



Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association (AHHRA)

'Applewood Residents Caring for our Community'

Monday, June 21, 2021

Dear Mayor Crombie, Councillor Fonseca, City Councillors, Commissioner Wright and City Staff

Re: **Item # 9.10 Traffic Calming on General Committee Agenda on June 23, 2021**

Traffic Calming - City proposal for Project 2 on Golden Orchard Drive for 8 Speed bumps to be placed on Golden Orchard from Bloor Street East to Burnhamthorpe Rd. East (Ward 3).

To view plan, please go to: <https://www.mississauga.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/04142130/Traffic-Calming-Golden-Orchard-Plan.pdf>

From here, view slides 5 and 7 to view proposed street placement of the 8 speed bumps.

AHHRA Request: The proposed 8 'split speed humps'/speed bumps to be reduced to 6

Along with this letter is a copy of the AHHRA survey/report which was taken by going door-to-door to the 59 residential properties on Golden Orchard Drive between Bloor St. & Burnhamthorpe Rd. Project 2 area of the Golden Orchard Traffic Calming 'Split Speed Humps' /speed bumps proposal. From the 59 residents, 51 provided their response which is summarized in the survey/report.

As is noted in this April 20th, 2021 report the majority of the residents 36/51 = 70% on this stretch support this project as is also mentioned in this meeting's Traffic Calming Corporate Report presented by Commissioner Wright.

However, the residents who had agreed also stated their concern on the total number of 8 proposed speed bumps as being too many and would prefer that the total number be reduced to 6. The above recommendation in reducing the total number by 2 was made in the report as well as the consideration of where the 2 locations could be.

One of the locations of reducing from 3 to 2 is by a school area where:

- the speed limit is already reduced to 30 km/hr as a Community Safety Zone area, and
- to drive into the school's kiss & ride area is a right turn from Golden Orchard as well as an elevation/uphill to the school's driveway which results in drivers having to reduce their speed.
- Also, for drivers/parents with children at this school who want to avoid these 3 bumps they would use Grand Forks Drive which would then mean an increase in traffic on this adjacent residential street that runs into Golden Orchard by the school.

The second location being requested for one less speed bump is on Golden Orchard between Logmoss and Silverspear where 4 other streets are affected.

- Communication has also since been received from an additional 8 residents on two of these adjacent streets to Golden Orchard who use this route to travel to their homes – these residents live on Beechollow Crescent and Stonecreek Cres. And, Stonecreek's access on both ends is only at Golden Orchard.
- This now makes it 16 residents in this area who would be directly impacted and request for the number of speed bumps on this stretch of Golden Orchard to be reduced.

A third point for reducing the number of speed bumps by at least two is that Fire Station #106 and EMS station are located on Winding Trail and Dixie and very frequently both type of emergency vehicles use this stretch of Golden Orchard for faster and less traffic and perhaps safer access to get to Bloor Street and Burnhamthorpe Road.

The Traffic Calming measure of speed bumps on Golden Orchard is welcomed by most of the respondents in addressing the vehicle speed on Golden Orchard however, the feedback from respondents and immediate residents who will be impacted and who are requesting for the total number of speed bumps to be reduced from 8 to 6 also need to be meaningfully considered and hopefully approved.

It is requested that City Staff review the location placement of the 8 'split speed humps' on Golden Orchard – Project 2 and find the best locations to reduce this number to 6.

Your time in consideration of the above is appreciated; and it is hoped that after reviewing the points made in this request your approval of this request will be made so that as much input as possible from the immediate residents of this area is acknowledged and supported.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Members of the Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association

Enclosed - AHHRA survey



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Date: Tuesday, April 20th, 2021

To: Councillor Fonseca, Geoff Wright – Commissioner of Transportation & Works and Colin Patterson – Supervisor of Road Safety

Re: Summary of Feedback from Residents on Traffic Calming - City proposal for Project 2 on Golden Orchard Drive for 8 Speed bumps to be placed on Golden Orchard from Bloor Street East to Burnhamthorpe Rd. East in Ward 3.

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From: Applewood Hills & Heights Residents' Association

Dear Councillor Fonseca, Commissioner Wright and Supervisor Patterson,

From April 1 – 10 the City's proposal of speed bumps as noted above was addressed with residents who live on Golden Road from the stretch between Bloor to Burnhamthorpe.

In this immediate area there are approximately 297 residences plus 1 – 25 storey condominium building with 441 units with residents who would be impacted in some way by the proposed speed bumps of this Project 2.

As well the 3 rental buildings currently on Silver Spear Road and perhaps the 2 townhouse complexes (one on Silver Spear and second on Winding Trail).

The City's online survey was also available for residents to complete initially until April 8th, 2021 and then, at the AHHRA's request, the City extended this deadline to April 18/19th, 2021 to accommodate for extra time to residents of 1333 Bloor Street who were not informed of the City's plans and to allow for them the opportunity to give their online feedback as access -enter and exit - to the building's underground parking is from Golden Orchard where 2 of the proposed speed bumps are to be placed.

Yesterday, Councillor Fonseca confirmed that approximately 140 people submitted the online survey; however, it has yet to be clarified if this number is for both Traffic Calming Golden Orchard Drive Projects 1 & 2 or just for Project 2 which is for the Bloor to Burnhamthorpe stretch and to which this report is addressing.

