

Bridge Lake Drive Traffic Calming Project

Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary



Background

Bridge Lake Drive has been identified as a high-priority location for traffic calming measures through our Traffic Calming Program.

Traffic data was collected in April 2019:

- The 85th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of motorists travel at or below, is 56 km/h
- The daily traffic volume is 1,600 vehicles per day, which is within the typical range for collector streets
- About 340 vehicles travel 55 km/h or faster every day
 - A third of these vehicles travel faster than 60 km/h

Traffic calming measures are being installed on Bridge Lake Drive to help slow speeds and create a safer space for all road users.

Engagement

In Summer 2023, we surveyed the community to understand how people who use the road feel about its current state and issues. This report outlines these Phase 1 results.

Opportunities to provide feedback included:

- An online survey – open from June 26 to July 19, 2023; 22 responses
- Stakeholder phone call with the Pembina Trails School Division on August 1, 2023.

Promotion

We promoted public engagement opportunities using:

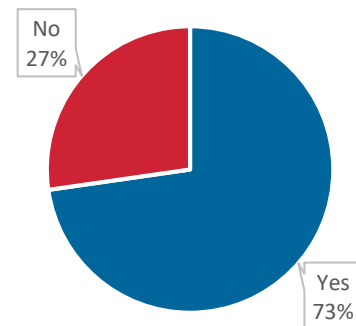
- Project webpage – winnipeg.ca/bridgelakecalming launched June 26, 2023
- Direct-mailed postcards to 54 nearby properties – delivered to Canada Post on June 26, 2023
- On-street signage notifying residents that traffic calming measures are coming – installed during the week of June 26, 2023

Key findings

22 area residents responded to the online survey.

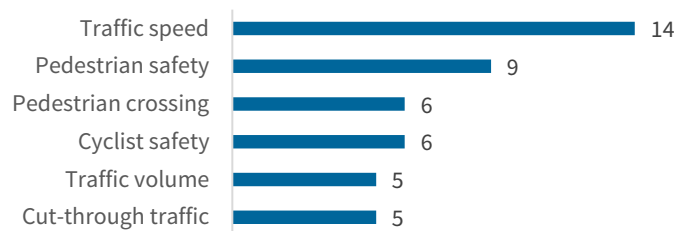
Most (73 percent or 16 out of 22 respondents) currently witness or experience traffic issues on this stretch of Bridge Lake Drive.

Do you currently see or experience traffic issues on the stretch of road in question?



Respondents were asked to pick their top concerns from a list of common traffic issues. Traffic speed (14 out of 15 respondents) and pedestrian safety (9 out of 14 respondents) were the most common concerns. Respondents also identified on-street parking issues (6 comments) as causing issues with driver sightlines and for children crossing to the nearby

What do you see as traffic issues on this street? (Respondents selected all that apply)



fountain and playground.

Comments about concerns additional to those on the chart above are highlighted below.

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- **Children crossing concerns (5 comments)** Many noted the high number of children in the area and proximity to a park and fountain.
- **On-street parking confusion (4 comments)** Amenities such as the soccer field, park and fountain may bring more visitors. On-street parking rules are unclear.
- **Drivers running red lights at Kenaston Boulevard (2 comments)** Concern with drivers not following the rules at the intersections of North Town, Bison and South Town.
- **School bus drop-off congestion (1 comment)** Experience of traffic back-ups when school buses pick up/drop-off students on Bridge Lake Drive.

A final opportunity to provide comments confirmed concern with traffic speed and pedestrian safety with an emphasis on creating a safer environment for children. The following suggestions were put forward:

- **Physical traffic calming measures (4 comments)** A variety of installations were suggested including: speed humps, narrowing streets, and traffic calming circles
- **Lower the speed limit (3 comments)** Requests were made for both 40 km/h and 30km/h or not explicitly stated
- **Greater traffic law enforcement (2 comments)**
- **Education and signage (2 comments)** Visual reminder about children and the speed limit
- **Lack of crosswalks (1 comment)**

