

Attachment B – Myers Road 2023 Interim Improvements - Responses to Public Consultation Comments

Staff requested public input for the interim improvements proposed on Myers Road. Letters were mailed to property owners within 2kms of the project limits on February 13, 2023. Sign boards were posted on Myers Road directing residents to the EngageWR website.

In person meetings and phone discussions were held with the property owners that will back on to the proposed ramp connection from Myers Road to California Road.

Project information was available on the Region's EngageWR website, including contacts for appropriate Region of Waterloo staff and the opportunity to subscribe for project updates. The EngageWR website provided people the opportunity to participate in a public survey regarding the project. The survey on the Engage website recorded a total of 45 contributions.

Main Concerns Raised by the Public and Adjacent Property Owners

The main comments raised by the public and adjacent property owners and staff responses are provided below:

- a) Concerns about parking at Moffat Creek Public School for drop-off and pick-up of students

Respondents expressed concerns about insufficient space for the drop-off and pick-up of students at Moffat Creek Public School. Requests were made to provide parking spaces on Myers Road.

The existing shoulders on Myers Road in front of Moffat Creek Public School are no stopping and no parking zones. This is typical for all school zones, as per the Region's and City's Traffic and Parking By-law. The proposed connection to Myers Road from California Road will provide another route for parents and children to get to school.

The School Board plans to begin construction of the parking lot expansion behind Moffat Creek Public School, with access off Dundas Street, in Spring 2023. This will provide an additional 32 spots for parents to drop off and pick up students. The parking lot expansion is being completed in order to divert school traffic from Myers Road to the back of the school.

- b) Concerns about the deferral of the major reconstruction project and deteriorating pavement condition

The major reconstruction of Myers Road from Water Street to Branchton Road has been deferred to the years 2026 - 2028 in the 2023-2032 Transportation Capital Program. This allows staff additional time to review the concerns that were raised about the proposed design presented to the public in February 2021. The extension of McQueen Shaver Boulevard to the future East Boundary Road is also expected to be complete by 2026. The pavement condition will be monitored in the interim and any spot repairs will be made to the most deteriorated sections of asphalt, as necessary. New asphalt will be placed in the location of the proposed raised crossings.

c) Requests for Raised Crossings at Other Intersections

Respondents to the survey requested that raised crossings and increased visibility for pedestrians be investigated at the Myers Road at Cheese Factory Road intersection. This intersection is currently signalized. Enhanced treatments to improve visibility for pedestrians and cyclists will be reviewed as part of the major reconstruction project.

d) Requests for the installation of a sidewalk on the south side of Myers Road from Branchton Road to Gatehouse Road / Lisbon Pines Drive

Respondents to the survey commented on the lack of pedestrian facilities on the south side of Myers Road between Branchton Road and Gatehouse Road / Lisbon Pines Drive. Staff reviewed the potential for sidewalk installation along this section of roadway as part of the interim measures, but due to drainage and grading constraints, a storm sewer would be required along Myers Road in order to fit a sidewalk in this location. Both pedestrian and cycling facilities will be incorporated as part of the major reconstruction project in 2026 when Myers Road is urbanized. In the interim, pedestrians accessing Myers Road via the ramp to California Road, would need to cross Myers Road at the proposed Level 2 Pedestrian Crossing in front of Moffat Public Creek School, and use the existing sidewalk on the north side of Myers Road.

e) Questions about the Location of Crossing Guard at Gatehouse Road / Lisbon Pines Drive

Respondents to the survey had questions about the location of the school crossing guard on Myers Road at Gatehouse Road / Lisbon Pines Drive. Currently there is an existing school crossing on both the east and west sides of the Myers Road at Gatehouse Road / Lisbon Pines Drive intersection. The school crossing on the west side of the intersection will remain in place, and a Level 2 Pedestrian Crossing will be installed in addition to the school crossing. A Level 2 Pedestrian Crossing gives

pedestrians priority at all times, not just during the times when the school crossing guard is present.

The existing school crossing on the east side of the intersection is proposed to be relocated and converted to a raised Level 2 Pedestrian Crossing in front of Moffat Creek Public School. This provides better separation between the crossings to avoid driver confusion, and provides a crossing at the proposed ramp between Myers Road and California Road. Once the proposed ramp from Myers Road to California Road is in place, those walking to Moffat Creek Public School from the neighbourhoods south of Myers Road can access Myers Road via California Road. These pedestrians will be able to cross the road where the proposed new ramp connection meets Myers Road, at the proposed new raised Level 2 Pedestrian Crossing.

f) Requests for Bus Stops near Birkinshaw Road

A request was made for bus stops near Birkinshaw Road. GRT plans to provide two-way service on Myers Road in the Fall 2023. Route 50 will be introduced with stops at Myers/Birkinshaw. The route would connect directly to the Ainslie Terminal to the west, and South Cambridge Shopping Centre and Cambridge Centre Station heading east.