Both projects are shown on Slide 3 of the City's plan which is viewable on the link noted above. Project 1 is on Golden Orchard from Rathburn to Willowbank Trail and Project 2 is on Golden Orchard from Burnhamthorpe to Bloor. On the online survey respondents were asked to select which of the two projects they were responding to.

Below are the results/ feedback from residents who live on Golden Orchard Drive (Project 2) who were asked the question of how they feel about the City's traffic calming proposal of adding 8 speed bumps on this part of Golden Orchard:

Total Residences: 59 37 on West side, 22 on East side
Total Respondents: 51 / 59 (86%), 30/37 West side + 21/22 East side

36/51 (70%) = YES* *6 of the respondents who agreed said 8 are too many
 11/51 (22%) = NO* *1 of the respondents who said No said 8 are too many
 4/51 (8%) = NEUT/Undecided

Total Not Respond: 8 (7 from West side + 1 from East side)

Completed Online Survey: 4 of the respondents confirmed completing online survey.

Comments/Feedback from Residents to this proposal:

Residents who agreed:

- Several strongly agree
- Some said it is much needed and necessary to reduce vehicle speed on the street and mostly around and in front of the Burnhamthorpe Public school area.
- Other residents do not agree to speed bumps, however, understand the need for some kind of traffic calming measure to help reduce the high speed of vehicles
- Several residents suggested that perhaps adding a speed bump on a street that leads to Golden Orchard just before the stop sign intersection would also help in making drivers stop at the stop sign. They noted that drivers almost never make a full stop at this stop intersection and that something needs to be done.
 - This street is Silver Spear Road with stop sign intersection at Silver Spear Road and Golden Orchard Drive.

Residents who did not agree and expressed the following concerns:

- Some strongly disagree and said that vehicle speeding is not by the people who live in this area but by others who use the street as a detour and/or not from the area
- Emergency vehicles will delay in response time if so many speed bumps are placed
 - Fire/Ambulance and police use Golden Orchard as a detour very often and go very fast
 - When the Fire Station was built on Winding Trail residents were told that GO would not be used by fire trucks unless emergency need was for one of the streets in the area.
- What about snow ploughing – how will this affect if speed bumps there?

- Are there no other traffic calming that can be used with today's tech? Consultant for Smart Cities recommends that there is technology today that can be used to address stop/reduce vehicle speeding. Why is the City – which is also known as a Smart City – not using other ways to address the problem of vehicle speed?
- Need data: No data presented to support/justify to the residents on GO the reasons why this is being done. There was no information provided to the residents as to why this is being proposed.
- Street not wide enough
- Noise will increase of vehicles screeching to stop
- Map that was delivered to homes of this proposed project was blurred and not clear/ legible.
- The online survey limited feedback to only 200 words; this is too short and not enough words for feedback.

There were also residents who both agreed or disagreed and who shared the following concern:

- 8 speed bumps are too many along this stretch.
- The distance of Golden Orchard from Bloor to Burnhamthorpe is 940 meters.
- If reduce #of speed bumps how many can they be reduced to?

Below is a comparison of two other streets in Ward 3 where speed bumps are placed.

Fieldgate

- From / To: Pony Trail (just north of Bloor) To: Bough Beeches (south of East Gate)
- Distance: 1.67 km
- Pony Trail to Burnhamthorpe: 3 speed bumps, one school (Forest Glen Secondary School)
- Burnhamthorpe to Rathburn: 2 speed bumps and one of them is a pedestrian crossing
- Rathburn to Bough Beeches: 2 speed bumps

Total = 7 speed bumps within 1.67 km (has one school south of Burnhamthorpe)

Havenwood

- From / To: Williamsport To: Gulleden (between Bloor to Burnhamthorpe)
- Distance: 390 m
- Williamsport to Haven Glen: 2 speed bumps
- Haven Glen to Gulleden: 2 speed bumps (**and on this stretch there are 2 public schools and the Burnhamthorpe Community Center on west side of Havenwood**)

Total = 4 speed bumps within 390 m (distance has 2 schools & one community centre)

Summary:

- Based on one-on-one feedback from residents on Golden Orchard on this stretch and part of Project 2, most of the residents agree to this proposed traffic calming of speed bumps.
- More feedback on this proposal will be available to City Staff from the City's online survey
- The understanding is that based on the overall feedback from the online survey for Project 2, this AHHRA report and any other community engagement plans the City has for community input to this Project 2, the City staff will then make the decision on how to best proceed.

AHHRA's Recommendations before any final decisions are made by City Staff:

1. A virtual community meeting be held inviting all residents who live on Golden Orchard and adjacent streets who would be impacted by the placement of these speed bumps giving them the opportunity to collectively hear from the City why this proposal is being made and share any statistics or data the City has for this decision as well as allow the opportunity for the residents to share their feedback and ask any questions.
2. A summary in pdf format of the results from Project 2 of the online survey be made available
3. City Staff to consider reducing the number of speed bumps along this stretch.
 - a. Perhaps one less from the proposed 3 from Bloor Street to Grand Forks Road and one less from the proposed 3 from Logmoss Cres. to Silver Spear Road
4. Perhaps adding a speed bump on one of the adjacent streets where a stop intersection is found when it meets Golden Orchard so that vehicles would slow down and stop at the stop sign. This recommended street is Silver Spear Road leading to the stop intersection at the corner of Golden Orchard Drive and Silver Spear Road.

It is hoped that the above information is of interest and useful to you in your decision for this project.

Should you require any additional information or if the AHHRA can assist further, please reply to this email.

Thank you.