Table 1: What we heard and how it was considered

What we heard	How it was considered
Traffic speed on this portion of the road is a concern for most survey respondents.	This feedback aligns with the speed data, which showed around 340 vehicles travel 55 km/h or higher every day. Traffic calming measures will aim to reduce vehicle speeds.
On-street parking near amenities such as the fountain, park and soccer fields may not follow the posted rules and creates sightline issues which is a concern for children crossing the street.	We will review parking regulations and signage as part of this project.
Importance of making pedestrian-friendly improvements to create a safer environment for everyone, especially children.	We will include pedestrian improvements in our recommended traffic calming design.
The Pembina Trails School Division has plans to construct a kindergarten to grade 8 school on the southeast side of Bridge Lake Drive between Water bend Road and Sablewood Drive. The announcement from the provincial government about this and other schools indicates they intend to be constructed and operational by September 2027.	We are not planning to install traffic calming along the property directly fronting the future school site we do not yet know where entrances to the school lot and/or loop will be. If additional traffic calming is required, this can be reviewed in tandem with the development of the school site plan.

Next steps

What we heard in this survey helped us develop a proposed solution, which we will present to the community for feedback in early 2024. Following Phase 2 we will present a final design for information. Construction would occur as early as 2025.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Postcard notification
- Appendix B – On-street signage
- Appendix C – Online survey results.

Appendix A – Postcard notification



**TRAFFIC-CALMED
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**Help us slow traffic on
Bridge Lake Drive.**



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Traffic calming is coming on Bridge Lake Drive

We're looking for your input to reduce high speeds.

Bridge Lake Drive has been identified as a priority for traffic calming measures **between North Town Road and Eagleview Road**.

This work will expand on what we found via previous traffic studies in the area.

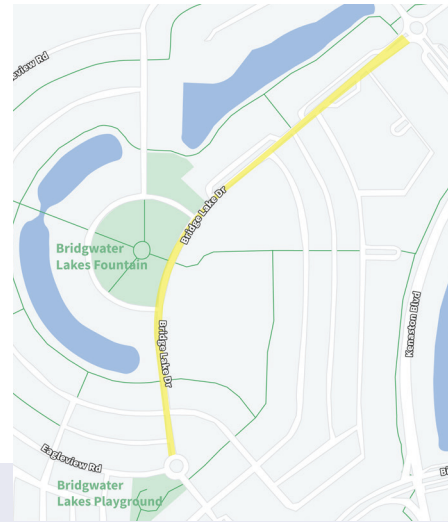
We need your help determining what would best serve the community and solve these traffic issues.

Take an online survey to share your thoughts about speeding:
winnipeg.ca/bridgelakecalming

The survey will close July 19, 2023. What we hear will help us develop a design to show you in early 2024.

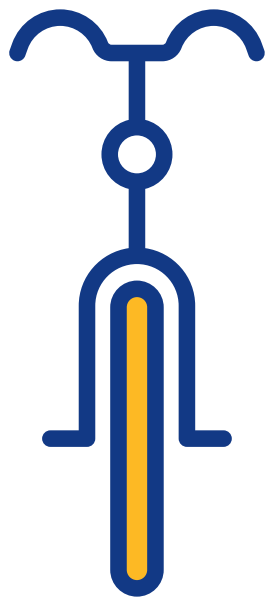
Please contact city-engage@winnipeg.ca or call 204-986-4243 by July 10 with inquiries or if you require alternate formats or interpretation to participate.

For more information, visit: winnipeg.ca/bridgelakecalming



Appendix B – On-street signage

TRAFFIC CALMING COMING SOON



We've heard high speeds are an issue on this street. Help us decide what solutions could work for your neighbourhood.

