

# **Carlton Road and Village Parkway Resident Survey Results**

**Development Services Committee**

**May 11, 2010**

## Background

- **Staff updated Council on September 15, 2009 on the status of the Working Groups recommendations for Carlton Rd/Village Parkway traffic calming and the September 10, 2009 public meeting**
- **Council authorized staff to survey the Unionville residents as to their preference for the 3 options put forward by the Working Group**

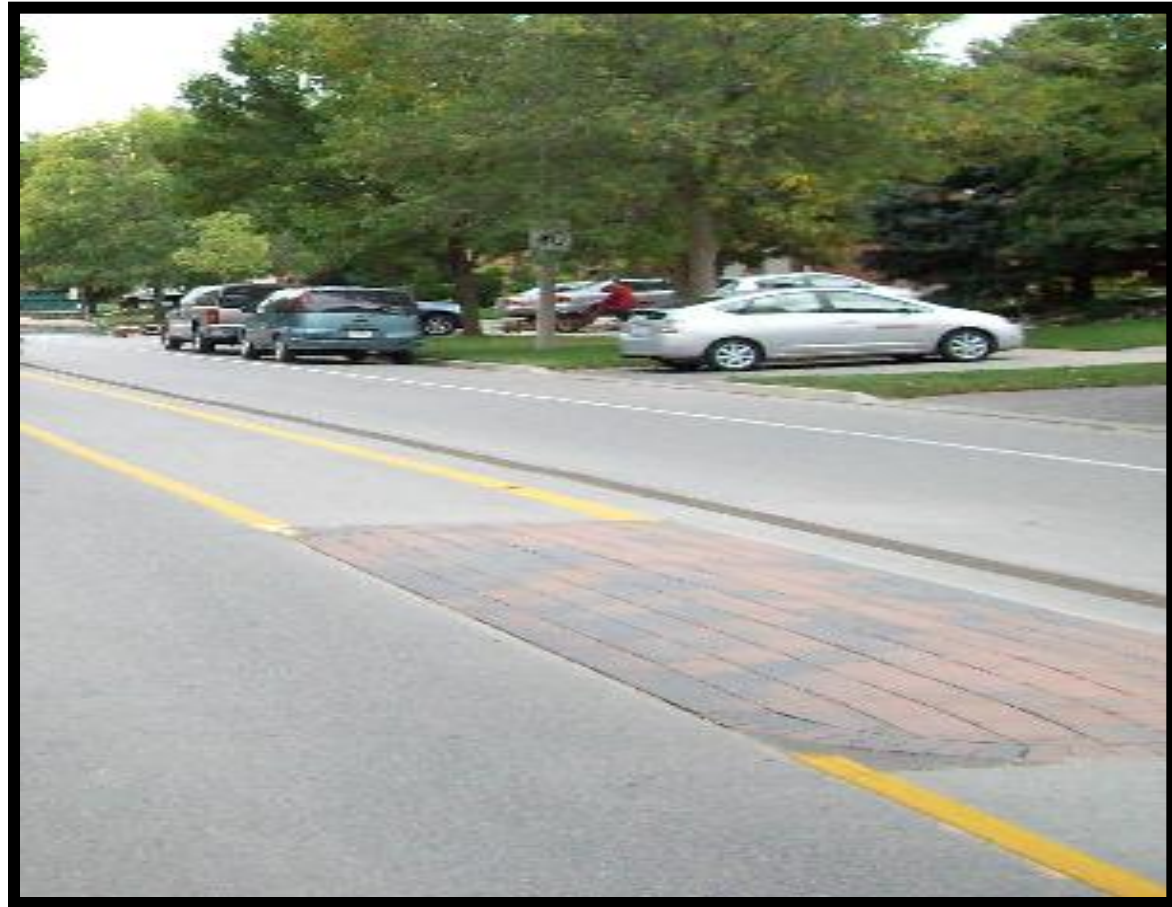
## Survey

- **± 3400 residents in Unionville surveyed**
- **Residents were requested to select one of the following options:**
  - Option 1: No change - Maintain Traffic Calming as constructed;
  - Option 2: Modify - Replace all 4-metre wide medians between intersections with 2-metre wide medians;
  - Option 3: Remove - Remove all traffic calming measures and restore the roads to pre-traffic calming conditions, subject to dedicated police enforcement.

