>Children cross white alder to diamond jubilee park before and after school and visibility is terrible with the curve in the road. Children need to cross safely at that intersection. (I think it's spadina and white alder)</p>
<p>I don't understand why there isn't traffic control measures at Findlay Creek and Cedar Creek Drive BEFORE we study White Alder. There are many near misses and jaywalking at this intersection as well as an obstructed view for vehicles leaving the plaza.</p>
<p>Sadly far too many drivers treat White Alder as a raceway. The corner at Kelly Farm and White Alder is particularly bad. Far too many drivers ignore the 4 way stop signs and sail right through, often barely slowing down, particularly after dark when the racers come out. I have narrowly escaped being hit a number of times and I am extremely careful, either as a pedestrian or driver. I believe that we need either a traffic light, or at the least a traffic circle there.</p>
<p>Bridge over the creek is perfectly in line with the White Alder/Spartina intersection, yet there is no dedicated crosswalk. Main walking path for children attending local elementary school. Curve of Findlay Creek at White Alder is at such an angle that it makes it very hard, when at the intersection, to see oncoming traffic on Findlay Creek unless you are very advanced through the intersection (and in the way). Need light/stop to slow traffic and allow pedestrians to cross to get to boardwalk.</p>
<p>I live on a street (Widgeon Way) that intersects with White Alder, and see speeding (in excess of 80 km/h) routinely down our narrow, quiet street. It's crazy. There are no measures in place at the moment to stop this, and I am worried for the safety of my kids and others when walking or biking.</p>
<p>White Alder/Kelly Farm intersection traffic stops are routinely ignored by most drivers of all types of vehicles. A mini-roundabout positioned here would be ideal to enhance the safety of pedestrians.</p>
<p>I have to use White Alder to get to my home. The neighborhood is slow and convoluted as it is. Calming measures will make it more so. A huge concern of mine for safety is the children who play in the streets and ride toys without helmets. What measures are being taken to ensure that law is being enforced? It does not seem fair that commuters are penalized while kids who are legally required to wear helmets do not.</p>
<p>As a resident living on [address] White Alder Ave I have been concerned with vehicles speeding and parking on both sides of the street, especially near intersections since I moved here in 2010. Cars are always parked too close to the intersections (well within the 9m allowed) causing pedestrians and other drivers alike to have to get well into the intersection before they can see if anything is coming, add an oncoming car speeding down the street and you have a recipe for disaster!</p>
<p>The intersection of White Alder and Meadowlands is very tough for drivers, must go out really far into the road to see if there is anyone coming, and at that point you realize that anyone driving towards you would need to stop as you would be in their way. Speeding on White Alder is most worrisome for the many kids that play on the sidewalks (small driveways blocked with cars) and pedestrians that often have to veer onto the road to go around them.</p>
<p>I live on White Alder and, therefore, have a vested interest in the outcome of the study.</p>
<p>All over in Findlay creek area people park both sides of the road. That's the main concern in the area, where people can not stay in lane while driving and collisions are near missed especially in winters. Try to address that problem 1st before investing in other permanent changes. Thanks .</p>
<p>More police presence with radar to fine offenders.</p>

The problem in this neighborhood is NOT the traffic or the drivers. It is parents not supervising their kids and letting them play in the middle of the street impeding traffic. There are kids constantly running out into the middle of the street from driveways/behind cars where drivers can not see them. My vehicle parked on the side of the road has already been hit by another driver that had to swerve out of the way to avoid hitting a child that ran out from a driveway.

The traffic issues lie primarily with the residents. They park on the street instead of in their driveways. It makes it impossible for 2 cars to pass at the same time. Residents with single car garages use those spaces for storage as opposed to parking their vehicles. There are also many people who walk in the middle of the road instead of using the sidewalk, or they cross the street without looking for oncoming traffic first. Enforce a parking ban for the entire street to overcome these issues!

there is a stop sign at the corner of White Alder and Widgeon Way which most vehicles either come to a rolling stop and most often ignore completely. Also many drivers tend to use this intersection as a round turn-about for both directions. It is only a matter of time before an accident happens in both scenarios.

Speed is definitely a concern. The current summer measures (yellow striped dividers in the middle of the road) only encourage some drivers to pass on the left or to simply slalom around these posts. I think that the only viable solutions are those that will force drivers to reduce their speed or cause damage to their cars if they don't comply. Unfortunately, some people only learn when their property or their families are impacted. Sad!