For more information and to provide feedback visit:
winnipeg.ca/trafficalming

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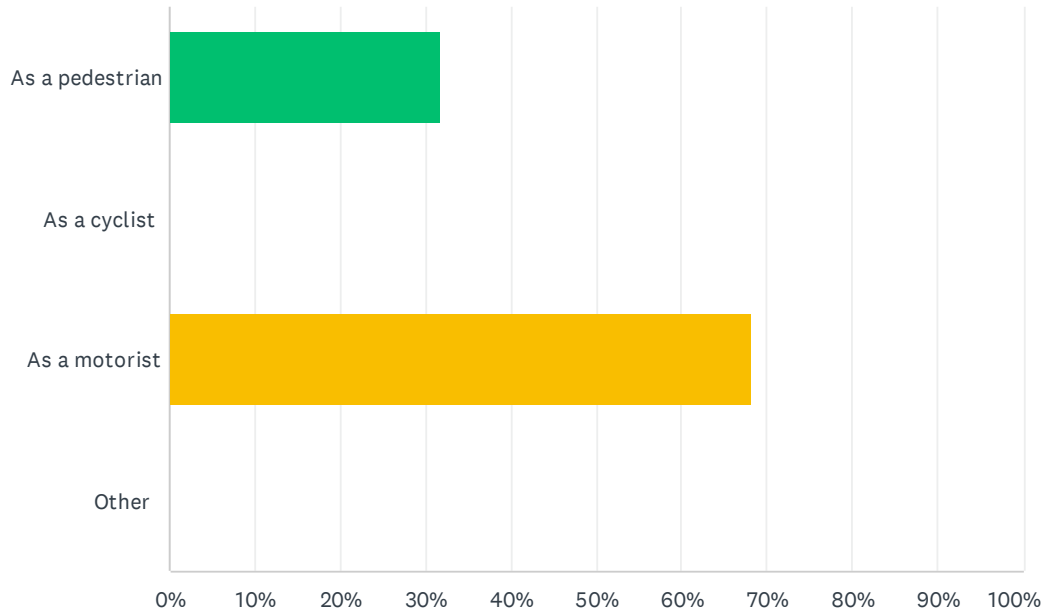
Appendix C – Online survey results

For surveys, add this note:

Please note: the views expressed in the verbatim survey comments are those of residents and are not those of the City of Winnipeg. The City of Winnipeg reviews comments to analyze feedback and remove comments that are inconsistent with our [moderation policy](#).

Q1 How do you currently use Bridge Lake Drive between North Town Road and Eagleview Road?

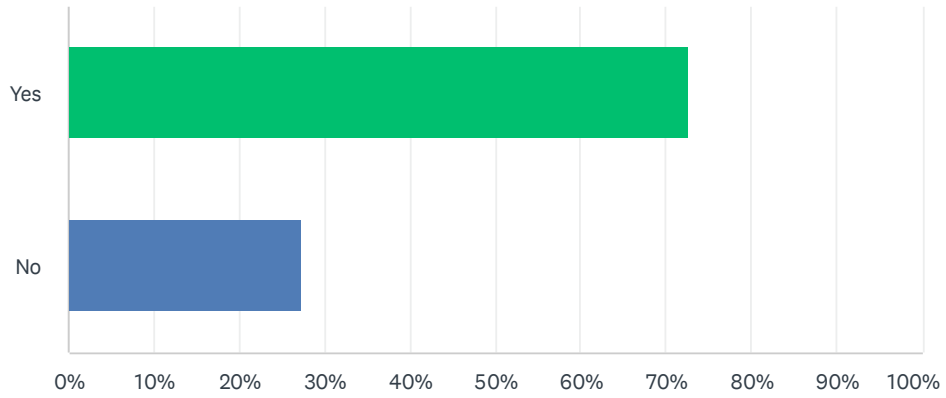
Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
As a pedestrian	31.82%	7
As a cyclist	0.00%	0
As a motorist	68.18%	15
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		22

Q2 Do you currently see or experience traffic issues on the stretch of road in question?

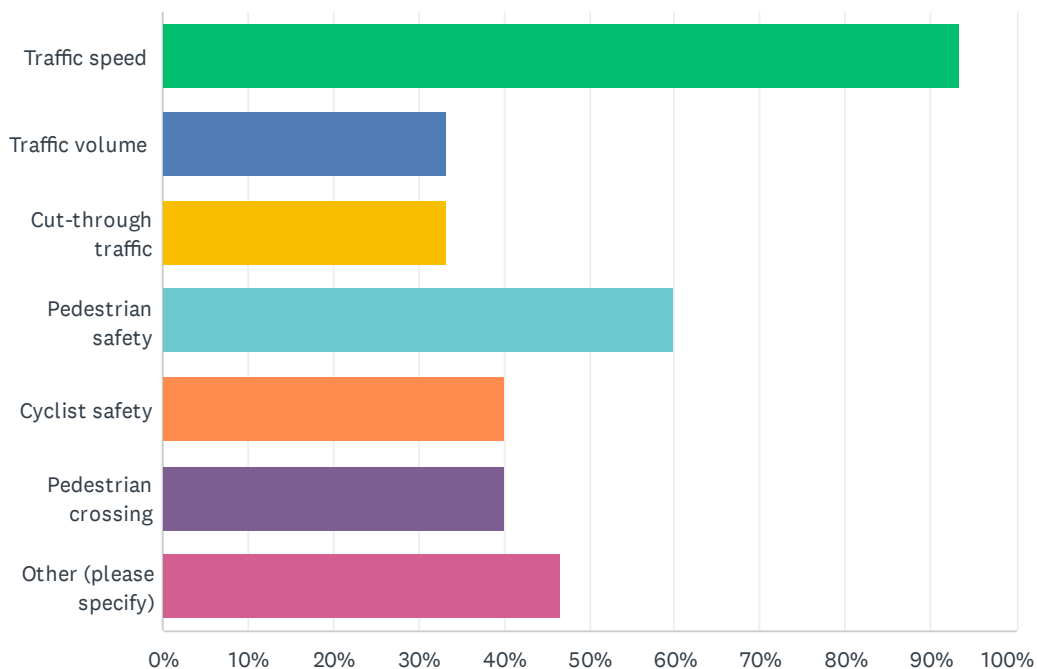
Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.73%	16
No	27.27%	6
TOTAL		22