## OPTION 1



## OPTION 2



## OPTION 3





# Survey Results

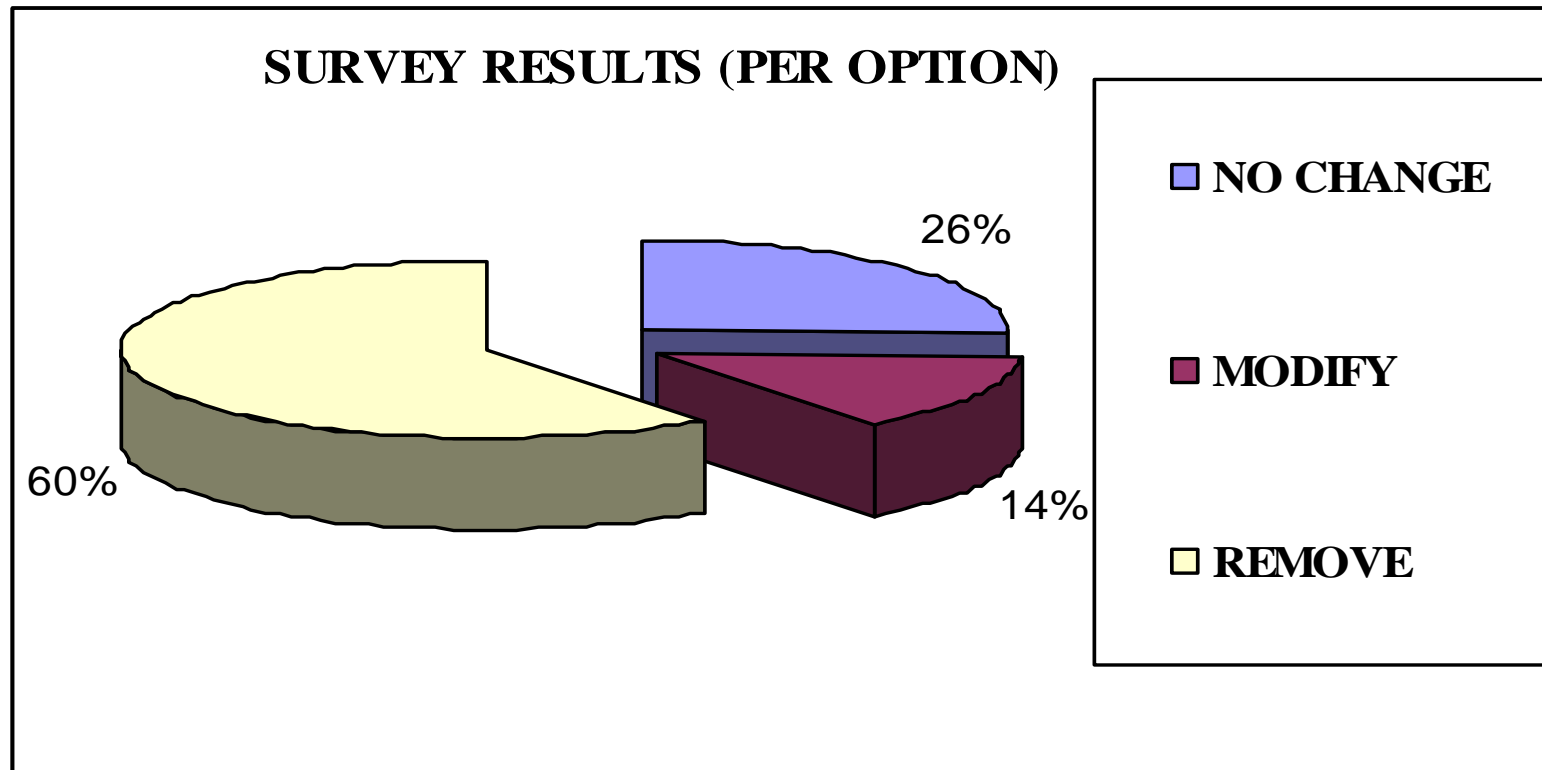
- Of the 3400 households surveyed 38% responded, of which 5% were from the Carlton Road/Village Parkway and 33.5% from the side streets.
- For Carlton Road / Village Parkway, there was a 37.9% response rate while the side streets had a response rate of 38.6%.
- Based on past surveys this survey is considered to have been successful in terms of response rate.