The current solution of bolting traffic signs down the middle of the road make life more dangerous as cars park opposite them thus making cars swerve to the opposite side of the road to get by them. Some cars also make a game of speeding up and steering around them like a downhill ski run.

I believe that the only true solution to the pedestrian crossing at White Alder and Spadina is a stop sign. Traffic is way too fast, and there are many, many small children crossing this section. There is wide support for this in the community

A stop sign and crosswalk at Spartina and White Alder where it meets the bridge so that children can cross over to the park safely.

My location of concern is at White Alder Avenue and crossing areas to get to Diamond Jubilee Park. There is no indication to the drivers these are crossing areas and drivers drive through with little notice of pedestrians, especially children who use the park daily.

We live on White Alder and have noticed many drivers traveling too fast or aggressively. We have seen a few near misses on the bends near Turtle Park, a few road rage incidents where people were honking and yelling at each other, and have had a motorist leave the roadway and strike our tree. We have also seen a few motorists completely ignore the stop signs at White Alder and Kelly Farm. There are many families living in the neighborhood (us included) and calming traffic would help a lot.

Too many people park their cars on a portion of White Alder, leaving pedestrians to walk in the middle of the road because there is no sidewalk. In the winter, with snow banks and cars, it is very dangerous.

IMO the only part of White Alder where speeding is a problem is the long, straight section close to Bank Street. Speed humps may be useful there. A pedestrian crosswalk would be useful at the intersection with Spartina Street for families with children going to Diamond Jubilee Park.

Significant areas of concern would be: 1. Areas near the footbridges leading to Diamond Jubilee Park where I have seen children just avoid being hit by a car (numerous times) and where I personally almost hit a kid crossing the street quickly with their bike. 2. The intersection of White Alder and Findlay Creek given that it is curved outwards and house fences cover the view of on-coming traffic to the left (when turning onto Findlay Creek from White Alder). I've had a number of near misses.

-Vehicles tend to speed up when turning from Bank onto White Alder going westbound especially after the little curb at Meadowlily Rd. They see the long straight stretch and go for it. Looks very inviting to speed at that point. -The design of White Alder with its winding curves are good measures but the long stretches that don't have those curves are left without speed reductions measures.

Intersection of White Alder at Spartina is where everyone crosses to Diamond Jubilee park and needs some kind of protection. People speed down the straight stretch of White Alder towards Findlay Creek drive

Implement 'no parking' on 1 side of White Alder - it is a busy road and the road narrows with parking of cars.

I am concerned about the corner of Meadowlilly Road and White Alder. It's been designed poorly as the resident on the corner can park a vehicle blocking view when turning on to White Alder. As well, the stop sign is situated where vehicles park far too close to the stop sign which again impedes on the ability to turn on to White Alder. Although I agree with the study, I would far prefer speed cameras to coincide with the speed warning sign as well as other suggestions you've provided.

Where Spartina and White Alder is a dangerous intersection for young children. People cross here to enter Royal Jubilee Park and often kids run across the street here. The cars drive very fast along this section and could possibly hit one of these children.

Along with speed bumps on White Alder, I feel a 4 way stop sign is necessary at White Alder and Meadowlilly. The design of the intersection has created limited visibility (or a blind spot) for vehicles turning right onto White Alder from Meadowlilly. The blind spot is more severe during the winter due to the snowbanks. Eastbound vehicles on White Alder approaching the intersection at a face pace have caused many close calls. Pedestrians have a difficult time crossing the southside as well.

Installing bulb-outs and mid block traffic calming measures will cause issues for school bus manoeuvrability and will impact the already dismal snow removal services in the winter. I am also not in favour of removing street parking along White Alder as many families who live in townhouses have very little parking to begin with and depend on the street parking. I am in favour of raised crosswalks.

I have lived here for 10 years, traveled White Alder almost daily, and is a relatively quiet neighborhood. There is not a lot of traffic. The biggest problem on both White Alder and Kelly Farm Road is people parking on the road or in cars in driveways that jut out into the road. This causes a huge narrowing driving area of the roadway which causes most of the danger. If parking on the roads was stopped or limited to only one side of the road, this would likely solve the major issues here.

