

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2025, in the City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom, as well as virtually via Teams.

Attendance

Those in Attendance in Person:

Cheri Andres, Recording Secretary
Blair Martin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Chelsey Iles, Engineering Project Manager
Councilor Laura Tillack
Sgt. Bill Weatherdon, RCMP
Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

With Regrets

Mayor Bob Young
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning
John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services
Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Public

Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Kyle van Steenoven called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. ASSI Q4 Statistical Report

Review of the Q4 Statistics Report – Leduc Collision Reporting Centre compiled by Accident Support Services International Ltd. (ASSI), with discussion specifically focused on the top two collision locations: Airport Perimeter Rd & Airport Rd and Airport Rd & Outlet Collection Way.

February 6, 2025 Meeting: In addition to the Statistical Report, Sgt. Bill Weatherdon shared RCMP collision data for the City of Leduc for the fourth quarter. Notable items included: 133 collisions where police were involved, 87 reportable, 27 not reportable. Seven incidents at 50 Ave and HWY 2, mostly rear end collisions, five incidents at 50

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Ave & Grant McEwan Blvd, mostly rear-end incidents, and three collisions at 50 St and 50 Ave.

TAC discussed the intersection of Alton Dr & Grant McEwan Blvd as there have been a number of larger collisions at this location recently as well as motorists driving through yellow lights instead of stopping. A possible solution might be to lengthen the time of the yellow light or add a count down so traffic has enough time to stop. Engineering will explore options to allow more time to stop and bring back to next meeting. The completion of 65 Ave should alleviate some of these issues.

April 10, 2025 Meeting: Traffic Solutions is evaluating the impact of yellow signals at this intersection and will report back to Infrastructure Maintenance in two weeks.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: Field data is still being evaluated for the entire corridor. Findings should be ready for next meeting.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that Public Services acquire the final data findings from Traffic Solutions and present them at the September meeting.

Action

Public Services to acquire final data findings from Traffic Solutions and present at the September meeting.

No follow up required

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

2. Request for Stronger Safety Measures at West Haven Dr & Black Gold Dr 4-Way Stop (Shawn Olson)

Resident came in person to OPS building and described his concern to reception. Resident resides at 106 Kirpatrick Cres and says that the 4-way stop at West Haven Dr & Black Gold Drive is so dangerous. He has witnessed many people going right through without even slowing down, vehicles going at least 80km/h or more, he has small kids and would like something done about the corner before somebody is killed or badly injured.

He also said that when summer comes and when the trees bloom, you also cannot see the stop signs.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data from the northbound sign on West Haven Dr at Black Gold Dr. The average speed is 29 km/h with an 85th percentile of 37 km/h indicating further engineering controls are not merited. Trees may become a concern when in full bloom, therefore, Public Services will monitor the intersection. Enforcement Services will monitor 4-way stop violations.

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Decision **TAC Recommends to Council that** this area does not merit greater traffic calming measures. Public Services should monitor trees when in full bloom to ensure vehicle visibility. Enforcement Services to monitor 4-way stop violations.

Action Public Services to monitor trees when in full bloom and ensure vehicle visibility.
Enforcement Services to monitor 4-way stop violations.

TAC to follow up with resident.

Remove from agenda

Background **3. Visibility Concern at Corner of 39 St and 40A St (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is concerned about visibility around the curve/corner of 39 St and 40A St. I have a concern from a resident in South Park regarding sight lines around a curve. The roadway at 40A Street and 39 Street turns back on itself and vehicles parking around the curve significantly reduce the sightlines of oncoming traffic. Currently, it's not an offence to park there. The complainant would like no parking signs around the curve to allow for safer passage.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and determined "no parking signs" are not merited along this street as the curve in the road serves as a traffic calming measure and no further engineering controls are needed.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that no further action be taken.

Action TAC to follow up with resident

Remove from agenda

Background **4. ASSI 2025 Q1 Statistical Report (Shawn Olson)**

Review of the Q1 Statistics Report – Leduc Collision Reporting Centre compiled by Accident Support Services International Ltd. (ASSI), with discussion specifically focused on the top two collision locations: 41 Ave SW & Nisku Spine Rd and 50 Ave & Grant MacEwan Blvd.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC discussed the top two collision locations. The first location, 41 Ave SW & Nisku Spine Rd is closer to Leduc County jurisdiction so will not be evaluated further. Second location of concern, 50 Ave & Grant MacEwan Blvd is currently being evaluated along with the entire corridor. Engineering will monitor this location following the completion of 65th Ave. when left turn signals are installed.