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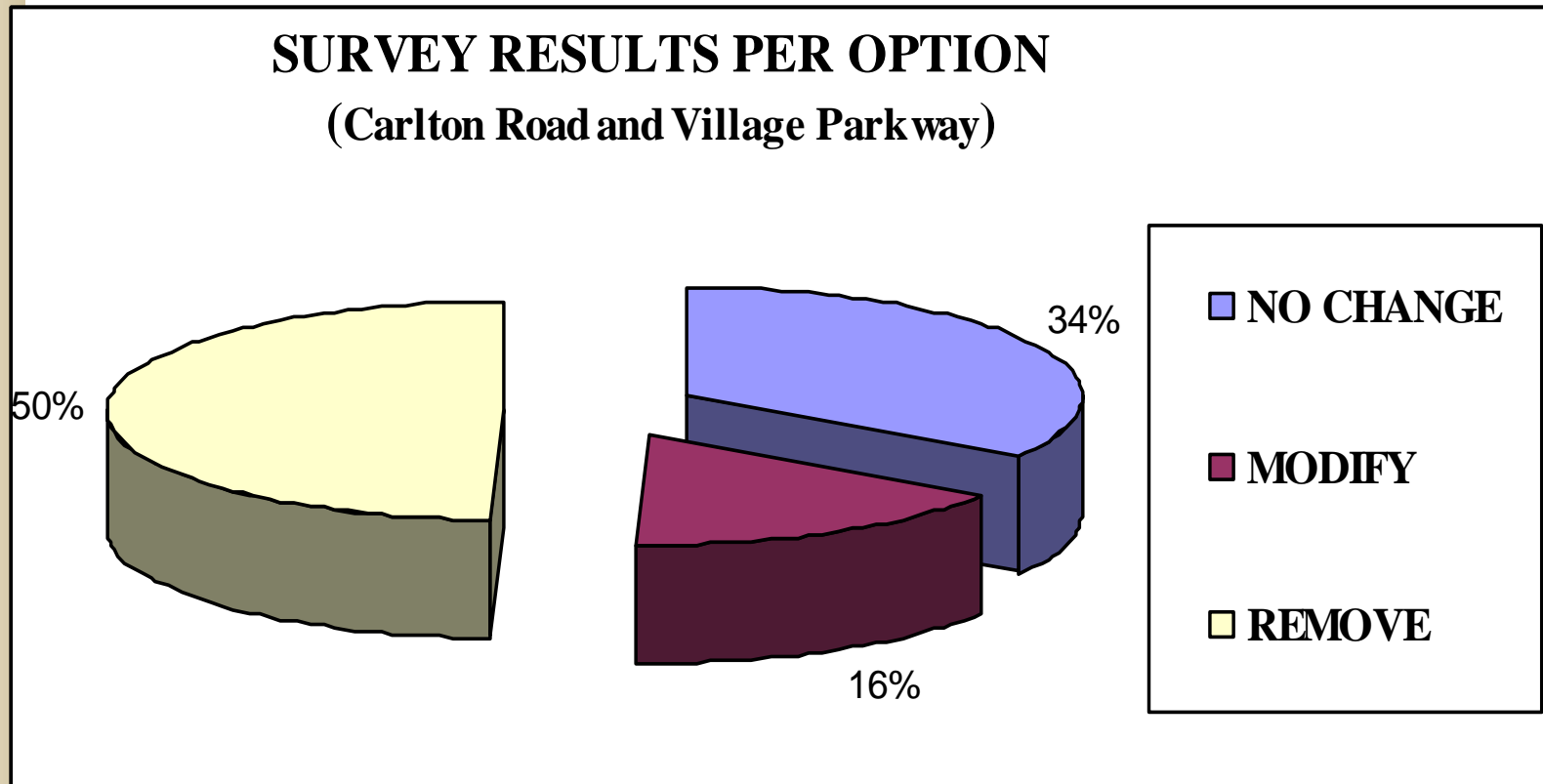
RESPONDENTS	OPTION 1 (No Change)	OPTION 2 (Modify)	OPTION 3 (Remove All)	TOTAL
Carlton Rd & Village Parkway Only	58 (34%)	28 (16%)	84 (50%)	170
Side Streets Only	282 (25%)	153 (13%)	705 (62%)	1140
All Households	340 (26%)	181 (14%)	789 (60%)	1310



