

Mission Gardens Community Update

Dear Resident:

Plessis Road has been closed between Dugald Road and Kernaghan Avenue since July 28, 2013 to accommodate construction of the Plessis Road underpass. Over the past few months, the City has been collecting feedback from residents within Mission Gardens, related to the impacts they have experienced since the closure of Plessis Road. In response to the feedback received, the City has:

- ✓ Installed new traffic calming measures (raised crosswalks and speed tables).
- ✓ Continues to encourage Transcona residents to use the official City designated detours.
- ✓ Enhanced police enforcement in Mission Gardens to ensure motorists are following traffic laws.

The City will continue to monitor traffic for the duration of construction and adjustments will be made where traffic movements are not consistent with expectations. Residents are encouraged to budget extra travel time during construction. Project updates are available at: <http://winnipeg.ca/plessisunderpass>

Plessis Road Closure

Building a temporary road at the construction site was considered by the City early in the design process. The closure of Plessis Road was selected to expedite completion of the underpass. Factors considered in the decision were the high throwaway cost of \$7-10 million to construct a temporary road and delaying completion of the project up to 1.5 years.

To date, CN has been unable to provide the timely and sustained resources required for the City to meet previously anticipated accomplishment targets. The City has requested an extension to the project completion date from funding partners. However, it remains the City's primary goal to have at least two lanes open to traffic on Plessis Road by the end of December, 2014.



Winnipeg Police Traffic Enforcement in School Zone



Principal Andy Zarrillo, Bernie Wolfe Community School

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School Safety

The City of Winnipeg has been working cooperatively with Bernie Wolfe Community School to address pedestrian safety concerns during construction. The new raised crosswalks and speed tables along Bournais Drive and on Rougeau Avenue, combined with the additional adult crossing guards, will provide safer areas for students to cross. Additional signage has been installed to remind drivers that Bournais Drive is not a truck route.

The City will continue to monitor traffic and work with the school to help ensure pedestrians are safe.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

- ✓ Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street.
- ✓ Use designated crossing areas and sidewalks.
- ✓ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- ✓ At designated crosswalks, wait until vehicles come to a complete stop before crossing.
- ✓ Obey traffic signs and signals.
- ✓ Avoid playing in or around railway crossings.

Costs

The Plessis Road Underpass project was announced as a \$77-million initiative cost-shared by the Federal (Building Canada Fund; \$25-million), Provincial (\$25-million) and City of Winnipeg (\$27-million) governments. The City of Winnipeg is coordinating the design and construction of the project in conjunction with local engineering firms and contractors.

As part of the \$27-million from the City of Winnipeg, the City budgeted an additional \$2-million to this project to cover ineligible costs identified by the Building Canada Fund. Ineligible costs include costs incurred prior to federal approval-in-principle, overhead and administration expenditures, expenditures related to contracts signed prior to federal approval-in-principle, expenditures incurred after the project completion date and costs of purchasing land. In the worst-case scenario, the City's contribution to the project could be as high as \$32.6-million rather than \$27-million and Federal and Provincial contributions could be as low as \$22.2-million.

Total Projected Costs	\$77 million
Less Ineligible Costs (worst-case scenario) - \$10.4 million	
<hr/> Total Eligible Costs	<hr/> \$66.6 million
 Provincial Funding (1/3 of eligible costs)	 \$22.2 million
Federal Funding (1/3 of eligible costs)	\$22.2 million
Required City Funding	\$32.6 million
<hr/> Total Project Budget	<hr/> \$77 million



The City of Winnipeg has requested that a funding extension be granted beyond 2014, so more project costs are eligible for reimbursement. Any additional City funding required will be addressed once agreements with Federal and Provincial funding partners are finalized. The City remains committed to having two lanes open on Plessis Road by the end of 2014.

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Traffic Calming Measures

The following steps to address pedestrian safety have been implemented by the City in the vicinity of Bernie Wolfe School while traffic is continually being monitored along Bournais Drive:

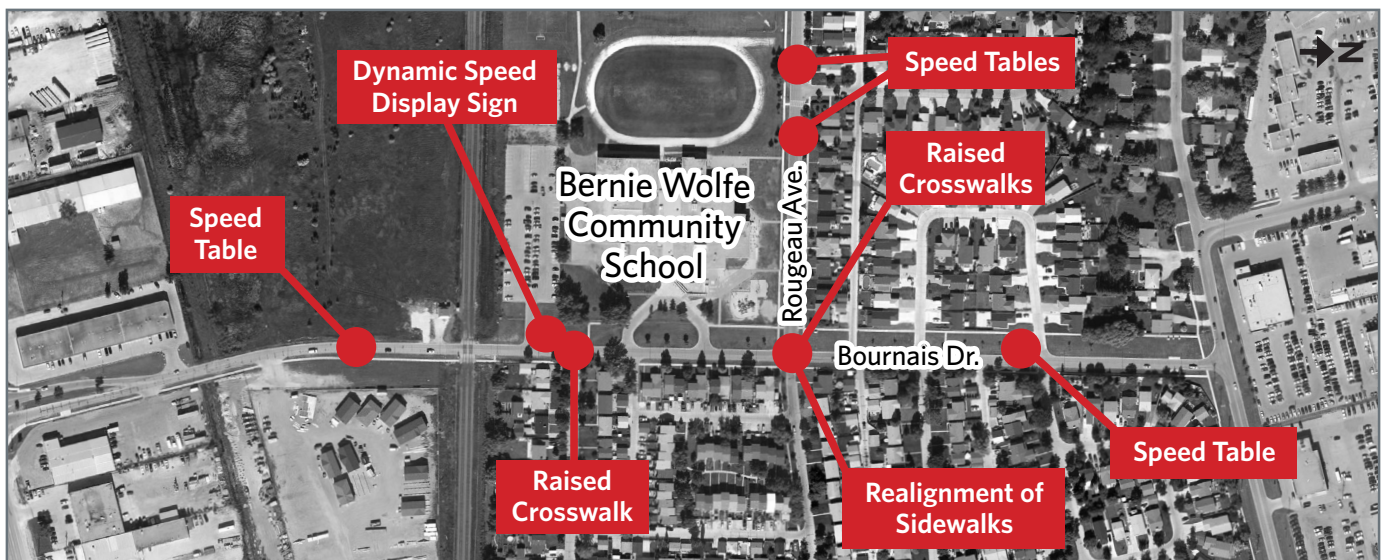
- ✓ Enhanced traffic enforcement by the Winnipeg Police Service.
- ✓ Raised crosswalks and speed tables (see map below).
- ✓ Speed management using the dynamic speed feedback information sign.
- ✓ Signage indicating reduced speed limits in school zones is expected.
- ✓ Realign Bournais Drive sidewalk at Rougeau Avenue to increase pedestrian visibility and safety.



Raised Crosswalk



Dynamic Speed Display Sign



The City is mailing a separate newsletter to the entire Transcona ward discouraging the use of Bournais Drive.

Please ask your friends and neighbours in the community to use the City designated detours.