

# **RIVERSIDE DRIVE SPEED HUMPS**

## **Petition to the District of North Vancouver Council**

October 15, 2001

### **Background**

At the July 16 council meeting, the decision to construct four speed humps on the south portion of Riverside Drive was made. The decision was supported by public input provided by Context Research that provided a range of options and a District survey that addressed speed humps as the only option. The District survey confirmed that a slight majority of respondents supported the installation of speed humps. Concern was expressed about the size of the majority and the limited response but the decision went forward.

The speed humps were installed and high levels of dissatisfaction and frustration have resulted. To verify what appeared to be a strong majority to remove the speed humps, a group of Riverside residents circulated petitions that permitted respondents to request that the speed humps be removed or retained. The petition confirmed that a strong majority (75.2%) of the residences that responded want the speed humps removed as soon as possible.

### **Petition Results**

One petition per residence was used so more than one driver could respond. This was done to allow tabulation of the residences and the drivers. As with the district survey, the results of the petitions were tabulated to show the geographic division that was evident. The three areas are the south end, (south of the 1500 block) the mid portion (the 1500 – 1800 blocks including Swinburne and Edgewater) and the north end (north of the 1800 block including Chapman, Tree Top, Riverbank and Rivergrove). In these areas:

- 46.5% of the residences and 50.9% of the drivers who responded in the south area have requested removal of the speed humps
- 72.8% of the residences and 78.1% of the drivers who responded in the mid area have requested removal of the speed humps
- 89.7% of the residences and 93.8% of the drivers who responded in the north area have requested removal of the speed humps

A summary of the results is shown in Table 1 and copies of the petitions are attached.

A total of 261 residences were canvassed. There are 19 residences that declined to respond and while at least three attempts were made to contact each residence, 32 could not be reached or chose not to answer.

Riverside Area	Total Residences Canvassed	Residences That Responded		Drivers Who Responded		Residences that Declined	Residences No Answer
		Remove	Keep	Remove	Keep		
South	63	20	23	28	27	7	13
Mid	90	51	19	75	21	9	11
North	108	87	10	152	10	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>

**Table 1: Petition Summary**

Some people expressed concern that the petitions only included a remove or keep option. In these cases, the person was encouraged to add their own comments to the petitions. We believe that these comments are important and encourage the district to review each comment. Petitions that have additional comments are identified in the tally list at the beginning of the three petition sections that are attached.

### **Request To Council**

A majority of 75.2% (158 of 210) of the residences and 81.5% (255 of 313) drivers have requested that the speed humps be removed. A small but vocal minority should not be allowed to make changes that impact the whole neighbourhood. We feel strongly that all residents who are affected by the use of the speed humps be considered and ask that council act on this very definitive majority.

Please arrange to have the speed humps removed as soon as possible.