

162 Avenue / Bridlecrest Boulevard Safety and Access Closure Pilot Open House Actions so far and potential next steps

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162 Ave / Bridlecrest Bv Safety and Access Closure Pilot – September 18, 2024



Background

- Intersection developed over time, prior to Stoney Trail connection this was the west end of 162 Avenue and a local road connection.
- Even thought there wasn't a connection to Stoney Trail the traffic volumes and speeds were higher than observed in 2024

2017





Background

- Ring road connection required maintenance of access to service houses on Bridlecrest Boulevard but changed access to right-in right-out access.
- Right turn from 162 Avenue to Bridlecrest Boulevard is at the end of the merge lane from Stoney trail and a transition from a higher speed environment at the interchange to a lower speed on 162 Avenue (60 km/h) and then low speed residential (40 km/h) on Bridlecrest (since May 2021).

2023





Safety concerns and collisions



Became aware of trend in loss of control collisions on the right turn from 162 Avenue to Bridlecrest Boulevard in April 2024.

 Collisions mostly related to overdriving winter conditions but also during dry pavement conditions. One collision resulted in injury.







Actions to Mitigate collision issues

- Reviewed data and installed barriers on road right-of-way where possible without restricting parking and enhanced signage, pavement markings including crosswalks and added delineators.
- No collisions have been noted since changes were made.
- Speed behaviour at the turn appears to be much improved but will monitor through the winter.







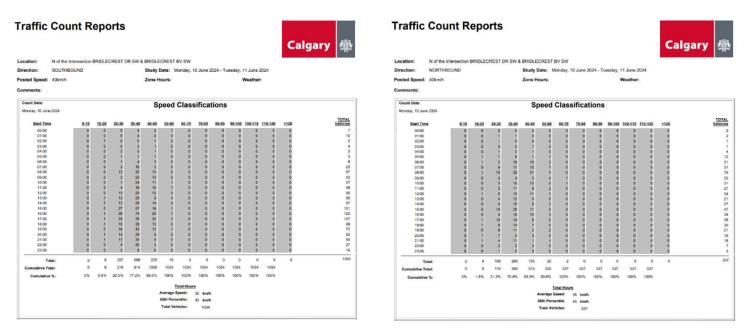






Traffic data

- Updated traffic counts and speeds June 10, 2024 (trafficcounts.calgary.ca)
- Speed compliance is good relative to most 40 km/h roadways (lower than 2013 speeds).
- Southbound traffic is approximately double northbound volume, still within expected for local.

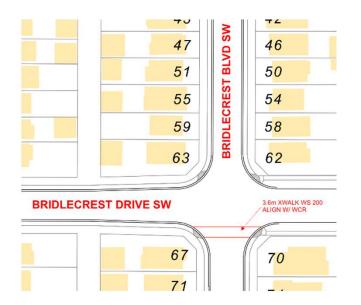


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Actions to Mitigate other safety concerns

 All-Way stop review at Bridlecrest Boulevard and Bridlecrest Drive updated with latest traffic counts does not meet criteria. Crosswalk on south side of intersection (east-west crossing) approved for install this fall.







Potential Access Closure Pilot

- Change access so only northbound right turn possible at 162
- Bridlecrest Boulevard north of Bridlecrest Drive becomes one way northbound
- Parking maintained on both sides facing northbound
- Impacts residents on this block but also access for all others in area that now need to go to 24 st





Potential Access closure pilot

- If residents on the directly affected block support a pilot, then plans can be made to initiate the pilot this fall including arranging to monitor traffic volumes. Feedback will be welcomed by Ward 13 Office regarding broader impacts.
 - Potential outcomes of the pilot:
 - Maintain as is no cost
 - Close to match pilot configuration probable cost ~ \$500K
 - Explore full closure of Bridlecrest Boulevard at 162 Avenue (requires re-alignment of a portion of 162 Avenue) – probable cost > \$1.5M

Next Steps

- Decision from community and Ward 13 Office about proceeding with a pilot
- If approved, Mobility will determine timeline for pilot and initiate
- Pilot results will inform future direction



Thanks!!

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