

Appendix A

University Avenue Virtual Public Consultation Summary

April 28, 2021

6:30pm – 8:00pm

21 attendees

Public Comments and Questions

- Consider shortening the median on University Ave by Tim's, it gets congested there because of cars turning into the Tim's lot.
- McAuley sidewalk asphalt is the same grade as the road and is dangerous.
- Does not agree the average speed is 55km an hour people are driving a lot faster.
- There are only speed limit signs at the beginning and end of the avenue
- The crosswalk at the Gorman is very dangerous.
- Merge lane concerns her that people will run into the bikers.
- Suggest removing the island at the merge and have motorist come to the red light then turn right no merge lane.
- Happy the bus stop is moving, the stop at Candlewood should be removed as the new location is very close to Candlewood.
- Concerns about what is considered a sidewalk.
- There is a lot of traffic coming down Noel / Woodhaven and onto University feels it should be measured between Woodhaven and Millidge for more accurate counts of road usage.
- Do not feel safe at all biking to university.
- Like the 2-lane traffic reduction from 4, do not like the current proposal, painted lines on the street is not enough.
- Recommend one side of the island be for motorists and the other side for pedestrian and cyclists as well as buses.
- Painted bike lanes are weak improvements, cyclists want to feel separated.
- Recommend moving the entrance to Tim's off University Ave and onto Millidge Ave.
- Do not feel safe biking on University Avenue and a buffered bike lane is a big improvement than what it is now.
- Do not feel it has to be the same the whole road, it's really a Tim Horton's/Jean Coutue issue a hybrid solution then divert to one side of University.
- How does the Transportation Plan fall in line with the Strategic Plan?
- Traffic counts should be redone.
- Would be nice to reduce some policies (been advocating for a sidewalk on Boars Head for years).

- While walking some sidewalks are level with the street.
- Can we put a layer of asphalt on them and bring them to a level that everyone is able to use them?

- Who are the cyclists the City is designing for? Young inexperienced or older experienced?
- Bike lanes do not provide a lot of comfort.
- All cars should be on one side and the other side for pedestrians and cyclists.

- Agree with buffered lane, separate lanes would be better.
- Recommend a bike box for people turning left to the hospital.
- Concern with the Millidge Ave pedestrian lights, they all come on at the same time.

- Like the bike lanes on one side.
- Will there be protection from the merge lane coming off Millidge, motorist will just drive in the bike lane to get to Jean Coutue.

- Concerned with University Avenue going to 1 lane in each direction. The hospital is one of the largest employers and bottle necks occur now.
- Concerned with removing the 2 lanes as this is an ambulance route, bus route and will cause more bottle necks.
- If there was ever an evacuation this is the route and there would be a problem with the reduction in lanes.