

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019 July 17

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 38000-20

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MS. KATY ALKINS-JANG

On 2019 June 10, Council approved the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee regarding the installation of two traffic circles along Victory St to improve safety. Upon notification to Ms. Alkins-Jang, she sent an email dated 2019 June 19 to the City because she felt her concerns were not addressed. Her concerns included shortcutting traffic along Victory St, traffic congestion on Nelson at Imperial, and pedestrian safety at the existing crosswalk on Nelson south of Imperial. In response, staff sent her an email on 2019 June 20 providing additional details regarding the completed traffic assessment. Ms. Alkins-Jang was appreciative of the subsequent response. She advised that she still believes traffic calming is required on Victory St, having seen another recent crash at the intersection of Victory and Nelson. The additional details provided to Ms. Alkins-Jang are provided below for the Committee's information.

Ms. Alkins-Jang was advised that the volume and speed of traffic along Victory St were determined to be normal and within expectations given its classification as a Local Collector, including the section between Royal Oak and Nelson. Specifically at Victory and Nelson, the volume of northbound traffic turning right to eastbound Nelson was found to be very low during the AM and PM peak hours, less than 10 and 20 vehicles respectively. This indicates that shortcutting along Victory does not appear to be happening due to congestion at Imperial and Nelson during rush hour conditions. Therefore no changes were recommended along Victory between Nelson and Royal Oak. Traffic conditions were also found to be normal along Victory west of Nelson, but two traffic circles were recommended to replace the existing 4-way stop controls at two intersections to enhance safety.

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With respect to traffic congestion concerns at Imperial and Nelson, Ms. Alkins-Jang was advised that the No Stopping restrictions on the east side of Nelson south of Imperial were extended from 7-9am and 3-6pm to 7am-7pm earlier this year to help reduce congestion in the northbound direction. If necessary, further changes at the intersection can be considered such as adding a left turn bay and left turn signal, but this would require the removal of parking on both sides of the street greatly impacting businesses in the area. In the longer term, there are plans to install left turn bays at the intersection in all four directions. This requires the acquisition of property as redevelopments occur, and is in fact occurring for the current redevelopment at the northeast corner of the intersection. The intersection will be rebuilt with left turn bays in the future as opportunities arise and the need increases.

In response to Ms. Alkins-Jang's concerns at the pedestrian crosswalk on Nelson south of Imperial, she was advised that curb bulges at the crosswalk were installed to reduce the pedestrian crossing distance and exposure to traffic. Although this had some impact on traffic, it was required to make the crossing as safe as possible for pedestrians.

This memo is provided to the Committee for information.



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