

September 9, 2018

City of Calgary  
Office of the Councillors  
PO Box 2100, Station M  
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M5

Via email.

**Re: Street Safety and Neighbourhood Speed Limits, C2018-0960**

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Bike Calgary wishes to communicate our support for the Notice of Motion titled *Street Safety and Neighbourhood Speed Limits*.

Bike Calgary is a not-for-profit society with over 2700 members. We strive to improve conditions for bicyclists through education, advocacy, and community building.

The safety of our streets is paramount to Bike Calgary— as it is, we believe, to Calgarians as a whole. We all want to get home at the end of the day safe and sound.

The Notice of Motion (NoM) before you represents a significant step forward in safety. As has been widely studied, reduced traffic speeds lead to increased safety. It is well understood that when vehicles are travelling at 30 km/hr, significantly fewer people are injured and killed than at 50 km/hr.

It is also well understood that proper street design, education, and enforcement together provide the best solution to dangerous streets. This NoM provides for all three pillars.

Specific to the interest of people on bicycles, many of Calgary's signed bicycle routes are on neighbourhood streets. In their current form, they provide no protection or comfort for people on bicycles. Therefore, they are used almost exclusively by the so-called "strong and fearless". The signed bicycle routes where this NoM is applied would become accessible to more Calgarians on bicycles at a very low cost.

We have seen in the public discourse about this NoM that some people are concerned about the effect this will have on their travel times when they are in a car. We wish to highlight that the effect will be very small, as the great majority of car travel is not on neighbourhood streets. More importantly, however, you have an opportunity to save many, many Calgarians from injuries and death *each year*. We strongly believe this benefit outweighs the small cost to travel times.

We urge you to value the safety of Calgarians in our transportation system. We urge you to support this NoM.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on this initiative, and we look forward to its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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