

# Jim Common Drive Traffic Calming Project

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Resident Evaluation Survey Results  
Summary  
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Strathcona County is currently performing a comprehensive evaluation of the Jim Common Drive (JCD) Traffic Calming Project, including public engagement undertaken for the project as well as project outcomes.

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## Survey Results

This January/February, SCOOP was invited to complete a survey evaluating the Jim Common Drive Traffic Calming Project. We received almost 500 surveys with about 40% of respondents from the neighbourhood (Clover Bar Ranch, Charlton Heights, or Durham Town Square) and about 60% from other neighbourhoods. The survey invited feedback about the public engagement undertaken for the project as well as opinions on the road changes made as a result of the project.

"The roundabout has improved safety immensely for traffic flowing on Cranford Drive and crossing Jim Common Dr S. The public does however, need more education on who has the right of way when using traffic circles."

"People don't know how to use the roundabouts. They don't yield and they don't signal. Traffic still moves way to quickly down the street."

### Neighbourhood Residents

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 22% of respondents (110) indicated they participated in the public engagement process.
- 77% of those who participated agreed that ways to get involved were well communicated.
- 77% of those who participated agreed that the purpose of gathering public input was clear.
- 52% of those who participated agreed that the County provided information on what was heard through the engagement process.
- Participant agreement that the input made a difference to the outcomes of the project was divided, with 35% agreeing with the statement and 35% disagreeing.



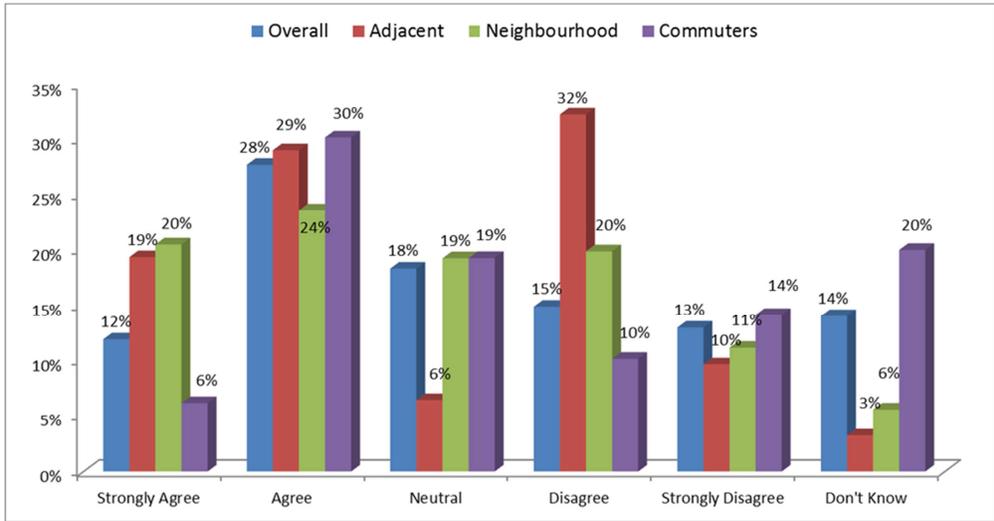
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Of those who did not participate in the engagement said they were not aware of the project.

## JIM COMMON DRIVE SOUTH

Overall, respondents tended to agree that the project was successful in improving safety on JCD South. Responses were most polarized amongst adjacent residents.

Survey responses: Overall, the traffic calming project was successful in improving safety on JCD South



[Adjacent = property abuts JCD South (n=31); Neighbourhood= other residents of Clover Bar Ranch, Charlton Heights, or Durham Town Square (n=161); Commuters= all other respondents (n=275)]

By far the most common theme in the comments, whether the resident was generally positive or negative about the changes, was that drivers do not know how to use the roundabouts. Many of these comments indicated that drivers travelling East/West were driving aggressively and not yielding appropriately.

## JIM COMMON DRIVE NORTH

Overall, there was fairly strong agreement that the project improved pedestrian safety on JCD North, particularly at the trail crossing. Responses regarding speed reduction and parking management were highly variable.

Generally, comments tended to be quite positive about the features installed at the trail crossing and more negative about the choices at Clover Bar Ranch Park. Many residents expressed concern that the road is now too narrow and decreases safety for drivers, particularly in winter. Several residents indicated speeding on JCD North remains a major concern.

# What's Next?

Survey results will be used to represent the resident perspective in a comprehensive evaluation of the overall project, with the goal of improving the way Strathcona County engages with its residents and undertakes traffic calming within the community.

The final, full evaluation report is scheduled for presentation to the Priorities Committee in June 2019.



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