Q3 What do you see as traffic issues on this street? Select all that apply.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Traffic speed	93.33% 14
Traffic volume	33.33% 5
Cut-through traffic	33.33% 5
Pedestrian safety	60.00% 9
Cyclist safety	40.00% 6
Pedestrian crossing	40.00% 6
Other (please specify)	46.67% 7
Total Respondents: 15	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	parking congestion	7/24/2023 5:30 PM
2	There are multiple parks with kids running around on water bend road. Safety is an issue	7/11/2023 6:54 PM
3	Illegal parking	7/5/2023 4:07 PM
4	On street parking, especially on the curve of the large field. It makes it extremely hard to cross from field to the fountain if cars are parked on that bend due to the fact you need to stick your head out much farther to check if traffic are coming from both sides. Little children especially that run about are particularly at risk of a vehicle collision due to the lack of visibility for all parties (driver, pedestrian, cyclist, scooter etc.)	7/4/2023 11:52 PM

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5	People parking along the street near the play area of Bridgelake Dr and Blue Meadow is horrendous. It's an accident waiting to happen.	7/3/2023 4:13 PM
6	Extra non resident traffic because of fountain and pirate park	6/28/2023 6:52 PM
7	Parking during soccer games. The parked cars block my view when I cross the street. Speeding cars have run over wildlife (geese, rabbits, birds). There is a high volume of traffic from people who are not residents of Bridgewater.	6/28/2023 6:52 PM

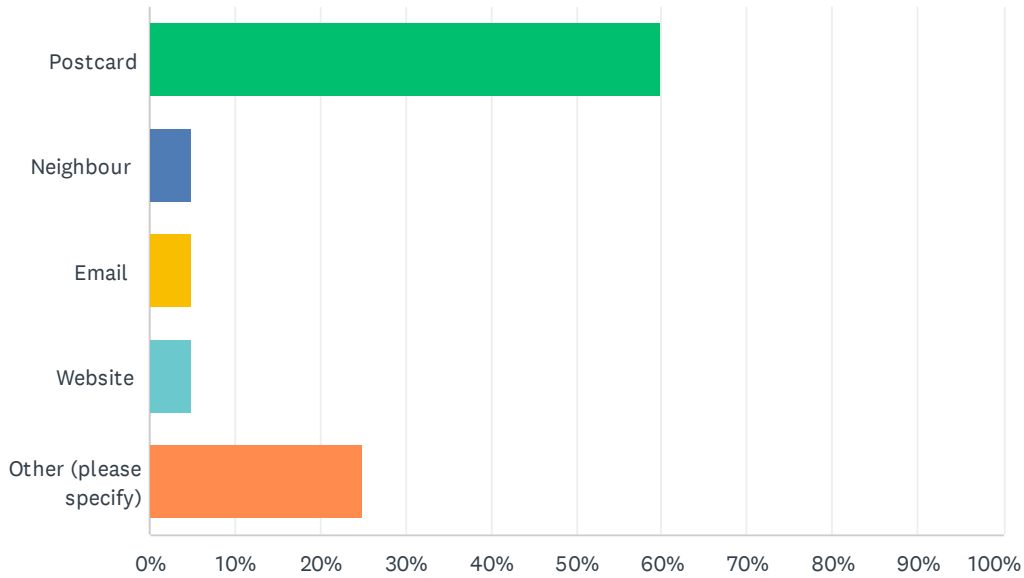
Q4 Please share any thoughts you have about the way the street is used that you feel we should be aware of when exploring solutions.

