



April 14, 2021

RESIDENT
ADDRESS
CENTENNAIL, CO 80112

RE: NTMP Virtual Meeting #2 – E. Easter Pl.

RESPONSE REQUESTED

The enclosed Comment Form is required to be returned to the City via mail or via the City website.

NO LATER THAN

MAY 10, 2021

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the Easter Place NTMP Virtual Meeting #2! The City of Centennial Traffic Engineering Services (TES) has been working with residents along Easter Place to create a traffic calming plan as part of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). Residents in your neighborhood applied to the program and were approved for inclusion in the 2021 NTMP.

This letter serves as Meeting #2 and provides you with the following information:

- Meeting #1 Recap
- Traffic Calming Draft Plan
- Submitting Draft Plan Comments
- Final Thoughts and Next Steps

All content is also available on the project webpage: CentennialCO.Gov/NTMPEaster.

Meeting #1 Recap

Meeting #1 was held virtually from February 10, 2021 through March 8, 2021 on both the project website and by mailing back a filled-out Discussion Form. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an introduction and overview of the NTMP process to residents. The meeting also gave residents the opportunity to provide specific details about their concerns along Easter Place to City traffic engineers.

The City created the NTMP with the goal of having City traffic engineers and neighborhood residents work collaboratively on a traffic calming plan to address concerns about traffic speeds, cut-through volumes, and pedestrian safety on residential streets. In 2020, residents submitted a formal program application for the section of Easter Place between Yosemite Street and Willow Street. TES evaluated the application by collecting speed, volume, and crash history data. The application met the minimum program thresholds and was selected as one of our 2021 NTMP projects.

TES determined the area of affected residents, which are defined as residents whose homes (front yard or side yard) face Easter Place (properties highlighted in blue in Graphic A), or must use Easter Place to access their street (like Xenia Circle). These affected residents were invited to participate in the neighborhood public meetings and will ultimately be asked to vote on the final traffic calming plan. The requirements to pass a traffic calming plan are as follows:

- The City must receive back a minimum 50 percent of the ballots from affected residents (one vote per household).
- Of the 50 percent minimum, two-thirds of the ballot responses must show support (a “YES” vote) for the plan.

A summary of the data collection was presented to residents. Easter Place has a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour (mph), but the 85th percentile speed is 32 mph according to our data collection. The 85th percentile speed is an industry standard in traffic engineering to determine the speed at which 85 percent of the vehicles are traveling at or below. The 85th percentile speed is indicative of the speed most drivers feel safe and comfortable driving. Traffic volumes on Easter Place are approximately 650 vehicles in a 24-hour period. This traffic volume is normal for this type of local street. According to the crash history, vehicles have hit parked cars and houses. Residents have also expressed a concern for pedestrian safety while crossing Easter Place at Xanthia Street.

The City’s NTMP Toolbox provides several traffic calming device tools for use in residential neighborhoods. The Meeting #1 letter and website provided a description and a list of pros/cons for the tools which may work best to mitigate traffic along Easter Place.

In Meeting #1, residents had the opportunity to voice their concerns. The following is a summary of those comments.

- *There is a lot of foot traffic at Easter Place and Xanthia Street.*
- *We would like to see white striping to delineate between the parking lane and the driving lane.*
- *Pedestrian activity has increased as a result of the pandemic.*
- *We had an impaired driver crash into a house on Easter Place.*
- *The speeding begins as vehicles enter the neighborhood from Yosemite.*
- *Curb extensions, medians, and striping will change the ambience of the neighborhood and will diminish available parking.*
- *There is a lack of stop sign compliance at Easter and Willow.*
- *Speed humps would increase noise in the area.*
- *Would the City look into installing DEAD END signs at the cul-de-sacs?*
- *Is there a missing street name sign at the Easter Place cul-de-sac near Yosemite?*
- *I would be open to raised crosswalks and roundabouts.*

Please note that these comments are from residents and do not necessarily reflect the views of the City.

Traffic Calming Draft Plan

Included in this letter is the traffic calming draft plan. It is important to remember this is **not** the final plan. You are being asked to review and comment on this draft. TES will use your comments for one more round of modifications as we finalize the plan that will be sent out for residents to vote on in early Summer 2021. You may view a virtual presentation of the Easter Place Traffic Calming Draft Plan on the project website.