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Decision	TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken.
Action	Engineering is currently monitoring the area and will continue to do so and reevaluate upon completion of 65 th Ave. No follow up required. Remove from agenda
Background	5. <u>Request to Change Yield Sign to Stop Sign and add Flashers to Crosswalk at 45 St & 47 Ave (Shawn Olson)</u> Resident is requesting yield sign be changed to stop sign and flashers be added to the crosswalk to increase pedestrian safety. She has witnessed 2 incidents in a short time span where pedestrians have almost been struck due to motorists driving right through the yield sign. <i>June 12, 2025 Meeting:</i> TAC reviewed the area of concern and determined that as this is a local road with a low volume of traffic, a stop sign is not warranted.
Decision	TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken.
Action	TAC to follow up with the resident Remove from agenda
Background	6. <u>Request to Change Yield Sign to Stop Sign at Sheppard Way & Southwick Blvd (Shawn Olson)</u> Resident is requesting that the yield sign at the intersection of Sheppard Way & Southwick Blvd be changed to a stop sign. I am writing this letter with a heavy heart and a deep sense of urgency to bring attention to a serious safety concern at the intersection of Sheppard Way and Southwick Boulevard, just near McKinley Park North. There is currently a yield sign at this crossing, but far too often, it is completely ignored by drivers—especially by young individuals driving large trucks who recklessly speed through without slowing down or even acknowledging the presence of pedestrians. This behavior has made the intersection incredibly dangerous for those of us who live in the area and rely on safe crossings. Recently, my disabled mother—who moves slowly due to her condition—was nearly struck by one of these speeding vehicles. The driver did not yield, did not pause, and showed no regard for the fact that a human being was in the crosswalk. The truck missed her by mere inches. I stood there frozen, terrified and heartbroken, watching what could have been a tragic, life-altering moment unfold right in front of me.

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It is both painful and infuriating to see that some people care so little about the lives of others. Our elders, our children, and those with disabilities should feel safe crossing a street in their own neighborhood—not fear for their lives because of reckless driving and insufficient signage.

I beg you—please replace the yield sign with a stop sign at this intersection. A full stop will force drivers to pause and pay attention. It might be a small change in infrastructure, but it will make a world of difference in protecting our community.

Let's not wait for a life to be lost before this danger is taken seriously. Please hear this plea and act swiftly to prevent a tragedy.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and determined that a stop sign is merited due to the proximity of the nearby park and larger volumes of traffic on these roads.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council that** the yield sign at Sheppard Way and Southwick Blvd be changed to a stop sign due to the proximity of the nearby park and larger volumes of traffic on these roads.

Action Public Services to remove yield sign and replace it with a stop sign.

TAC to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **7. Request to Change Yield Sign to Stop Sign and add Marked Crosswalk at Southpark Dr & 43 Ave (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is requesting yield sign be changed to stop sign and a marked crosswalk be added to increase pedestrian safety.

Mayor:

I'm concerned about my child's safety going to the bus. I will not let them go by themselves but there is going to be a point where I'm going to have to return to work and won't be by their side. There has been nervous situations at this intersection where drivers have not stopped for pedestrians. There is a yield sign they even go by when the bus stop sign is out. I suggest making these stop signs and putting in a marked crosswalk. This needs to be safer someone is going to get hit. On the corner of South park 43.00 Ave.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and determined that a marked crosswalk (no flashers) is warranted across Southpark Dr at this intersection. However, it was deemed that a yield sign is sufficient with a crosswalk installed.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council that** the yield sign remain a yield sign but that a marked crosswalk (no flashers) be installed across Southpark Dr at the intersection of Southpark Dr and 43 Ave.