Answered: 11 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Can school buses pick-up on a side street? Stopping on Bridge Lake Drive to pick-up/drop-off students creates a daily traffic back-log at peak traffic times.	7/24/2023 5:37 PM
2	No one seems to know what side of the street they can park on. Sometimes cars are parked along the soccer field side, sometimes along the fountain side. I don't think it is marked.	7/18/2023 7:30 AM
3	Traffic calming is needed and should also be extended to Bluemeadow road which is in front of the kids park	7/11/2023 6:56 PM
4	I feel there should be no parking on either side of Bridgelake Dr	7/5/2023 4:09 PM
5	The street particularly at the bend of the field and fountain is regularly used by residents of the surrounding areas. Children frequently cross from fountain to field and from houses to both fountain and field.	7/5/2023 12:31 AM
6	Many residents park on this street all day long between Willow creek road and bison drive.	7/4/2023 10:03 PM
7	Speeding on Bridge Lake Drive is common. Even worse, many people run the red lights on Kenaston Blvd's intersections with North Town, Bison, and South Town.	7/3/2023 4:16 PM
8	High volume traffic with speeding cars and a lots of kids in the neighborhood	7/1/2023 2:29 PM
9	Please lower the speed limit to 30km/h at all times. Please do this immediately.	6/28/2023 6:56 PM
10	Used by a lot of non residents because of pirate park, fountain and soccer field.	6/28/2023 6:54 PM
11	The area is near to a large and very populisme park, soccer field and splash pad. There is a large amount of traffic driving large vehicles that travel very quickly. There is also an incline as you proceed north bound on Bridglake and people drive way to fast given all these factors.	6/28/2023 5:27 PM

Q5 How did you hear about this project? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 20 Skipped: 2

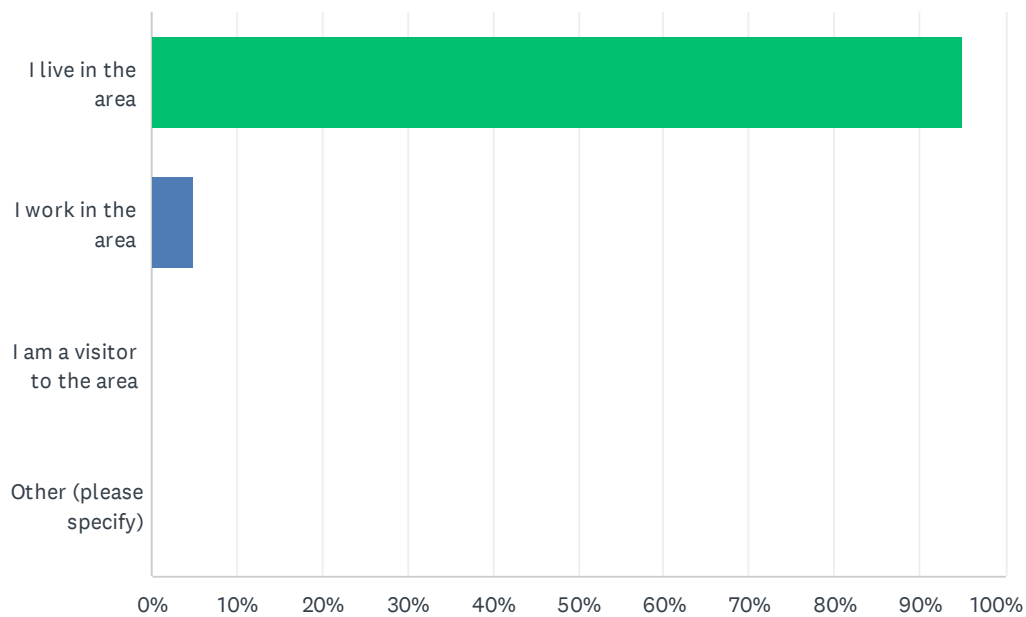


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Postcard	60.00%	12
Neighbour	5.00%	1
Email	5.00%	1
Website	5.00%	1
Other (please specify)	25.00%	5
TOTAL		20

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Small sign posted at a bus stop on Bridge Lake Drive.	7/24/2023 5:37 PM
2	Sign	7/11/2023 6:56 PM
3	Bus stop: Northbound Bridge Lake at Stone Meadow. Stop ID: 62034	7/5/2023 12:31 AM
4	Sign on street	7/4/2023 10:03 PM
5	Posted sign while walking	7/1/2023 2:29 PM

Q6 What best describes your link to the area? Please select only one.

