

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2022

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REPORT TITLE: Future of 44th Street Gate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A gate was installed on 44th street to limit traffic accessing Lede Park via South Telford in 2021. This was completed to increase pedestrian safety for the residents along 47th Avenue, where traffic including large trucks were utilizing this as a short cut to Lede Park amenities. There is a need to determine if the gate will remain closed outside of significant events.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct Administration to survey the residents of 47th Avenue to determine whether they perceive the gate at 44th street to have improved pedestrian safety in the area.

COUNCIL HISTORY

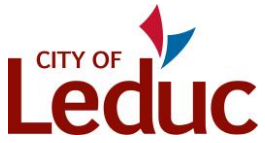
The implementation of a gate on 44th street to limit traffic into Lede Park via South Telford was brought forward to Council by Engineering on the behalf of the Traffic Advisory Committee on November 8, 2021. At this meeting Council approved the placement of bollards on 44th Street between Lede Park and the South Telford Neighborhood as a traffic calming measure, and that a communication in the form of individual mailers be sent to area residents and businesses. The letter indicated that any feedback on the closure be directed to Council directly instead of Administration.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

In 2021 TAC recommended installing a gate on 44th street to increase pedestrian safety by lowering traffic volumes and removing large vehicles from short cutting through South Telford to access Lede Park amenities (boat trailers, haul trucks). Since this installation, there has been feedback, including a petition, which indicates that some residents believe the inconvenience to travel to Lede Park Road is unjust. It is expected that those that see no direct benefit from the closure would perceive the inconvenience to be the primary concern. At the Traffic Advisory Committee, it was recommended that Council be approached and asked to direct Administration to survey the residents of 47th Avenue to determine if they perceive the 44th street gate to have increased pedestrian safety in the area. Council would then consider that feedback when determining whether to leave the gate normally closed.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

If approved, Communications will draft a survey to collect feedback from residents who live on 47th Avenue. Once the majority of residents have responded, the results will be presented to Council with a recommendation to leave the gate open or closed depending upon the results of that survey.



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ALTERNATIVES:

That Council elect to self perform a survey of residents along 47th Avenue to gauge their sentiment. This would be in line with how communications for this project have been handled to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None