

White Alder Avenue Traffic Calming Study

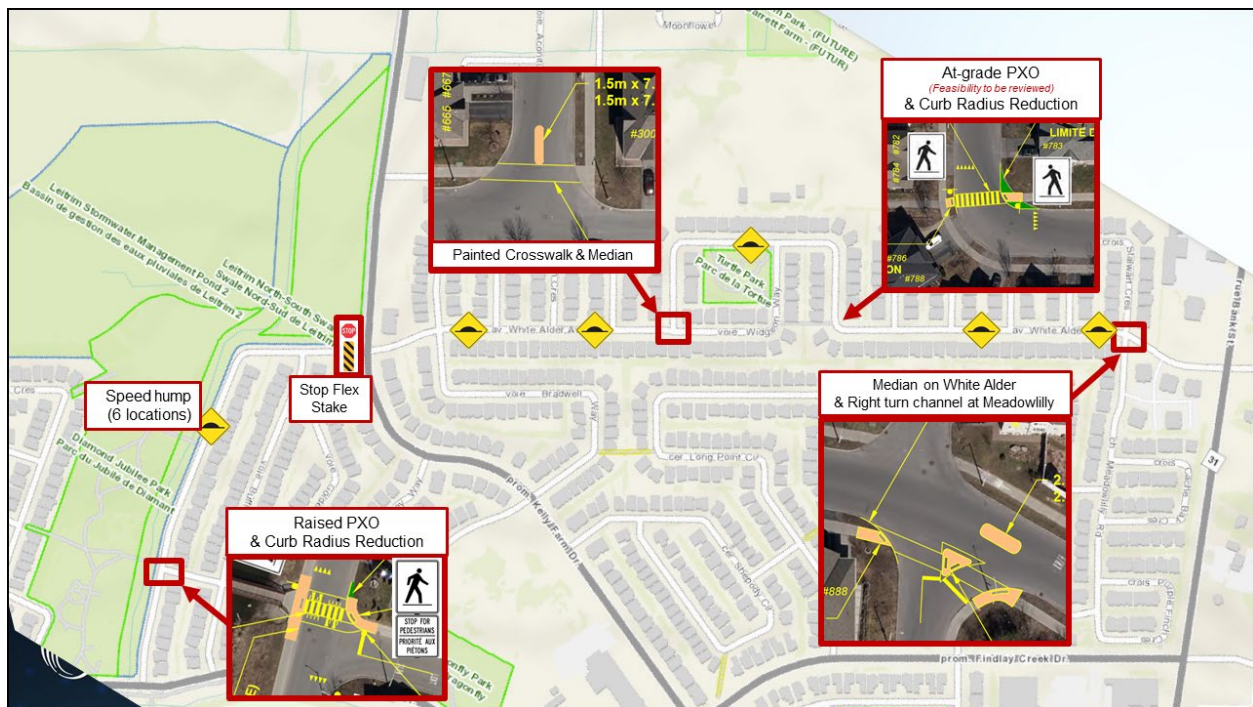
As We Heard It Report

Second Online Consultation

November 2022

Introduction

The City of Ottawa is undertaking 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 held in Spring 2021 to confirm community support for the study, and to gain initial feedback on the traffic concerns of residents. Based on the feedback received, and assessment of traffic data, a traffic calming concept plan was prepared which proposed various roadway modifications along the street to address concerns.

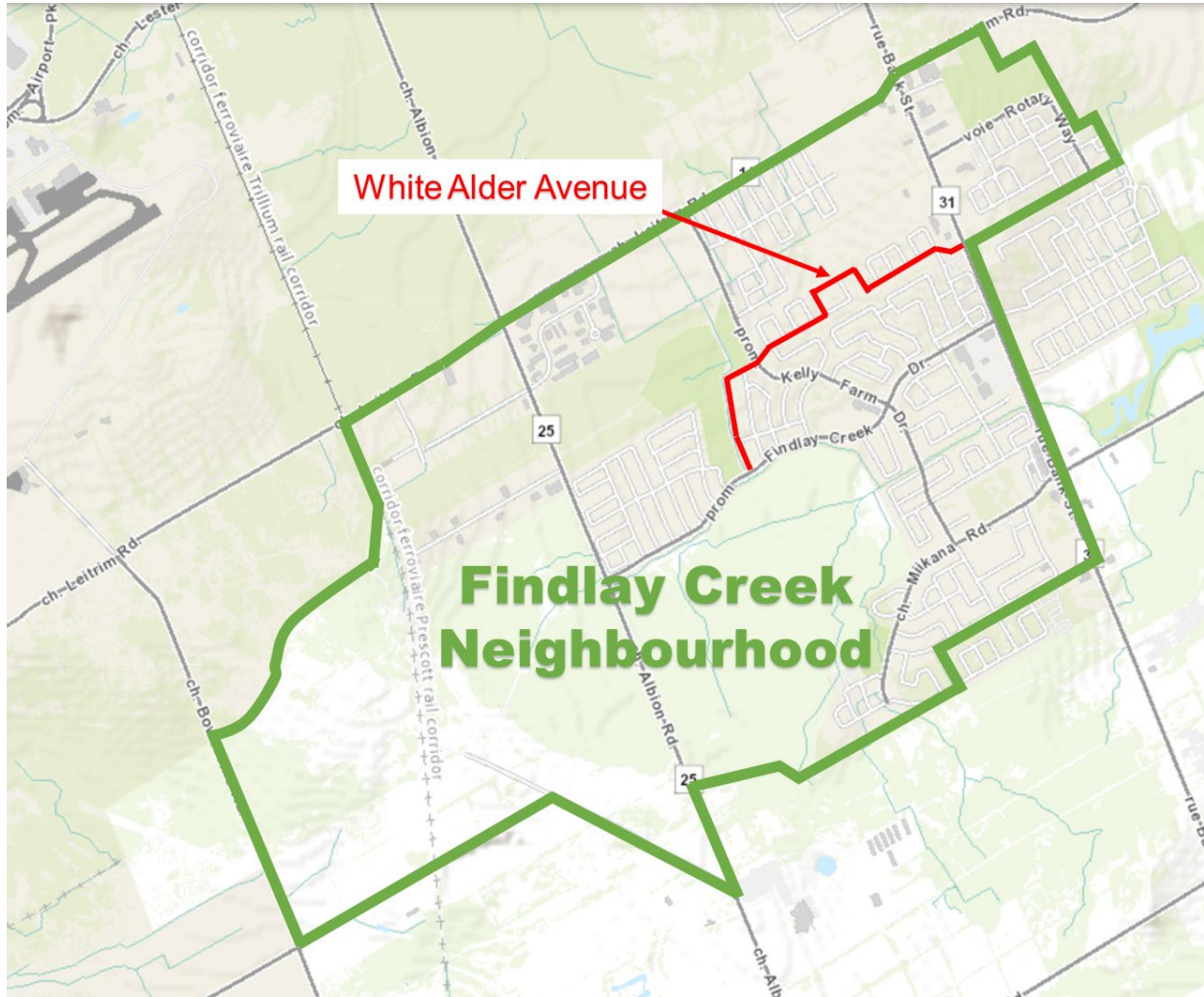


Traffic Calming Concept Plan

A second online survey was conducted from June 13th to August 5th, 2022, to receive feedback from the community on the proposed concept plan. The results of the second online survey are summarized within this report.

Survey Results Summary

A total of 184 responses were received for this survey. Virtually all respondents (98%) reported living within the Findlay Creek Neighbourhood.



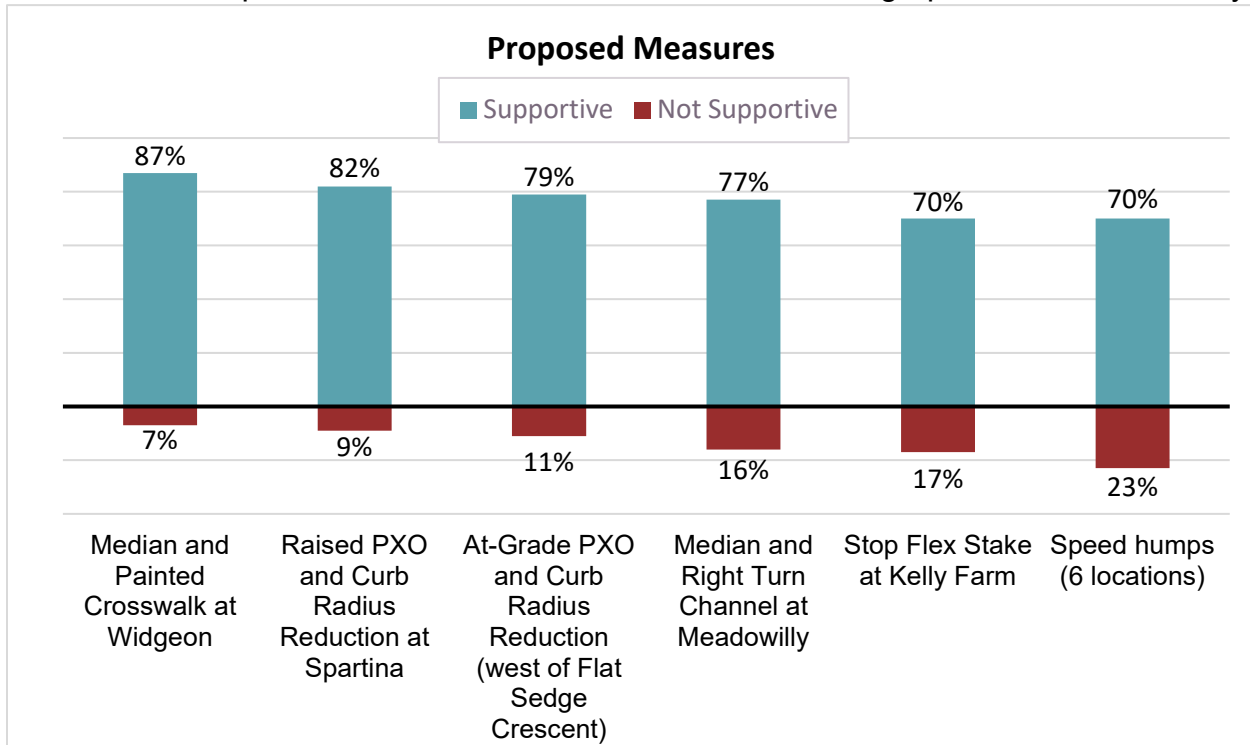
Respondents identified their most common trips on White Alder Avenue were for:

- shopping/errands (71%),
- accessing parks/recreation facilities (70%),
- visiting friends and/or relatives (61%),
- travelling to/from family appointments (60%),
- commuting to work (59%), and
- accessing schools (36%).

The following provides a summary of the survey responses.

Do you support the traffic calming measures that are proposed?

The majority of respondents (70% or more) supported all of the proposed measures. “Indifferent” responses have been excluded from the graph below for clarity.



Please provide any general comments regarding the proposed traffic calming concept plan.

The following section presents a summary of the comments received from this survey.

- **Meadowlilly Road Intersection**

- There are visibility issues when exiting Meadowlilly Road due to the road geometry and parked vehicles.
- This intersection should have a 4-way stop or mini-roundabout.
- There is a lack of formal pedestrian crossings in this area of White Alder Avenue.
- A few expressed concern that vehicles may not come to a complete stop at the proposed right turn channel.
- Some also felt that the proposed right turn channel may reduce visibility for Meadowlilly Road traffic that wants to turn left or go straight.

- **Kelly Farm Drive Intersection**
 - Add flex stop stakes to all legs of the intersection.
 - The existing painted crosswalks and stop bars need to be refreshed.
 - A few residents suggested adding bulb-outs to narrow the roadway, adding a raised intersection, or upgrading the intersection from stop signs to traffic signals or a mini-roundabout.

- **On-Street Parking**
 - There should be no street parking at any time along White Alder Avenue.
 - Parking should be limited to one side of the street only.
 - The parked cars are good because they help to slow down traffic.
 - Parked cars take up the preferred space for cyclists.
 - On-street parking reduces visibility (especially at the curves in the road and at intersections).
 - Additional by-law enforcement of parking regulations is desired.

- **New PXO at Spartina Street**
 - Many residents expressed enthusiasm for the proposed pedestrian improvements at this location.

- **Speed Humps**
 - The plan should include more speed humps.
 - The plan should not include any speed humps.

- **Nearby Streets**
 - There is a desire for traffic calming on other nearby streets (particularly Findlay Creek Drive and Kelly Farm Drive).
 - Widgeon Way
 - Some residents are concerned that the new measures on White Alder Avenue will divert traffic to Widgeon Way.
 - Add a stop sign on the south/west end of Widgeon Way.
 - There is low stop compliance at the existing stop sign at the north end of Widgeon Way.
 - The pathway exit on Widgeon Way (between #339 and #343) is hard to see for drivers.
 - Bufflehead Way
 - Some residents are concerned that the new measures on White Alder Avenue will divert traffic to Bufflehead Way.
 - There is already a speeding problem on Bufflehead Way.

- **Bank Street Intersection**
 - Some had concerns about this intersection related to aggressive driving and signal durations.
 - Cars speed on White Alder Avenue to make the green light at Bank Street.
 - Cars turning onto White Alder Avenue from Bank Street tend to speed.

- **Other**
 - Increasing police presence and/or adding traffic cameras would enforce the speed limit and stop compliance.
 - Lower the speed limit and add more stop signs
 - The current Temporary Traffic Calming measures, such as flex stakes and delineators are difficult to navigate around.
 - The current Temporary Traffic Calming measures have been very effective in reducing speeds.
 - General support for the proposed traffic calming measures, especially in relation to making the area safer for children.
 - Add bulb-outs at intersections to increase protected pedestrian space.
 - Concern that new measures will cause traffic delays or congestion.
 - There is a significant speeding problem on White Alder Avenue.
 - There are no issues with speeding on White Alder Avenue.

Conclusion

Respondents demonstrated strong support (70% or more) for all the proposed permanent traffic calming measures, especially the median and painted crosswalk at Widgeon (87% support). Residents were generally enthused about the proposed measures, especially the pedestrian improvements at Spartina Street. Several residents felt that additional measures or changes to the concept plan are required at the Meadowlilly Road intersection. Opinions varied about on-street parking regulations.

The results of this online survey will assist City staff in developing a final recommended functional design plan.