Ticket cars that park at the very edge of street intersections and curves thus impeding visibility. He advised that should some of these measure be implemented, the side roads will become even more congested with dangerous/illegal street parking. The city will have to conduct more frequent checks and issue tickets.

There needs to be crosswalk from the sidewalk across to the path off the bend of White Alder heading west and also at Meadowlilly intersection something is needed, can not see when turning left onto White Alder, very dangerous. The current speed is posted at 40 but almost everyone is driving 80-90 in here

I am not sure why this study is limited to White Alder. There are speeding problems all over Findlay Creek. While taking walks, I see people PASSING on Findlay Creek Drive and being honked at for driving the speed limit. I believe the city needs to take a look at the bigger picture, Findlay Creek as a whole. Implementing traffic calming measures on one street, and not others will just shift the problem elsewhere. People are ignoring speed limits/signs. Perhaps active enforcement is required

The only problem is when you're turning from bank street on to white alder all the cars parked on the side of the road makes it difficult for two cars to drive, it becomes more of a 1 lane waiting for 1 car to pass while the other waits specially when those yellow dividers are set in the middle.

The intersection at White Alder and Widgeon Way (where White Alder has a 90 degree bend) is currently unsafe since there is a stop sign on south bound White Alder but none on east bound White Alder or west bound Widgeon Way. This results in confusion and danger for drivers and especially pedestrians since some drivers need to stop and others do not depending on which direction you are travelling. Also, drivers turning left to stay on east bound White Alder turn across Widgeon Way traffic.

Speeding is a huge concern on White Alder Ave near Bank Street - down the straight cars drive at really high rates of speed. It is very dangerous as this a big school bus route and an area with a lot of young children playing in the streets. We have seen very near misses and the problem seems to get worse. The traffic calming measures previously implemented worked to a certain extent but caused other problems like cars driving on the opposite side of the road to avoid slowing down.

I live on the corner where white alder meets white alder and widgeon way. There is only one stop sign where the 3 streets meet. Having 3 stop signs would greatly reduce the speed of traffic. Many school buses pick up and drop off kids at that intersection and my concern us for their safety. This measure would greatly reduce the speed of drivers.

La vitesse sur la rue White Alder est assez préoccupante. Peut-être avoir un peu plus de surveillance policière serait aussi un ajout! Merci pour notre sécurité et celle de nos enfants

Traffic heading east on White Alder needs to be slowed down as it approaches Meadowlilly - the intersection there has bad visibility for cars on Meadowlilly looking to turn right onto White Alder because of the grade - sometimes cars cannot be seen until the car on Meadowlilly advances into the lane. Accidents have almost happened to me there by speeding cars coming up White Alder. It is even worse in winter due to the height of snowbanks obscuring traffic on White Alder.

My biggest concern is on Findlay Creek Drive at the driveway exiting the Findlay Creek Plaza. Making a left turn onto Findlay Creek Drive is dangerous and difficult during peak hours.

Some people think they are driving on High way and the speed is crazy.

Traffic from white Adler west to Meadow Lilly is dangerous when cars parked so close to intersection. Also the mailbox is close to intersection so difficult to manoeuvre cars stopping near intersection. Also cars parking on meadow Lilly avenue close to intersection on North bound way is difficult when approaching intersection with white Adler.

If you want to make changes to White Alder, fix the timing of the traffic light on Leitrim at Kelly Farm Drive. I would use this access all the time if the left turns to and from Leitrim onto Kelly Farm and vice versa did not take so long. Also, traffic calming is far more necessary on Kelly Farm between White Alder and Findlay Creek Drive - cars parked on both sides to the street, bus route, school. This is a real hazard, far worse than White Alder.

White Alder & Kelly Farm Drive are two of the streets we have noticed have the most amount of people specially kids walking and biking. Kids are so unpredictable and I talk from experience. I witnessed how once a kid fell off to the street side when biking on the sidewalk, and a bus was literally just passing by. Thanks God there was enough gap between the bus and the sidewalk for the kid to fall safely. Based on this I believe sidewalks protection barriers are a must specially in areas with parks

Hopefully this survey will make White Alder a safer route for all that use it.

Biggest culprits are the motorbike rides who drive in all areas of Findlay Creek - especially Findlay Creek Road - at high speeds. They are not really affected by 'bumps' etc. if no-one monitors speeds in the areas.