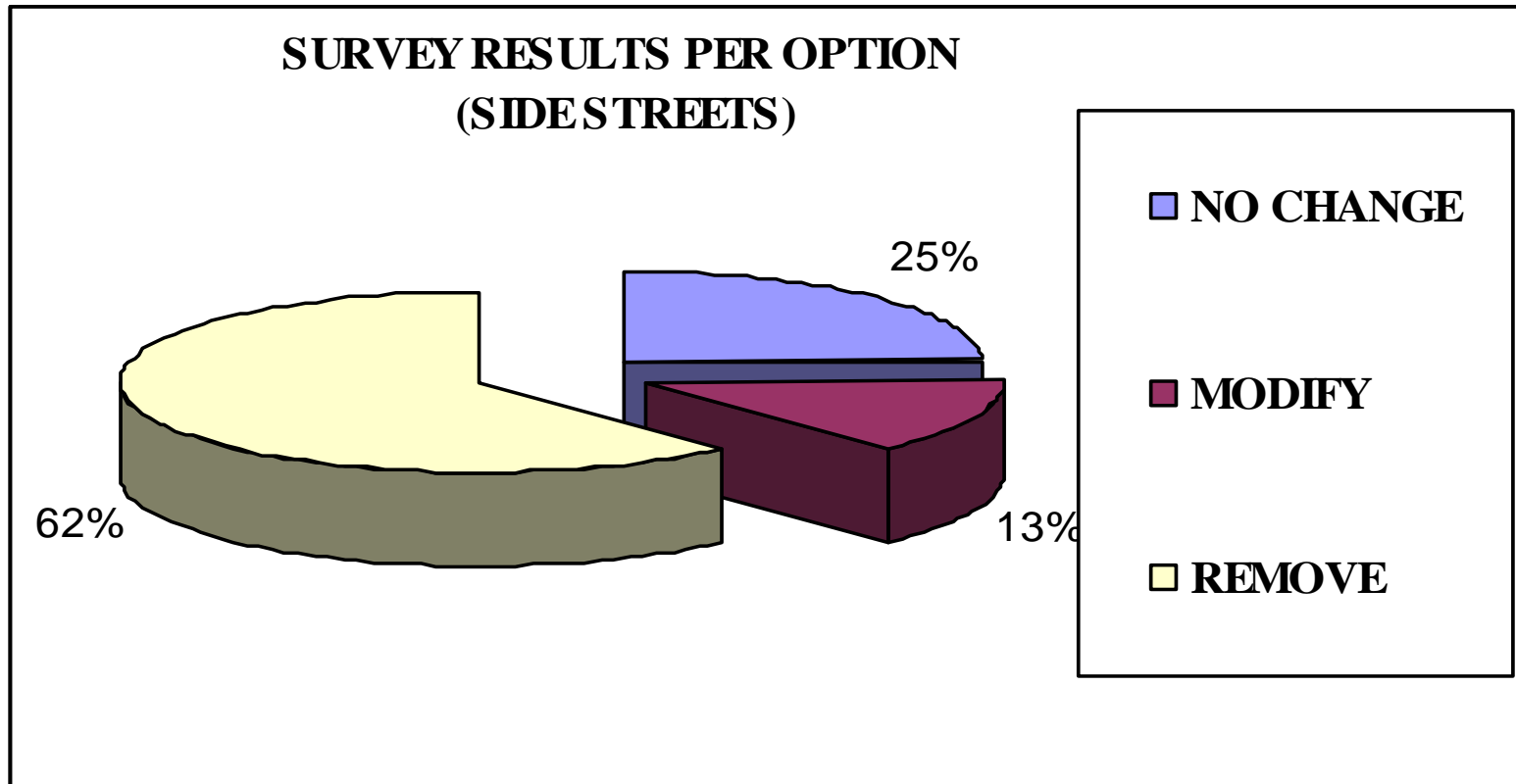
## COMMUNITY RESPONSE RATE PER OPTIONS



## RESPONSE RATE FOR OPTION FROM CARLTON ROAD & VILLAGE PARKWAY



## RESPONSE RATE PER OPTION FROM SIDE STREETS



- **Staff would prefer to modify the traffic calming measures (Option 2) addressing most of the residents concerns while maintaining measures to reduce speed**
