

Dear Bow Mar South Resident,

This is a follow up letter to the one you received a few weeks ago regarding the pilot project on Blue Sage Drive.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our online survey. We had 124 responses to the survey, which is a fantastic response rate for a neighborhood of just over 200 households! Also, thank you in advanced for your patience and participation in this pilot project as we try to use new and innovative techniques and approaches in dealing with neighborhood traffic safety concerns. We recognize that many residents have expressed concerns over vehicle speeds, and the safety of residents, especially children, and ask for patience with the project as we see this as a first step in the process of addressing these concerns. Because this project is a first of its kind in Littleton, we cannot promise we will do it perfectly, but we can promise we will communicate as openly as possible about your concerns and the project itself.

### **What We're Moving Forward With**

The survey results showed that overall respondents to the survey rated Option 1 the highest. This option included an “active mobility area” on each side of the roadway, narrowed travel lanes, and a double yellow stripe in the middle of the roadway. The City will be striping this option on Blue Sage Drive the week of October 5, 2020 and leaving the design in place for 2-3 weeks. The City will then install temporary curb and flex posts for a 2-3 week period. This phasing is intended to allow the City to compare each phase to baseline data and see how each phase impacts speeds and safety.

Complete survey results can be viewed on the City of Littleton website at: <https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/public-works/transportation-management/blue-sage-pilot-project>

### **This is a Temporary Pilot Project**

We anticipate that throughout the project people will have different and changing opinions about the design and effectiveness. We want to emphasize that this is a temporary project with the aim of seeing how changes to the roadway will impact both driver behavior and bike and pedestrian safety. Regardless of what the data we collect shows, temporary curb and posts (c-curb) will be removed before we get too far into winter and the striping will fade. Additionally, residents will again be given the opportunity to provide feedback on the pilot project in formulating next steps.

### **Data Driven Decision Making**

Just as the City collected data on Blue Sage Drive to evaluate requests for additional speed humps, this project will be held to the same standard. The City will collect data during the project and compare this information to the baseline data collected before the project. This data will include speed and volume data, bike pedestrian counts, and resident opinions of the project. The City will not move forward with changes to the road if data does not show the pilot project has had the desired impact.

### **What We Are Asking of Residents**

In addition to asking for your patience during this project, we are also asking residents to avoid parking in the active mobility area on Blue Sage Drive during the pilot project, as much as possible. We understand there are circumstance that may require an exception to this request (for example entertaining guests, having a contractor or service provider come to your home, etc.). However, we ask that during the pilot project you utilize your driveway to accommodate household cars, guests, and service providers, whenever possible.

### **What If This Project Works And Residents Are In Favor Of Change?**

If the data collected by the City shows that one or both phases of the project were successful at slowing cars, increasing safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and residents are in favor of the project, the City will work with the neighborhood in developing

and discussing potential permanent changes to the roadway. With the passionate residents of Bow Mar South and the creative and hardworking minds at the City, we are confident we can come up with a long-term solution in this circumstance.

**What If This Project Doesn't Work And/Or Resident Are Not In Favor Of Changes?**

If the data we collect does not show the desired outcomes for the project, and/or the residents are not in favor of moving forward with permanent changes to the roadway, the City will not move forward with ineffective or unwanted long-term changes to this stretch of Blue Sage Drive. However, like City staff, we hope the residents of Bow Mar South approach this pilot project with an open mind. That being said, the City still has a number of educational and enforcement tools that have been effective in reminding residents and passersby to slow down as they drive through Bow Mar South.

Again, thank you for participating in our online survey, and thank you in advance for your patience during this pilot project. In the online survey a number of citizens requested to be contacted by City Staff and we will reach out to residents in the coming weeks. If you would like to reach out to City Staff prior to that, please use the contact information below:

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