Virtual Presentation Link: CentennialCO.Gov/NTMPEaster.

Ideas to keep in mind while reviewing the Easter Place Traffic Calming Draft Plan:

- This plan was created with input from Easter Place residents and the City’s TES staff. Our team conducted several field visits to determine the feasibility of installing these toolbox items.
- The best traffic calming plan may use a combination of toolbox items.

- You will notice several toolbox devices in the plan. At this time, this is a draft and therefore these are a possibility and the final plan will likely differ from this draft.
- Graphic A is an overview map showing the locations of the proposed traffic calming devices. Some of these devices require adjacent property owner approval. TES would reach out to property owners directly to obtain written approval.

Curb Extensions (Graphic A)

- The curb extensions physically narrow down the road and crossing distance is reduced.
- Curb extensions improve visibility. Pedestrians can step out from the curb to look for a safe opportunity to cross the street. Drivers also have better visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross the street.
- To accommodate curb extensions, on-street parking spaces may be impacted immediately adjacent to the curb extensions.

Median (Graphic A)

- Studies have shown that wide roadways encourage speeding. The medians narrow the road.
- The narrowing effect will help to break up the “runway” feel as noted by residents.
- Installation of a center median may impact the parking spaces immediately adjacent to the median.

Speed Humps (Graphic A)

- Speed humps are parabolic shaped, and vehicles may traverse the humps at 10 mph.
- Each speed hump would be accompanied with signs to provide advance warning. The signs may increase visual pollution. TES would make an effort to locate these signs on property lines rather than directly in front of a home. The speed hump signs are necessary to notify snowplow drivers of humps during snow events.
- Speed humps may increase noise pollution in the vicinity of the hump.
- Speed humps extend across the entire road and are designed so vehicles can park on them. No parking spots would be lost with the installation of a speed hump.
- Speed humps are constructed with wheel cut-outs to accommodate the wheelbase of emergency vehicles so that emergency vehicle response times are unaffected.

White Edgeline Striping (Graphic B)

- The striping visually narrows down the road, which encourages slower speeds.
- The edgeline (alone) would not impact on-street parking. It’s just paint between the existing drive lane and the existing parking lane.

A map of existing NTMP projects is available on the City’s website. You are welcome to visit previously constructed NTMP projects to view the traffic calming devices by visiting www.CentennialCO.Gov, enter NTMP in the search field, and click on the *Apply for Neighborhood Traffic Management* link that appears. On the right-side column, you will see a link to the *NTMP Devices Map*.

Submitting Draft Plan Comments

Participate in Virtual Meeting #2 and submit your comments about the Easter Place Traffic Calming Draft Plan to the City by one of the methods below. All comments are due **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021**. The information found on the website is the same information presented in this mailing.

Online Method

- Visit the Easter NTMP webpage on the City's website.
- CentennialCO.Gov/NTMPEaster.
- Fill out the online survey about the plan.
- Click submit.

Mail-In Method

- Fill out and mail back the enclosed comment form in the self-addressed envelope.
- Scan or take a picture of your filled out comment form and email the file to RMelgoza@CentennialCO.Gov with the subject line: Easter NTMP M2
- OR Fax it to 303-325-8017.

Final Thoughts and Next Steps

The City received several questions during Meeting #1 about expanding the project boundary. After reviewing the City adopted NTMP policy, the City has decided to keep the existing project boundaries the same as those presented in Virtual Meeting #1.

Once TES reviews neighborhood comments, we will evaluate the need to make modifications to the draft plan. We will reach out to adjacent property owners to obtain written approval if needed. A final plan will be sent to you later this summer. The final plan letter will include a ballot for residents to vote and inform the City of your position on the project.

The City's Traffic Engineering Services would like to thank you for your participation in the NTMP process. We look forward to receiving your comments. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 303-325-8017, or by email at RMelgoza@CentennialCO.Gov.

Sincerely,



Rolando Melgoza
Traffic Engineer II

Enclosures (3): Graphics A and B
 Comment Form
 Self-Addressed Envelope