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Action	Public Services to install marked crosswalk TAC to follow up with resident Remove from agenda
Background	<p>8. <u>Request to Change Emergency Access Route Parking Signs to Loading Zone Signs at 4806 48 Ave (Shawn Olson)</u></p> <p>Site manager is requesting the Emergency Access Route Parking Signs be changed to Loading Zone Signs at 4806 48 Ave.</p> <p>I am the site manager at the above property. I'm writing to inquire about the signs on the street directly in front of our building. At the moment the signs are "emergency parking". Last year the city incorporated handicap parking adjacent to the emergency parking area on the street. This leaves very little access for people when they are moving in/out or for deliveries.</p> <p>There is an identical building directly across the street from us but they have signage in front that states "loading zone"</p> <p>I'm wondering if we could also have the area directly in front of our building as a "loading zone". We are not a seniors residence and we actually have had a younger age restriction from the building across the street for some time.</p> <p><u>June 12, 2025 Meeting:</u> TAC reviewed the areas of concern and approved the signage change from "emergency parking" to "loading zone" to allow for ease of loading and unloading in this area.</p>
Decision	TAC Recommends to Council that the "emergency parking" signs be changed to "loading zone" signs to allow for ease of loading and unloading in this area.
Action	Public Services to remove "emergency parking" signs and replace them with "loading zone" signs. TAC to follow up with the site manager Remove from agenda
Background	<p>9. <u>Request to Extend Pedestrian Walk Signal Length to Accommodate Senior Pedestrians at 50 Ave & 51 St (Shawn Olson)</u></p>

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Resident is requesting the crosswalk lights be lengthened to allow sufficient time for seniors to cross the street safely.

I am a Support Worker with a customer in the city of Leduc who lives in one of the seniors homes at the 50th Ave and 51st street intersection.

I am sending this message regarding the pedestrian lights at this very busy intersection in the city of Leduc. Currently, these lights stay on for 25 seconds. While this may be plenty of time for an able-bodied person to cross the road, there are two senior residences at this intersection and 25 seconds can be a very short time for older people who have limited mobility.

The person I support uses a walker to get around, and there are more people in the nearby seniors homes who use various mobility devices. For people with limited mobility, 25 seconds is not enough to cross such a big and busy road. Especially when drivers get impatient or try to go while the person is still in the intersection if the lights come off. Secondly, if the lights are off while a person is still in the road, this can create a further hazard as drivers might not realize someone is still crossing and could result in someone being struck by a vehicle, or vehicles at the light waiting to be rear ended.

I would like to ask the city of Leduc to consider expanding the time as lights near seniors homes need to be long enough to allow the seniors living there to feel safe getting around. Many seniors want to maintain their independence for as long as possible, and I would hope that the city could help foster this by making it as safe as possible for people who take longer to cross the road. It would be tragic if a senior were to be struck, or a major accident occurred because a driver didn't realize someone was still on the road.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing back from you

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, which is currently already being investigated with the entire corridor. The investigating consultant recommended the signal length be extended from 25s to 34s to accommodate senior pedestrians.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that the signal length be extended from 25s to 34s to accommodate senior pedestrians.

Action

Public Services to request signal length extension

TAC to follow up with resident

Remove from agenda

Background

10. Request to Change Yield Sign to Stop Sign at 51 St & 52 Ave and add Speed Bumps along 52 Ave (Shawn Olson)

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Resident is concerned about vehicles speeding on the street beside his house going around the corner too fast. He said they are using his road as a bypass from 50 St to 50 Ave. He would love to see a speed bump and also mentioned changing the yield sign at 51 St and 52 Ave into a stop sign.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the request and determined that a stop sign is not warranted at this location. Upon completion of construction in Willow Park, a speed awareness sign will be installed to gather data to bring back data to a future meeting.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council that** upon completion of Willow Park construction, a speed awareness sign be installed to gather data to bring back to a future meeting.

Action Public Services to install speed awareness sign upon the completion of Willow Park construction

TAC to follow up with resident

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Background **11. Request for Traffic Controls at Grant MacEwan Blvd & Windrose Dr/Suntree Promenade (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is requesting further traffic controls at Grant MacEwan Blvd & Windrose Dr/Suntree Promenade after witnessing dangerous driver behavior and several near misses at this intersection within the last few weeks.

When traveling southbound vehicles will sometimes do two things at this intersection.

1- When a southbound vehicle is stopped at this light and a vehicle behind it wishes to turn right (West) onto Suntree Promenade it will drive into the shoulder to pass the stopped vehicle and proceed to turn West onto Suntree Promenade. This is what just happened a few minutes ago, however another vehicle driving westbound from Windrose Dr to Suntree Promenade through this intersection on a green light had to swerve to avoid a collision and almost collided with a vehicle waiting to turn left (North) onto Grant MacEwan Blvd.