Please consider the alternate traffic routes as well. If these measures are put in place on White Alder Avenue, traffic will likely increase on residential streets from people avoiding them. I.e. Bufflehead way if maintaining parking on street, need to ensure that parking does not block the traffic lane where it becomes dangerous to meet oncoming cars while driving. that is why I prefer the speed bumps of all types to any narrowing of the road, or those speed markers put in the middle of the street. in the past it has been very concerning to fit between the makers and parked cars. and many drivers would drive on the opposite side of street if cars were not parked on the other side,

Please do not remove all parking on White Alder. Traffic calming measures may only be required in some sections of the street, not throughout the entire street.

Separated bicycle lanes would be valuable for safety in this area. Safe pedestrian and bicycle routes along Bank Street should also be considered.

Anything you can do to make this street safer will be welcomed. Thank you!

I live on White Alder and I would say that most drivers don't go too fast. I'm generally supportive of taking actions to slow down the drivers who are reckless however, I am worried about losing more street parking, when we already lost a lot last year.

I live on White Alder. The safety of my family and others is my main concern and the behaviour of many motorists leaves few alternatives to physical infrastructure intervention. That being said, enforcement against motorists using the road as a raceway is sorely lacking. Real enforcement is required to ensure the problem is not simply displaced. There is no need for soft enforcement or an education period. The only thing being asked is to respect the rules all licensed drivers committed to.

my main concern is loud exhaust which includes crackling noises almost pop-corn like in the middle of the night. Also I'm concerned with speeding vehicles near children playing outside. perhaps have a police officer stationed at the end of each road. sp

Direction east/northeast on road turns right at Widgeon Way. Drivers tend to cross at 45 degrees at this corner versus proceeding to a safe point and then turning on a 90 degree angle. A stop sign would be beneficial prior to the turn making a 3 way stop. Proceeding north to turn east approaching Turtle park on the right design of this road results in a square (Widgeon way 2 and White Alder 2 sides) corner is too sharp for parking and restricts traffic flow. No parking signs should be placed.

When you turn right from white alder to Findlay creek (towards Albion) you don't see well upcoming cars due to fence
I, and many others on the west side of Diamond Jubilee, feel a strong need for a pedestrian crossover across White Alder between the southern most bridge and Spartina St. The bridge acts as a ramp out onto White Alder and that stretch of White Alder is conducive to excess speed. Kids use this as a direct route to Vimy Ridge Public School. It's a straight line from the west side the park down Spartina and to the school. Prior traffic assessment was done but at poor hours. Please reassess
The section of White Alder Ave from Bank St to Kelly Farm Dr is the most concerning section. There are too many cars parked on the road and very aggressive and speeding drivers. Aggressive and speeding drivers are a concern on many streets within the Findlay Creek Development. Kelly Farm Dr is another street with similar concerning problems. Someone will get hurt or killed with the attitude that currently exists.
I think the speed bumps are a good idea. People call it the 'White Alder Raceway' because theres 2 straight paths (one from bank to the first corner) and the other on the west side turning south along diamond jubilee. As soon as people go around that corner, they sometimes go over 80km/hour. There are tons of kids playing, this is not safe.
While sidewalks provide adequate adult pedestrian safe space the street is often crossed/used by young children. Aggressive driving (at speed) is problematic at any time but particularly in dusk/dark times combined with youth using street it is dangerous. Note that while the streets are lit there is very little light bleed from other sources in Findlay Creek, particularly around Kelly Farm drive so even with streetlights it can be just dark enough that a speeding driver has to rapidly slow down
Speed is an issue. No bike lanes is also an issue.
Speeding cars by Turtle park are a consistent reality living across from it. I worry for my children's safety and the safety of other children. I have written Counsellor Meehan before and she had signs installed along this stretch and marking on the pavement but it is not enough.
White Alder doesn't have to be a through street any more. So many children play, walk, and bike here. Get ALL the parking off the road to improve visibility and child safety, slow the traffic right down, police the STOP signs, move the drug dealers who idle all night near Mangrove, and fine the speeders, HARD.
This isn't the only road that drivers speed in. There's also Findlay creek drive, Kelly Farm.
What about lower speed limits? I did not see this mentioned anywhere.
This study should be done on Kelly Farm!! There is a definite need for this as the school and new houses and construction are causing difficulties for walkers and bikes.
I support all measures to calm speeds in a lot of streets in Findlay creek, white alder, Sora way, kelly farm starting from the intersection with sora way people are treating it as a highway and cedar creek where there was a death a couple of years ago, the pedestrian crossing is still not clear. I really think there should be a focus on streets in Findlay creek so thank you for starting with white alder
My concern is with cycling and safety, not only on White Alder, but on major arteries within Findlay Creek. There is excessive street parking on these roads. I have personally had close calls with cars parked on streets while cycling.
These measures should be implemented ASAP
White Alder & Meadowlily is the dangerous intersection. Little to no visibility when merging onto White Alder. I've seen some accidents and many near-misses there. Overall, White Alder is not seeing dangerous driving or many speeders... the road has its natural turns and corners that naturally slows down traffic. Reducing on-street parking would impact the residents greatly..as most have multiple vehicles and already use it to park. What is needed is some cross-walks for pedestrians, and signage
White Alder at Spartina Ave is a dangerous place as children are constantly crossing over to use the pedestrian bridge. To to the bridge because of the layout of the road you can't see if a car is coming down the road going south towards Findlay creek drive. You can only see a vehicle coming once you are halfway through the road. Bufflehead way is already turned in to a shortcut for white alder speeders. Plz consider Speed humps for Bufflehead as we have about 90 kids on a small street
Given the number of young families and young children something should be done to slow down vehicles. I've seen three close encounters with a child almost being hit due to the number of cars parked and the speed at which vehicles drive.

