



## Deerfoot Trail safety under microscope

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The ongoing woes of Deerfoot Trail are finally being officially documented and speed restrictions may be in the works.

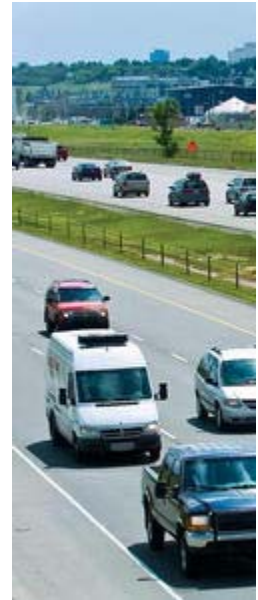
While the first phase of a three part Deerfoot Trail Safety review, tabled for the city's land use, planning and transportation committee yesterday, merely "confirmed" what Calgarians have been murmuring about for years, Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart, whose joint motion with Andre Chabot spurred the study, said its comprehensiveness finally put fact to rumour.

"Controlling the flow of people entering onto Deerfoot is important, which is what ramp metering could do, so we have to see if that is applicable in this circumstance," Colley-Urquhart said, noting the 93 access points along Deerfoot's 46-km are a matter for concern, especially considering the report said 74 per cent of injury collisions on the stretch occurred between McKnight Blvd. and 17 Ave. SE.

"We're starting to get some really good information."

Speeding on Deerfoot was the most commonly observed problem in the study with only peak periods of congestion limiting the perpetual flog and while speed limiting pilot studies were conducted years ago when the city maintained the route, it may be time to revisit the posted limits, said city traffic engineering manager Troy McLeod.

"That's one of multiple different types of recommendations associated with operational characteristics that are problematic along the corridor," he said, citing a multitude of poor driving habits from rubbernecking to improper signalling.



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