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## Proposed Traffic Calming on Tacc Drive

Dear Resident,

Please consider participating in my Virtual Public Engagement Session to offer comments and ask questions about a proposal to implement traffic calming on Tacc Drive near your home.

#### VIRTUAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Tuesday, May 19 to Tuesday, May 26 Online: <u>www.MississaugaWard10.ca/2020/05/12/traffic-calming</u> Send comments & questions to: <u>sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca</u>

To participate, visit the web page dedicated to this topic (link above) during the dates indicated, review the slides and text explaining what is being proposed, and e-mail your comments, questions and feedback to me. Staff in my office and experts in the City's traffic division will attempt to respond to all questions during the commenting window. All comments received by Tuesday, May 26 will be considered in determining if/how the project proceeds.

Included with this letter is a two-page introduction to the general concept of traffic calming and specifically to the proposal along Tacc Drive.

Under normal circumstances, I would gather public input through an Open House in person where residents could drop in and see the plans and get immediate answers from staff at the meeting. During COVID-19 restrictions, I have worked with staff to hold this virtual public feedback opportunity instead, in order to keep the process for some smaller but important project proposals moving forward. I thank you for your understanding and consideration and look forward to hearing from you later this month.

This kind of project is one I would typically also inform residents about through my electronic newsletter. If you haven't signed up yet and would like to be informed about news, projects and events that are geared to our community here in Ward 10, please subscribe to "Sue's eNews" today by visiting my website and filling in the form on the home page.

Kindest regards,

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#### PROPOSAL FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON TACC DRIVE

The City of Mississauga continues to implement physical traffic calming measures in order to address local neighbourhood road safety issues in Mississauga with a focus around school zones.

Through an extensive review process, roadways are identified to receive physical traffic calming measures. **Tacc Drive between Tenth Line and Freshwater Drive** has been prioritized as a location that would benefit from the installation of traffic calming measures based on the severity of the speeding concern and taking into consideration other factors such as overall traffic volumes, the presence of sidewalks or cycling facilities, and neighbourhood pedestrian generators such as schools and parks.

## What is traffic calming?

Traffic calming consists of physical measures (raised intersections and crossings, speed cushions, split speed humps) put in place on the road in order to reduce the speed and volume of traffic and to restore neighbourhood roadways to their intended function.

Traffic calming measures used alone or in various combinations can be effective in reducing motor vehicle speeds, decreasing traffic volumes and/or alleviating conflicts between street users, depending on their location and intended purpose.

## What type of traffic calming device is being proposed?

The speed cushion is the preferred traffic calming device to be installed on Tacc Drive. A speed cushion is similar to a speed hump that does not cover the entire width of the road. Speed cushions are intended to allow for operating speeds of approximately 40km/h while allowing larger vehicles such as buses and emergency vehicles to pass without difficulty.



Speed cushions - Erin Centre Boulevard, Mississauga

#### Where will the traffic calming devices be installed?

Staff reviewed the traffic data that was collected at several sections of Tacc Drive. Based on the results of the traffic studies, Tacc Drive between Tenth Line and Freshwater Drive ranked high in meeting the criteria outlined in the Traffic Calming Policy.

When selecting the locations for the speed cushions, staff aims to minimize the impact on local residents while ensuring appropriate spacing is kept to achieve the desired operating speed.

After the general spacing and layout of the speed cushions have been established, the final location of each device is determined by considering intersections, drainage, utilities and providing a minimum setback of 3.0 metres from driveways where possible.



Proposed locations of speed cushions along Tacc Drive between Tenth Line and Freshwater Drive.



**Traffic Calming Device** 

# What are the next steps in the process?

First, City staff will gather comments and questions about the proposal through Councillor McFadden's virtual Public Engagement Session later this month. Please see the letter enclosed with this notice for specific details. Should the feedback be largely positive, the next step will be preparing a report for City Councillors to consider at an upcoming General Committee or Council meeting in order to obtain approval for the installation of physical traffic calming devices on the proposed roadway.

Once approved, staff would then schedule the construction of the devices. Road Safety staff would be working towards installing the traffic calming devices during the 2020 construction year.