I live on Stalwart Crescent and there is a major issue with too many cars being parked on the street. We have delivery trucks parked blocking the road or issues with them delivering. 1 sided parking can assist or none at all and keep it on the main roads. We always have ticketing on our street and snow removal issues. Its dangerous with so many cars on the street and when drivers speed down the cresc they dont see kids playing.

Adding stop signs would be an easy, low cost solution. Also, trying to calm traffic on one street may increase traffic on another.

Je pense que la même initiative doit se faire sur Kelly Farm Drive, la circulation reste dense et non respect de la limite de vitesse devant une école.

Same concerns on Findlay creek drive. Insane speeds and drivers. Both streets need to be addressed. there will be a very serious accident at the bank street intersection people are ignoring lights and rushing from all sides

Speeding isn't so much an issue, as is low visibility and the city of Ottawa's (consistent) inability to plan for the future. Ie. Wider side streets would all but eliminate the need for street parking causing low visibility issues for pedestrian, cyclists and motorists.

White Alder and Meadowlilly is the most dangerous intersection here. It has a vertical curve (coming from Meadowlilly) and a horizontal curve on White Alder. Combined with a wide open geometry its is a risk to pedestrians and vehicles alike. There are several near misses during the day between eastbound traffic coming around the horizontal curve on White Alder and racing to catch the green light at Bank and traffic leaving or entering Meadowlilly. A raised intersection/crossings will help.

White Alder Ave does not have pedestrian side-walks on BOTH sides of the street and mailboxes are on sides with no sidewalks. This makes it dangerous for those walking along road and must cross to get to mailboxes and get mail. There is adequate space that there should be sidewalks installed on both sides of the avenue.

I am supportive with whatever the city decides on doing to curb the speed and aggressive driving on White Alder. The entire Findlay Creek community needs to be re-evaluated as motorists in the spring/summer evening rip up and down Findlay Creek dr, White Alder, Bufflehead way, and Golden Sedge way, amongst the other streets. I have lived on Bufflehead way for 10 years now and the amount of high traffic volume on that street factored in with the speed motorist drive are unacceptable.

Speed is a major issue specifically on the long stretch of White Alder that intersects Findlay Creek Drive. There is an area near the bridge where people of all ages cross from Spartina Avenue and I have witnessed this area to be concerning. Visibility looking left and right for smaller children can be challenging especially when cars are parked that impede their ability to check. When you parlay that into the speed of many vehicles that fly through it makes for possibility of serious injury

He level of speeding and aggressive driving on this street is absolutely terrible. In fact this entire community needs extreme measures to change driver behaviour

Why is this study is being done, but the interaction at Bank and Findlay Creek remains very dangerous to both vehicles and pedestrians? Sometimes I wonder? I have made complaints to my councilor about this matter.

I have a general concern for The Findlay Creek area. Specifically on Golden Sedge way as motorist drive extremely fast with no sign of stopping around children at play. This is very concerning and I hear the same concerns from other families living on Golden Sedge way and Bufflehead way.

