

Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Montgomery Avenue

Date: May 16, 2024

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending the installation of speed humps on Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue. Staff's assessment indicates the criteria as set out in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on Montgomery Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue.
2. North York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of three speed humps on Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue, generally as shown on Attachment 2, Drawing TC-278 dated May 2024, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Montgomery Avenue" from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Montgomery Avenue is \$12,000. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2024 Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing speed humps on Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Montgomery Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Montgomery Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,735 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Vision Zero as part of the road safety plan, approved 30 km/h speed limits for all local streets in this area. However, at the time that this report was prepared the required signage has not been installed. The required signage will be installed as scheduling and budget permits.

The land use in the area consists of detached, semi-detached, low-rise and high-rise residential dwellings. This subject section of Montgomery Avenue is not within designated Community Safety Zone.

A map of the area and proposed locations of the speed humps is included in Attachment 2.

Study Results

As part of the assessment of the warrant criteria, a vehicle speed and volume study was conducted on Montgomery Avenue on October 31, 2023.

The study results on Montgomery Avenue disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume is 1735 vehicles
- The block length from Edith Drive to Duplex Avenue is 210 metres
- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 41 km/h

- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 45 km/h

Based on the study results, Montgomery Avenue has satisfied the warrant criteria for both minimum block length and minimum vehicle speed. The block length was greater than 120 metres and the operating speed is 8 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h and the 95th percentile is 15 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h.

The overall investigation concluded that the eligibility and warrant criteria as outlined in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, staff recommend the installation of speed humps on Montgomery Avenue.

Relative Priority and Other Impacts

In the event that the number of approved requests for roadway traffic calming measures exceed the budget allocated for installation, funding for approved installations will be prioritized using a Prioritization Score. This score is made up of a Quantitative Score and a Qualitative Score.

The Quantitative Score is based on the results of the data collection, including travel speeds and traffic volumes to prioritize locations with higher vehicle speeds and volumes.

The Qualitative Score includes:

- Collision history to prioritize locations with a history of serious injury or fatal collisions and those involving a pedestrian or people cycling
- Equity to prioritize equity-deserving communities with a high-concentration of priority populations and those that are transportation disadvantaged
- Expected presence of vulnerable road users (elderly population, school children and pedestrians, including transit riders) to prioritize locations with a higher risk of fatal and serious injury collisions

The Quantitative and Qualitative Scores are averaged to provide the complete Prioritization Score. Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue, scored 45 ranking points out of a possible 100.

No alterations to parking regulations will be required, nor will the number of parking spaces be affected by the installation of speed humps. Installation of speed humps will have minimal effect on winter services, street cleaning and garbage collection.

