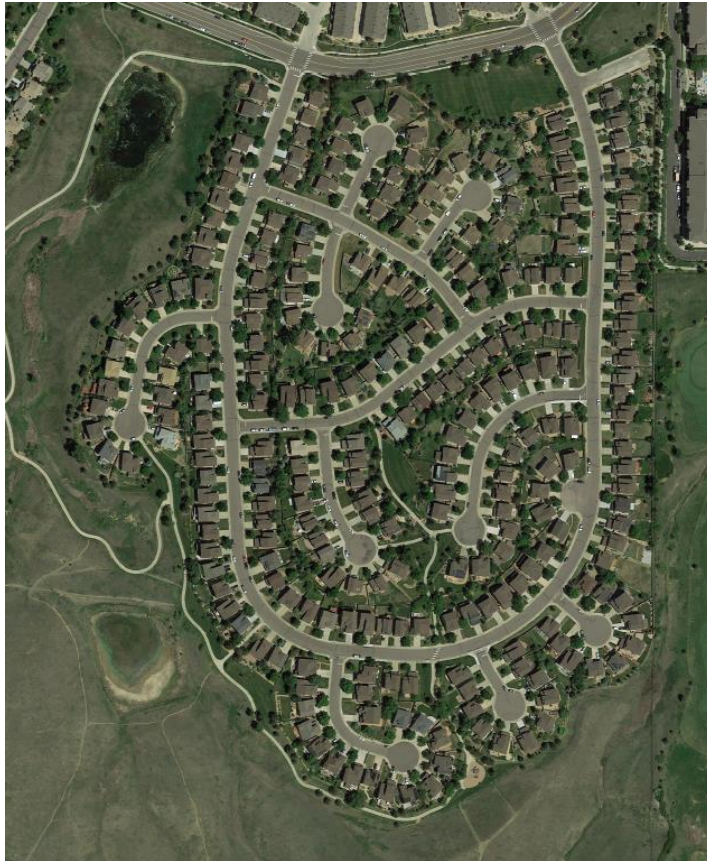




## Meeting Summary

Yarrow Circle Neighborhood Meeting  
September 16, 2020  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Notices were mailed to all residents in the Yarrow Circle Neighborhood below.



### Staff Present

- Alex Ariniello, Public Works Director
- Bill Fox, FoxTuttle

### **Residents Present**

- Brian Lavash
- Roger Hasse
- Charlie Bebbber
- Becky & Sean Marlow
- Jeremy Mirmelstein
- Kat Moriarty
- Sara DeGroot

### **Agenda**

1. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program overview
2. Review existing conditions data and feedback
3. Traffic calming toolbox options
4. Prepare options for TSC consideration
5. Next steps (8:25 PM)
6. Adjourn neighborhood meeting

### **Residents Present**

- See attached sign in sheet

### **Discussion Summary**

1. Alex gave an overview of the Towns Traffic Calming Program, the process, and the NTCP Checklist.
2. Bill described the use of the 85% speed in the process.
3. Alex presented the results of the speed and volume data collected at 5 locations on Yarrow Circle.
4. Alex noted the unobstructed roadway length along each corridor. (see December 2, 2019 TSC Memo).
5. Bill and Alex reviewed potential traffic calming tools, including raised pedestrian crossings, speed humps, chokers, and speed feedback signs, and described the pros, cons of each.
6. Alex noted that there was only one trail crossing of Yarrow Circle where a raised crossing would work but it was at the top of the circle where traffic volumes were low.
7. The pros & cons of speed humps were discussed, noting their effectiveness for speed control but also the associated noise impacted adjacent residents. Any installation would need the buy-in of the affected residents. Comments from a resident by e-mail noted it can be hard to get over the speed bumps when you're going uphill on a bicycle. There were also issues with car swerving to avoid speed bumps and hitting parked cars and cyclists. There are also issues with speed bumps and stormwater drainage. Generally, the attendees supported other measures than speed humps.
8. Residents suggested consideration of All-Way Stop control at the Hyacinth/Yarrow intersections as well as the Begonia/Yarrow intersection. Bill described all-way stop control warrants and that such installations shouldn't be used for speed control. However, if traffic volumes on the approaches are nearly equal and there

are other considerations such as sight distance and pedestrian protection then all-way stop control could be supported. It was noted that there was only one painted crosswalk and were no protected pedestrian crossings on Yarrow circle.

9. Several residents supported chokers and locations near Begonia and Gardenia were identified.
10. Speed feedback signs were discussed. One resident felt that they had little affect on speeds. Bill noted that some drivers ignored them but others did comply. Alex noted the flashing sign could be impactful to adjacent residents. A resident asked whether data is collected by the signs. Alex said that some signs had this feature. The resident suggested that maybe such a sign could be installed and speed data evaluated. If speeds aren't lowered, consider another device.
11. The segment of East Yarrow, south of Rock Creek Circle was discussed with concerns for high volumes and pedestrian crossings. This might be a location for a median island.
12. One resident felt the real issue was lack of enforcement. Bill said that enforcement was the most expensive and least effective traffic calming measure. Officers could only be present for limited periods of time and drivers resumed their speeding when without police presence. Other measures are permanently in place to limit speeds.
13. Alex said that additional data would be collected to evaluate all-way stop installations at E. Yarrow/Hyacinth, W. Yarrow/Hyacinth and W. Yarrow/Begonia.
14. Alex said he would develop a map showing the meetings ideas and send it out to the meeting attendees (see attached).
15. Alex will present the meeting notes to the Transportation & Safety Committee at the next TSC meeting on Monday, October 5th, and encouraged the neighbors to attend that meeting if possible.

#### **Other Comments Received**

Staff received an e-mail from Sara DeGroot which is attached.

**Yarrow Circle  
Potential Traffic Calming Measures**

