

Reuben Dr. Closure
Neighborhood Meeting 2/6/2020
Summary

Following up on our neighborhood meeting held on April 22nd, 2019 to discuss the proposal of closing Reuben Dr. between Montarbor Dr. and Deliverance Dr., Traffic Engineering reviewed the initial data collected on both Deliverance Dr. and Reuben Dr. and the analytical process by which we reached our decision to move forward with this measure. Additionally, we presented the results of the preliminary data collected for the affected area, to include 24-hour volumes and speeds, crash history and peak-hour turning movement counts.

In discussing our implementation plan, we addressed some of the previous concerns brought forth by the residents in April. Likewise, we detailed our course for the initial 6-month barricade closure, wherein the entire area will undergo an intensive evaluation period. In this interim, we will be able to determine how traffic patterns have shifted with this change and what, if any, additional measures must be taken to ensure the safety of the community as a whole.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments to the 25 residents in attendance, from both the Deliverance Dr. and the Montarbor Dr. neighborhood. Those in favor of the closure expressed many common concerns with excessive speeds, constant noise, excessive property damage and an increase in aggressive driving behaviors exhibited by the cut-through traffic on Deliverance Dr., and how these experiences precipitate growing fears for their safety and the safety of their loved ones. Aside from the inconvenience factor, those opposed to the closure expressed their apprehensions in utilizing Dublin Blvd. as an outlet with only one signal on the Montarbor Dr. side. Additionally, there were concerns regarding the difficulties in travel during inclement weather, especially in regards to Flintridge Dr.

The residents on Montarbor Dr. also voiced their concerns with the traffic conditions brought about by the many outside visitors to Cottonwood Creek Park. In response, we reiterated our plans for a separate traffic calming study for Montarbor Dr. slated for this summer and assured the residents we would follow the same process we did for Deliverance Dr. to address their specific issues.

We would like to, once again, thank those of you who were able to join us to receive the information we presented and share your input on this matter. For those who were unable to join us, we were sorry to have missed you, but welcome your questions and comments nonetheless. A copy of the presentation is available for your review. Please contact Erin Purcell by email at erin.purcell@coloradosprings.gov, or by phone at (719) 385-7607, with any questions or comments you may have on this measure. As always, we thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.