- **However, the general consensus of the residents (60%) is to remove the traffic calming**
- **In order to implement Option 3 the following works would be required**

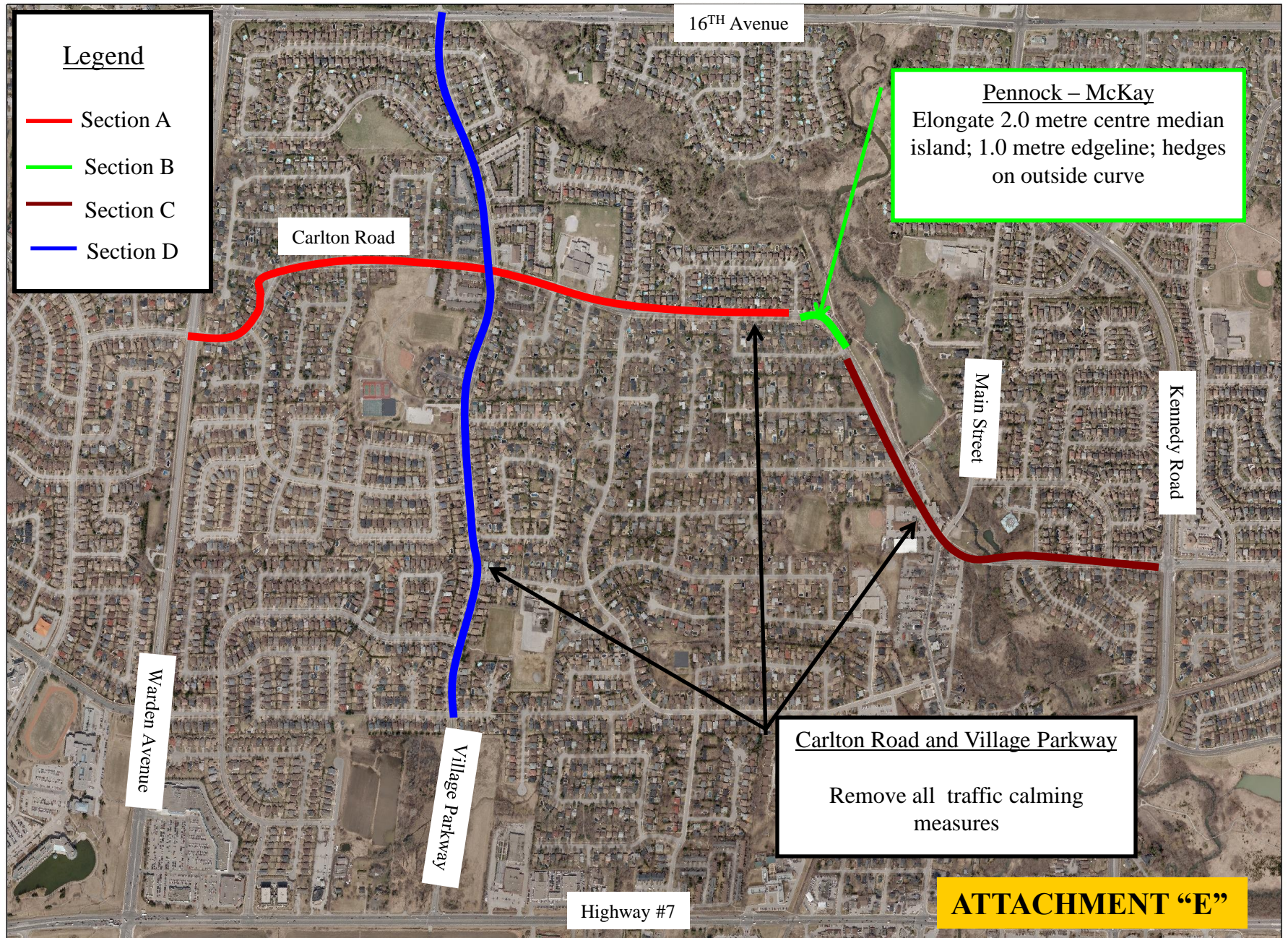
## **Carlton Road and Village Parkway Resident Survey Results**

