

# Niakwa Road Traffic Calming Project

## Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary

November 2022

### Background

Niakwa Road was identified as a high-priority location for traffic calming measures through the City's Residential Area Traffic Calming Program.

Traffic data was collected on Niakwa Road between Royal Salinger Road and where it ends at the Seine River in October, 2018:

- The 85th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of motorists travel at or below, is 51 km/h
- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of motorists travel at or below, is 57 km/h

Traffic calming measures will be installed on Niakwa Road to help slow speeds and create a safer space for all road users.

### Engagement

In Spring 2022, we surveyed the community to understand how people who use the road feel about its current state as well as potential traffic calming measures. This is Phase 1 of engagement.

Opportunities to provide feedback included:

- An online survey – open from March 28 – April 19, 2022; 69 responses
- Stakeholder phone call with Niakwa Country Club – May 6, 2022

### Promotion

Public engagement opportunities were promoted using:

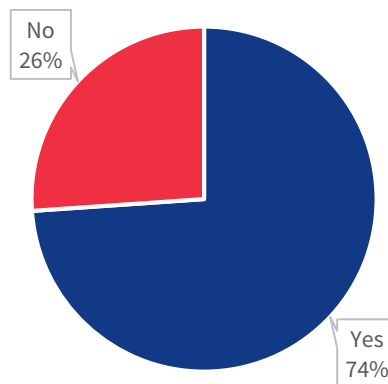
- Project webpage – [winnipeg.ca/niakwacalming](http://winnipeg.ca/niakwacalming) launched March 28, 2022
- Direct-mailed postcards to 15 nearby properties – delivered to Canada Post on March 28
- On-street signage notifying residents that traffic calming measures are coming – installed March 28, 2022

### Key Findings

69 area residents responded to the online survey.

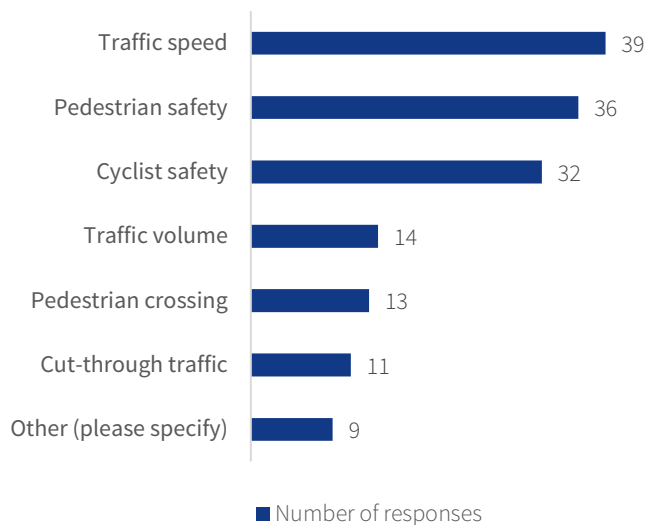
The majority of respondents (74 percent or 51 of 69 respondents) experience traffic issues on the route in question.

#### Do you currently see or experience traffic issues on the stretch of road in question?



Traffic speed (39 of 50 responses), pedestrian safety (36 of 50 responses), and cyclist safety (32 of 50 responses) were identified as the main traffic issues.

#### What do you see as traffic issues on this street? Select all that apply.



Write-in issues noted by respondents included:

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- Mixing cars, pedestrians, and cyclists on the street (five comments)
- Golf course traffic (four comments)
- Drunk drivers (two comments)
- Lighting (one comment)

Respondents were asked to share any additional thoughts about the way the street is used.

These comments were grouped into the following common themes.

- **Multi-use path or sidewalks** (22 comments): this portion of the road is shared by motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Survey respondents would like to see either a sidewalk or a multi-use path installed to increase safety of all road users.

- **Current road conditions** (14 comments): respondents feel the road is currently in poor condition and requires attention, including paving the roadway and fixing potholes.
- **Traffic speed** (14 comments): survey respondents identified traffic speed is a concern on this portion of the road.
- **Golf course traffic (nine comments)**: some area residents have concerns about the traffic using the road to access the golf course. Most of these concerns are related to speed (six of nine comments).

What We Heard	How It Was Considered
Niakwa Road between Royal Salinger Road and where it ends at the Seine River is shared by motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Separating modes of transportation would increase safety for everyone.	Constructing a sidewalk or multi-use path would be a significant cost and require converting the ditched roadside to one with curb and gutter. This is outside the scope of the traffic calming project. The City's policies regarding providing sidewalks on local streets is being reviewed as part of the ongoing update to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies.
Traffic speed on this portion of the road is a concern for the majority of survey respondents.	Respondent feedback supports the need for this project. The proposed traffic calming measures will help to slow vehicle speeds.
The current road conditions (e.g., potholes) contribute to safety concerns on the road.	Surface failures are patched with asphalt to make the surface condition safe until the road is identified for a chip seal renewal.
Niakwa Road needs a complete re-design with sidewalks, lighting, and a real pavement surface.	Major redesign of Niakwa Road is outside the scope of work of the traffic calming project and is not being explored at this time. Lighting improvements will be implemented at the intersection of Niakwa Road and Royal Salinger Road to meet current standards.
Traffic associated with the golf course is a concern among residents. Members should be reminded to slow down and respect other road users.	Traffic calming measures physically alter the roadway, helping to slow all motorists' speeds. Niakwa Country Club has been consulted as a stakeholder on this project. The City will provide the feedback to the golf course, but cannot guarantee what will be done with the information.

## Next Steps

What we heard in this survey helped us develop a proposed solution, which we will present to the community for feedback in Fall 2022. Following Phase 2 we will present a final design for information and implementation in 2023.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Postcard notification

Appendix B – On-street signage

Appendix C – Online survey results

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