All good ideas. Kelly Farm at White Alder will get really busy in future with the new park area and more housing towards Leitrim Rd. It may eventually have to become a controlled intersection. Another spot with nothing is White Alder at Spartina for people using the foot-bridge to and from the park. Coming off White Alder onto Findley Creek Dr. often really difficult to see traffic coming from the left with that bend on Findley Creek approaching White Alder.

White alder and Widgeon needs a cross walk at the stop sign because it is the only connection between sidewalks. Also a crosswalk should be considered from the pathway from widgeon to white alder again because it connects sidewalks.

there are too many vehicles parked on white alder ave and on either side. also not safe when school aged children crossing the street after getting off bus.

Long overdue. We don't feel safe letting our children play outside for fear that someone is going to come around the corner and mow my kids over.

Too many cars park on white alder especially on the inside and outside bends causing major bottle necks for drivers taking the turns. My concern would be related to speed humps and raised cross walks is how high will they be? Some are so high certain cars like sports cars etc can't drive over them.

I am 100% supportive of traffic calming measures being implemented on White Alder Ave. I would also like to see such measures implemented on other streets in Findlay Creek. For example, there is a BIG speeding problem on Kelly Farm Drive, and there is a big issue with speeding cars using other residential streets (ex. Bufflehead way and Golden Sedge way) as passthroughs between White Alder Ave and Findlay Creek Dr. I live on Golden Sedge way and we would LOVE traffic calming measures!!

reducing speeds on White Alder could be problematic if other surrounding streets do not also have calming speed obstacles. Cars are speeding on Golden Sedge Way to avoid a stop sign on Bufflehead. We are getting very aggressive drivers on our street that turned into a yelling match !

A Raised Crosswalk should be placed at the corner of White Alder and Spartina, where many pedestrians and cyclists cross White Alder to access the bridge to the park and playground. This would ensure that motorists must slow down before coming close to the bridge. We have witnessed a young cyclist almost being hit as he was coming down the bridge trying to control his speed and a car speeding past him. Visibility also an issue for pedestrians crossing from Spatina to the west side of White Alder

My biggest concern are drivers leaving Meadowlily (entering onto White Alder). They rarely come to a complete stop, are routinely aggressive, and the sidewalk curb cuts are in very dangerous locations - particularly for families with young children. I walk on parts of White Alder every day. this is my biggest concern.

White Alder is a residential road that is over used. City planners erred by not accounting for the volume of through traffic. Speed reduction is the key solving this problem. Road restrictions (i.e. bump outs) will only result in speeders moving on narrower roads. I am very much in favour of a mini-circle at White Alder and Kelly Farm. If you think White Alder is a problem wait to you see the disaster potential on Kelly Farm. Kelly Farm is fast becoming a bypass for Bank street traffic lights.

Activities modes of transportation must be prioritized. Things like a median and separated bike lanes are important for providing safe and accessible options. Please look to other similar jurisdictions such as the City of Guelph for best practices in action.

Pedestrian Cross Walks seem dangerous as most cars do not obey the sign. I would prefer speed bumps and safer intersections.

I find the corner at Meadowlily and White Alder does not have good sight distance to the left when exiting Meadowlily and as a result especially in the morning rush hour many drivers will cut through Espresso and Mocha Privates.

Traffic volume has dropped somewhat with the opening of Kelly Farm to Leitrim rd, but speeds are still high especially when no cars are parked on the side of the road.

I live on White Alder where there is a nice straight away if someone wants to speed. Speeding has never been an issue/ concern. A bigger problem: people failing to stop at stop signs. If we're lucky they treat it as a yield, but I've seen people blow right through them - and I don't mean that their speeding going through them, they are going probably between 30-40km/hr. I'd rather you deal with that issue rather than speeding. White Alder/Kelly Farm intersection could use a traffic light.

I'm at [address] White Alder. I'm concern for speed in front of my house. East of my house vehs turn sharp curve so fast, then speed to next sharp curve west of me just after the park. A few yrs back school bus did curve too fast east of me hitting a few vehs on street then hit my light post on my front lawn crossing over my neighbours driveway at [address] then plowing into my other neighbour's two vehicles at [address] ending up at front door at [address]. I would like speed tables. Please do not remove parking space