- **Remove all traffic calming on Carlton Road from Warden Avenue to Pennock Crescent (East Leg), replace the medians with new asphalt and repaint new yellow centrelines; (Section A)**
- **Remove all traffic calming on Carlton Road from McKay Crescent (East Leg) thru Main Street Unionville to Kennedy Road, replace the medians with new asphalt and repaint new yellow centrelines; (Section C)**
- **Remove all traffic calming on Village Parkway from 16th Avenue to Landmark Court, replace the medians with new asphalt and repaint new yellow centrelines; (Section D)**
- **Safety features on Carlton Road from Pennock Cres. (East Leg) To McKay Cres. (East Leg) should proceed as approved by Council on Sept 15, 2009 (Section B)**



## Legend

- Section A
- Section B
- Section C
- Section D



16<sup>TH</sup> Avenue

Carlton Road

Main Street

Kennedy Road

Warden Avenue

Village Parkway

Highway #7

### Pennock – McKay

Elongate 2.0 metre centre median island; 1.0 metre edgeline; hedges on outside curve

### Carlton Road and Village Parkway

Remove all traffic calming measures

**ATTACHMENT "E"**



- **Option # 3 tendered and lowest cost to implement is \$200,000**
- **Project can be funded from existing capital account (# 7660)**



## Issues Arising

- **Increase in the speeding to pre-calming levels (+ 4 - 8 km/hr)**
- **How do we address concerns from Carlton/Village Residents (50%) who wanted to maintain/modify the existing traffic calming measures?**
  - » Dedicated Police enforcement
  - » Allow parking on Carlton Road (Pomander Road to McKay Cres)
  - » Reopen with EMS, Police, Fire and YRTP at the appropriate time vertical traffic calming measures
- **Road aesthetics**
  - removal of painted lines and interlocking will result in patched look to road
  - Resurfacing (\$1.3 million) not scheduled for 15 years

## Examples of Patched Pavement



## Residents Comments

- Residents were also given the opportunity in the survey to submit comments on the traffic calming
- 425 comments were received which are summarized as follows;

# Summary of Typical Resident's Survey Comments

- **The residents were requested to provide comments in the survey form and among the over 900 comments received, the following are some of the common themes:**
  - Leave as is.
  - Don't do anything until the road has to be resurfaced and fix it at that time.
  - It seems to be working, volume is down and speed is down, that's what traffic calming does.
  - Traffic calming was a waste of tax-payers money
  - The traffic calming is dangerous and not worth the 5 km/h speed reduction.
  - The weaving of cars, the cycle lanes that get pinched out, the bumps that don't make sense for slowing traffic.
  - Remove the calming, we were all better off without it.
  - The final results should be road re-surfacing or it will look worse than it does now.
  - This whole traffic calming has ruined a beautiful street plus is not pedestrian friendly.
  - Traffic calming creates confusion for drivers.
  - A survey like this may have been the key to saving time and money if it was presented before the construction began. But better late than never. Thanks for the opportunity for input.

## Next Steps

- **Receive Council's comments – May 4, 2010**
- **Staff report – May 11, 2010**