Answered: 20 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I live in the area	95.00% 19
I work in the area	5.00% 1
I am a visitor to the area	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
TOTAL	20

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q7 Are there any additional comments you would like to share?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I support reducing the speed limit to 40 Km/h (as posted in the Richmond West neighborhood). I don't recommend installing speed bumps.	7/24/2023 5:37 PM
2	I think the street needs speed limit signs. Maybe if people were reminded visually they would slow down.	7/18/2023 7:30 AM
3	As a home owner on Bridge Lake Dr, I am primarily concerned about the speed of traffic and the impact on children playing in the area.	7/15/2023 11:41 AM
4	Visitors coming to the park are not following the new parking signs.	7/11/2023 6:56 PM
5	I would love to see the use of any of the following: - Narrowing streets (by a combination of extended curb and paint to give a sense of discomfort for drivers driving at high speeds and urge them to slow down for cross walks) - Flat-topped speed humps (aka speed tables/raised crosswalks) with extended curbs to act as a continuous sidewalk that shorten the distance a pedestrian needs to cross and also slowing vehicles down. - Use of small traffic calming circles at the intersections of Bridge Lake Drive and Water Bend Road to once again slow vehicles at an area with increased pedestrians and children. - Curbs (or anything else physically extruded from the regular curb) that extend to protect the cross walks from being blocked by parked cars. Additionally, I would like to request for these measures to continue down for the entirety of Bridge Lake Drive up until Eaglewood Drive since the issues of the section that is being addressed also continue down south. Furthermore, I would recommend considering the contents of this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAxRYrbnuA as well as consider the possibility of contacting some sort of Road Design consultant based in Netherlands to apply their measures here in our community as I feel like it'd be a great benefit for everyone involved. Unrelated to this but I would like to request 3 additional easy improvements in the Bridgewater area. Firstly, the traffic lights of the intersection of Southtown Rd, Bison Dr, Northdown Rd and Kenaston Blvd all need quicker countdowns for the pedestrian crossing. As it stands now it takes way to long and encourages crossing regardless of the signal since no one really wants to wait dozens of seconds for the countdown to even begin, especially if you are cycling or jogging/running. Secondly, there are symmetrical multi-use paths that are in-between Kenaston Blvd North/South and Park West/East Dr that just end when they run into the road. Many people opt to cross the road anyway instead of walking left or right towards the center roundabout or the traffic light, because both are additional time wasters in a walk, cycle, jog or run. So the addition of a narrowed continuous (raised) crosswalk, that include the combination of paint and extended curb to reduce the 2 lanes into 1 narrow lane, will not only increase pedestrian safety when crossing as well as providing a new path easier path for multi-use path users to utilize when accessing Bridgewater Center. Lastly, in Bridgewater Center between Northtown road and Park West Dr there is a footpath formed from the constant pedestrians crossing the walking areas from each side specifically the area near Dominos/Petvalu and Allora Dental/Good Earth. An additional raised crosswalk that combines all the suggestions above to be used here would be much appreciated for everyone who wishes to cross both sides of the commercial areas. Thank you so much for reading and considering my comments I really am excited to see the new additions in place to increase safety and convenience for everyone!	7/5/2023 12:31 AM
6	Three issues need to be resolved: 1) Motorists running red lights on Kenaston Blvd. 2) Need parking space for those using play area rather than park on Water Bend. 3) Need traffic calming bumps on Bridge Lake Dr.	7/3/2023 4:16 PM
7	No crosswalks anywhere and using roundabouts to cross can be dangerous	7/1/2023 2:29 PM
8	Until this problem is fixed, please set up a speed trap at the corner of Water Bend Road and Bridge Lake Drive. This should cover the costs of this project.	6/28/2023 6:56 PM
9	Reduced speed plus speed bumps would increase safety.	6/28/2023 6:54 PM

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Signage and traffic calming measures are welcome. Also educating people about the abundance of children in the area would be good.

6/28/2023 5:27 PM