



April 26, 2021

Dear resident,

In 2020, the City of Winnipeg began a pilot project to address safety and livability issues related to shortcutting traffic on Hawstead Road.

Phase 1 of the pilot included prohibiting left turns from southbound Bairdmore Boulevard to eastbound Hawstead Road at all times. In 2021, in response to concerns from residents about the turn restrictions, the pilot was shortened and we developed alternative solutions for public feedback. Opportunities for feedback included:

- An online survey – open February 9 to 28, 2021; 154 responses
- A virtual event – held February 24, 2021; 67 attendees
- Correspondence through email and 311 – eight emails and one call

Thank you to everyone who provided their time and thoughts. The feedback told us a few key things:

- There are differing opinions on whether an issue exists on Hawstead Road and – therefore – different perspectives on how best to move forward
- A small majority of Hawstead Road residents support the pilot (54 percent indicated they are supportive versus 45 percent who indicated they are unsupportive)
- Option 2 (no changes) and Option 3 (sidewalk installation) were the most supported among those who do not live on Hawstead Road.
- Participants who live elsewhere than Hawstead Road did not indicate support for solutions involving left turn restrictions
- Participants who live on Hawstead Road most supported solutions that involve left turn restrictions
- Because each individual is impacted differently by each solution, all solutions carry implications that require consideration

The full engagement results and how we considered them are available online now at [winnipeg.ca/hawsteadpilot](http://winnipeg.ca/hawsteadpilot).



We have now met with Councillor Lukes to review the engagement results and additional community feedback, and evaluate the options based on what we heard, technical effectiveness, impacts to residents, area walkability, and constructability.

We have made the decision to proceed with Option 3 – constructing a sidewalk on the north side of Hawstead Road. While this option does not address shortcutting concerns, it does address safety concerns by separating pedestrians from motorists.

Councillor Lukes has committed to contributing \$80,000 to accelerate the construction timeline. This location will be placed on the City’s sidewalk prioritization list where it will be ranked against other locations for funding. Construction will begin when the remaining budget becomes available; this timeline is not yet known.

While we recognize constructing this option will require us to remove some trees and modify private approaches within the City right-of-way, it is the best opportunity to improve safety in the area. We will provide further details during future design stages.

The No Left Turn restriction at Bairdmore Boulevard and Hawstead Road will be removed by May 2021.

If you have questions please call 311 or email [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca).

Sincerely,

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