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Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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November 6, 2019

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Re: Traffic reduction and calming in Fairfield Gonzales

FGCA's Neighbourhood Improvement Committee has heard from many residents in the Fairfield-Gonzales community who support traffic reduction and calming. This letter asks that the City implement traffic reduction and calming measures in several areas of our community.

Context

We support the City's efforts to welcome new residents and businesses, and we are aware that motor vehicle traffic problems could get worse if not managed. Many of our streets already suffer from congestion and speeding.

We also support the City's efforts to increase the proportion of people walking, cycling, using transit and other alternatives to the single occupant motor vehicle.

Traffic reduction and calming can help on both fronts.

We have heard from residents in our community about several streets' traffic problems in particular, and we make some specific requests and some more general requests below.

Five points

Motor vehicles often speed along Fairfield Road past Sir James Douglas Elementary School, The Place (where preschool and other child care programs are operated) and Porter Park. We ask that the City take the following specific actions in the short term:

- install a speed detection camera with a lighted display indicating speed, as it has done on Richardson St.; and,
- undertake speed monitoring and enforcement.

Maddison People Priority Greenway

Maddison is a City-designated People Priority Greenway (PPG), but lacks any indication of its status and is used as an ordinary street, with congestion and speeding being a



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regular occurrence. Children walk and cycle on Maddison to school at Margaret Jenkins and Glenlyon Norfolk School, and we are advised that there have been at least two incidents of children being struck by motor vehicles, as well as near misses. The Maddison PPG Community Group has formed to address these problems, and we have been in contact with them and we support their efforts. They will be contacting the City. FGCA asks the City to take steps to reduce and calm traffic on Maddison PPG and surrounding streets, including the following specific actions in the short term:

- install large concrete planters (like those on Redfern St south of Oak Bay Ave) at Maddison and Quamichan on both streets;
- paint crosswalks connecting sidewalks at Maddison at Quamichan; and,
- install an official, City of Victoria, no-left-turn sign on Maddison opposite the GNS driveway exit (motor vehicles frequently disregard the unofficial sign on GNS property);
- install signs on Maddison indicating that it is a people priority greenway;
- engage with Maddison PPG Community Group and FGCA on longer-term steps to further reduce and calm traffic on Maddison PPG and Quamichan St.

Hollywood Crescent

There have been three incidents of single-vehicle crashes on this road. A local resident has already been in touch with the City, and we support their efforts to discuss and implement the best options for traffic calming at the relevant locations.

Cornwall St

We are advised that a strong majority of Cornwall St residents are concerned about traffic owing to the high number of children on the street. In particular, they are concerned with non-local traffic using Cornwall St as a cut through to avoid traffic lights, the school and the market. They are strongly supportive of traffic calming, and have installed benches on boulevards, and placed their own slow-for-children signs on the street, as well as supporting the City's resident-only parking signs. They are open to discussion with the City about further methods of traffic calming.

We thank you for your attention to the above, and respectfully ask for your replies to our requests at your soonest convenience.

Yours truly,



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On behalf of the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association Board of Directors



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