Comments have not been received back at the time of writing this report from Toronto Police Service. Comments from Toronto Paramedic Services are supportive of installation whereas Toronto Fire Services does not support the installation of speed humps. Installing speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency service vehicles.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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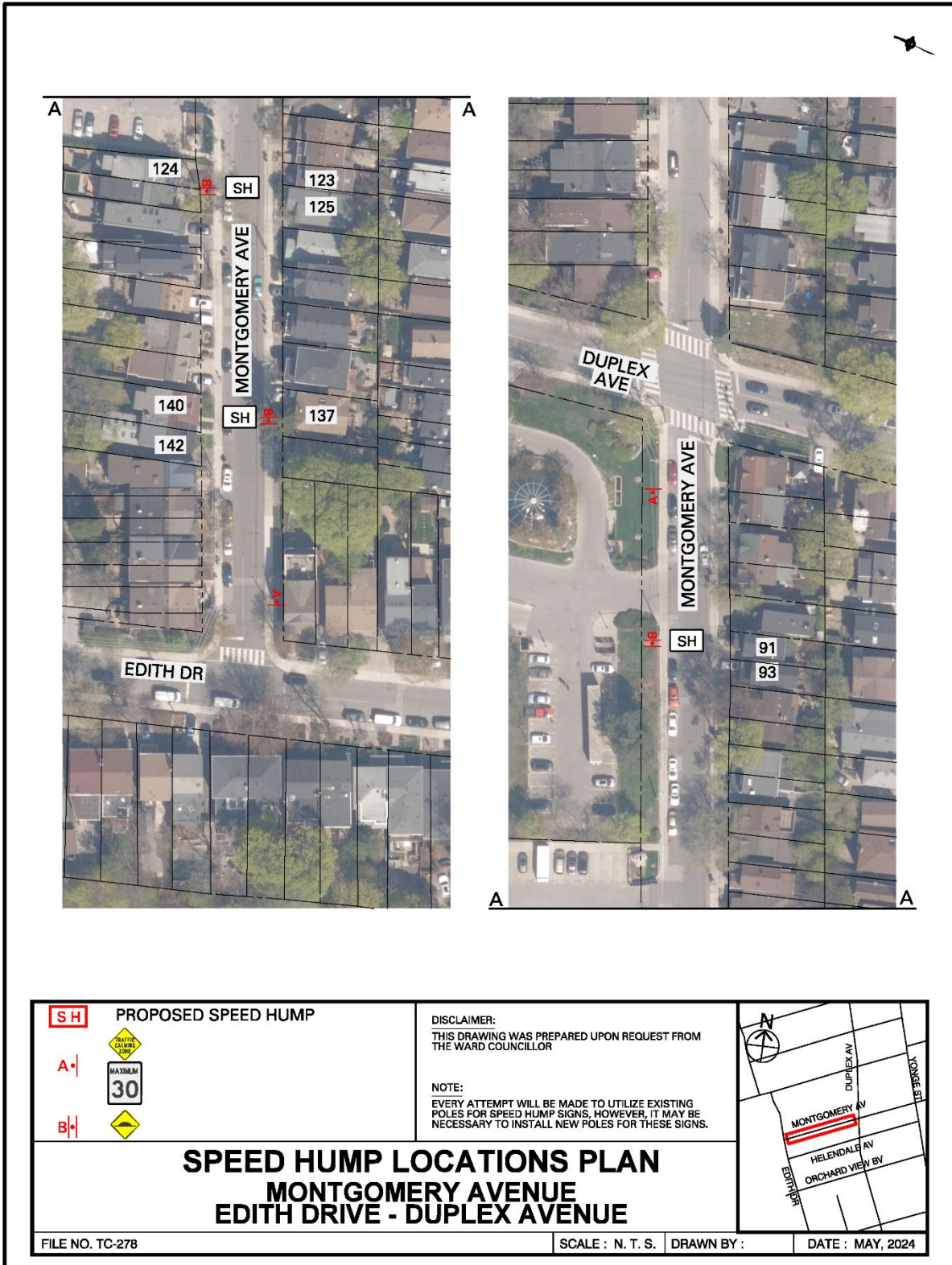
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Montgomery Avenue
Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Montgomery Avenue
Attachment 3: Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated May 6, 2024
Attachment 4: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated May 6, 2024

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Montgomery Avenue

Criteria		Requirement	Warrant Satisfied?
Community Support		A direct request from the Ward Councillor OR identified by Transportation Services in consultation with the Ward Councillor	Yes
Eligibility Criteria	Road Classification	Classified as a local or collector roadway, according to the Toronto Road Classification System	Yes
	Sidewalks	Presence of a sidewalk on at least one side of a local roadway and both sides of a collector roadway is preferred but not required	Yes
	Traffic Volume	Maximum average daily traffic volume of less than 8,000 vehicles per day	Yes
	Road Grade	Maximum roadway grade of up to 5%, can be considered in locations where the road grade is between 5% and 8% with additional review	Yes
	Emergency Services	No significant impacts on emergency services, including Toronto Fire, Paramedic and Police Services	Yes
	Transit Services	No significant impacts to regularly scheduled Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services	Yes
Warrant Criteria	Minimum Block Length	Minimum block length of 120 metres based on the measured distance from centre to centre of controlled intersections AND	Yes (210 m)
	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (41 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	Yes (45 km/h)

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Montgomery Avenue





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RE: Location (on Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue) Speed Hump Investigative Summary

We are in receipt of and have reviewed the proposal for installation of traffic calming measures (speed humps) on **Montgomery (Between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue)** and provide the following comments.

Toronto Fire Services does not support this proposed speed hump installation as it may negatively impact service delivery. The physical restrictions imposed by speed humps have a greater impact on fire vehicles. Response time increases with every obstacle encountered responding to any emergency incident and the cumulative impact of several speed humps can increase responses times.

Toronto Fire Services is supportive of initiatives that improve safety for all citizens of and visitors to the City of Toronto. However, careful consideration must be given to accepting a delay to emergency response vehicles as a compromise to combat the risks presented by all vehicular traffic. Our recommendation is that non-physical measures be considered and evaluated to determine if desired results can be obtained without imposing a physical obstacle to emergency vehicles.

Regards,

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Attachment 4: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated May 6, 2024

Good afternoon Lukasz,

We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue, with the following comments:

Montgomery Avenue, between Edith Drive and Duplex Avenue appears to primarily service the residents that reside on the roadway and would not impact response times for other community members. It is important that the applicant understand that the installation of traffic calming devices will reduce the speed that emergency vehicles travel when responding to emergencies on roadways where they are installed.

Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighbourhood, and we endeavour to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components.

Many Thanks,

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