2- When Southbound traffic on Grand MacEwan Blvd has a green light to proceed, but a vehicle wishes to turn left (East) and is waiting for Northbound traffic to clear I have noticed vehicles will often skirt around the stopped left-turning vehicle in the same manner as the issue above, however instead of turning right (West) onto Suntree

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Promenade the vehicle will continue South on Grant MacEwan Blvd. The near miss I witnessed back in April was this scenario, however a vehicle heading North on Grant MacEwan Blvd. ended up turning left (West) onto Suntree Promenade and was almost hit by the vehicle bypassing the Southbound vehicle.

Is there a way a bollard or some sort of traffic control can be placed in the ditch/roadside on the NW corner of this intersection to prevent drivers from continuing to bypass traffic control when they direct their vehicle onto the ditch/shoulder of the road here? After seeing so many near misses I felt it was time to speak up about this before something happens as this is also a busy crossing for children walking home from school.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and determined that concrete barriers be installed on the shoulders of the road at this intersection to deter motorists from trying to bypass traffic waiting to turn.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that concrete barriers be installed on the shoulders of the road at this intersection to deter motorists from trying to bypass traffic waiting to turn.

Action

Public Services to install concrete barriers along shoulders of road

TAC to follow up with resident

Remove from agenda

Background

12. Request for Pedestrian Crossing Across 50 St at the Intersection of 50 St & 59 Ave (Shawn Olson)

Resident is requesting a pedestrian crossing be installed across 50 St at the intersection of 50 St & 59 Ave. Resident has witnessed a lot of pedestrians try to cross at 59 Ave and 50 street. The lights on either side of 59 Ave and 57 Ave take quite a while to get to businesses on the other side of the street. It is about 15+ mins to walk around the one side of the road to the businesses, the lack of lights causing people to Jay walk. It is a busy intersection and I would hate to see teens walking in town get injured.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area and determined that due to the high volume of traffic on 50 St., another crosswalk would only further the congestion. It was decided that Protective Services monitor the area to determine the number of jaywalkers and collect additional data to be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

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Decision	TAC Recommends to Council that Protective Services monitor the area to determine the number of jaywalkers and collect additional data to be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.
Action	Protective Services to monitor the area and bring data back to the next meeting TAC to follow up with resident CARRIED
Background	<u>13. Request for No Parking Signage at the Intersection of West Haven Dr & Keystone Cres (Shawn Olson)</u> Resident is requesting no parking signs installed or curbs to be painted at the intersection of West Haven Dr & Keystone Cres to remind motorists that parking is not allowed within five meters of the intersection. Many people park here throughout the day, sometimes hanging into the intersection, restricting line of sight for anyone turning onto West Haven Drive. <i>June 12, 2025 Meeting:</i> TAC reviewed the area of concern and determined it is a typical residential intersection and does not require additional signage. Enforcement Services may patrol the area to ensure vehicles are not parking too close to the intersection and Public Services will monitor the trees to ensure sightlines remain clear.
Decision	TAC Recommends to Council that no additional signage is required. Enforcement Services may patrol the area to ensure vehicles are not parking too close to the intersection and Public Services will monitor the trees to ensure sightlines remain clear.
Action	Enforcement Services to patrol the area to ensure vehicles are not parking too close to the intersection. Public Services to monitor trees and ensure sightlines remain clear. TAC to follow up with resident Remove from agenda
Background	<u>14. Request for Hard of Hearing Signage at/near 58 Selkirk Place (Shawn Olson)</u> Resident is requesting hard of hearing signage be posted near his home at 58 Selkirk Place to alert motorists. His four-year-old daughter has mild to moderate hearing disability and cannot hear traffic coming or going. When he talked to Protective Services, they recommended he request signage.

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June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the request and determined hard of hearing signage be installed at either end of the street to alert motorists and provide a safer environment for resident's child.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that "hard of hearing" signage be installed at either end of the street to alert motorists and provide a safer environment for resident's child.

Action

Public Services to install hard of hearing signs

TAC to follow up with resident

Remove from agenda

Background

15. Request for No Parking on 53 Ave Between 47 St & 49 St to Allow for Waste Collection

Resident called in requesting no parking on 53 Ave as garbage trucks are unable to collect bins due to so many vehicles parking on the street as there is commercial and residential parking needs. Shawn spoke with the resident and suggested that implementing no parking on waste collection days might be possible.

June 12, 2025 Meeting: TAC reviewed the request and inquired if there were concerns for collection along 53 Ave with GFL. GFL noted that they have had no concerns for collection in this area, therefore, no conditional parking signs are merited.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken.

Action

TAC to follow up with resident

Remove from agenda

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom