

Ramsay Traffic Committee – May 2010 Newsletter Submission

Taras Semeniuk, Chair

New Traffic Circle: the new traffic circle at Dartmouth/Highfield/26th Avenue was open for a while but is now closed for additional work. This 'iterative' process was part of the City and CPR's plan and will continue until June when 30th Avenue will permanently close and the new traffic circle will be completed, e.g. 2 lanes, painted lane markings, pedestrian crossings, etc. From the April General Meeting, we followed up on expressed concerns including: mismatch in track elevations; signage; and road markings. We were informed that the mismatch in track elevations was to accommodate the overall slope in the circle and to allow for settling. Replies to our other concerns are pending.

Bus Route Change: Calgary Transit has finalized the new bus route for Ramsay [see website at <http://www.ramsaycommunity.ab.ca/traffic.html> to review a map of the route]. The new Route 403 will be implemented on 28 June 2010 and combines the existing 403/433 routes. Route 403 will travel counter-clockwise around 8th Street/Bellevue/Ramsay St/Burns Ave and will have 2-way service along Spiller Road and 4th Street SW and turn downtown via 7th Ave/1st St/11th Ave. The route will have the same 45 minute frequency as currently exists. The route will not go into Bridgeland. Lastly, specifics about how the route will pass in front of Ramsay Elementary School and the location of the respective bus stops are still being assessed.

City Vehicles in Ramsay: Manchester Operations have recently renewed their commitment to minimize City vehicles within Ramsay. This will be done through a number of internal communication strategies.

Ride the Road Tour: this year's event to bring attention to cyclist commuting and sustainable transportation will be held on Sunday, 06 June 2010. The route has not been finalized and it is unknown whether it will travel down Spiller Road and 8th Street. For more information, see Calgary tour de nuit Society's website at <http://www.morepeoplecycling.ca>.

Please contact the Traffic Committee at traffic@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca if you have any traffic-related comments, concerns or would like to become involved in the committee.