

# Stop Sign Request for Rolling Hills



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June 14, 2021

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# Rolling Hills/Oak Ridges<sup>...</sup> Traffic Committee

Safety matters to us all.

Our committee is requesting the installation of a stop sign on Rolling Hills Drive, with a completed installation date by September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.



Rolling Hills stop sign petition gains traction | Orangeville Citizen, Odrowski, Sam. May 20th 2021



# Our Community is Unique

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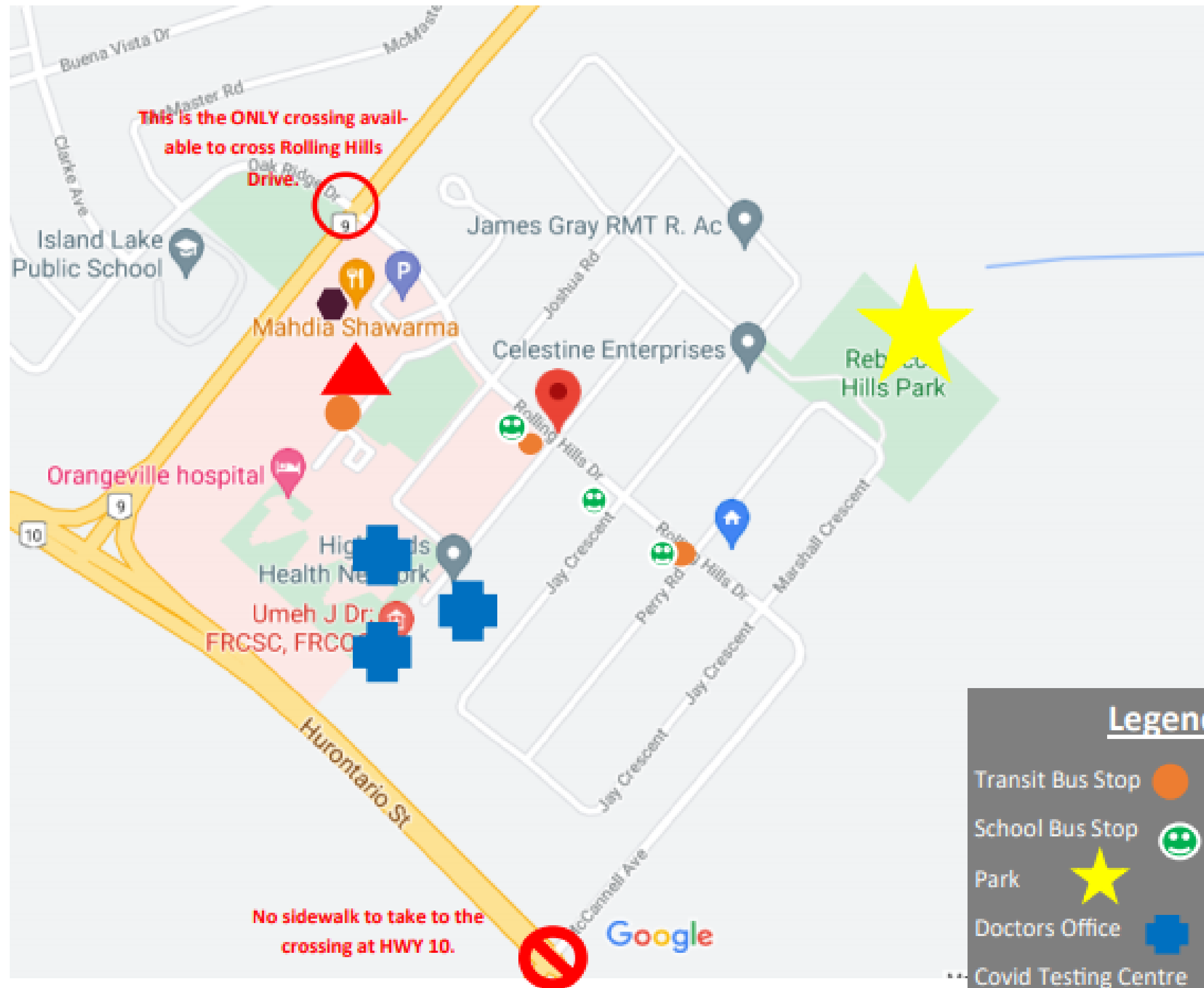
"Providing proper connectivity between origins and destinations allow pedestrians for simple and convenient access to facilities with the shortest possible deviation" - Ontario Traffic Manual

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- Rolling Hills Drive serves as a 1km collector roadway spanning from Hwy 9 to Hwy 10
- Only one available accessible crossing for the entire neighborhood; which is located at HWY 9 and Rolling Hills Drive
- The original plan was to complete the 109 Bypass right to HWY 9, however this was not completed. The result is that our residential street has become the collector road



'Cars just aren't going to see us': Rolling Hills community pursuing safe crossing options (orangeville.com)



### Legend

- Transit Bus Stop ●
- School Bus Stop 🚌
- Park ★
- Doctors Office 🏥
- Covid Testing Centre ▲
- Pharmacy 🏪

# Like you, we like to use \$\$ wisely.

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# Stop Sign = Decrease

## Risk



### Increase Community Connection

- access to public transit
- access to the local park
- access to plaza, hospital, doctor's office
- provides adequate time for those with accessibility needs to safety cross



### Increase Awareness

- forces drivers to stop
- interrupts driver's ability to reach the noted high levels of speed
- serves as an inconvenience for those using it as a collector road
- reinforce and instills the community safety zone



### Increase Pedestrian Visability

- an enforced visual, providing drivers with an opportunity to see pedestrians and yield to their crossing
- an established crossway for pedestrians to use





Importantly, the  
stop sign has  
the **LEAST**  
impact for  
emergency  
vehicles.



Rolling Hills Drives is an Emergency Route.

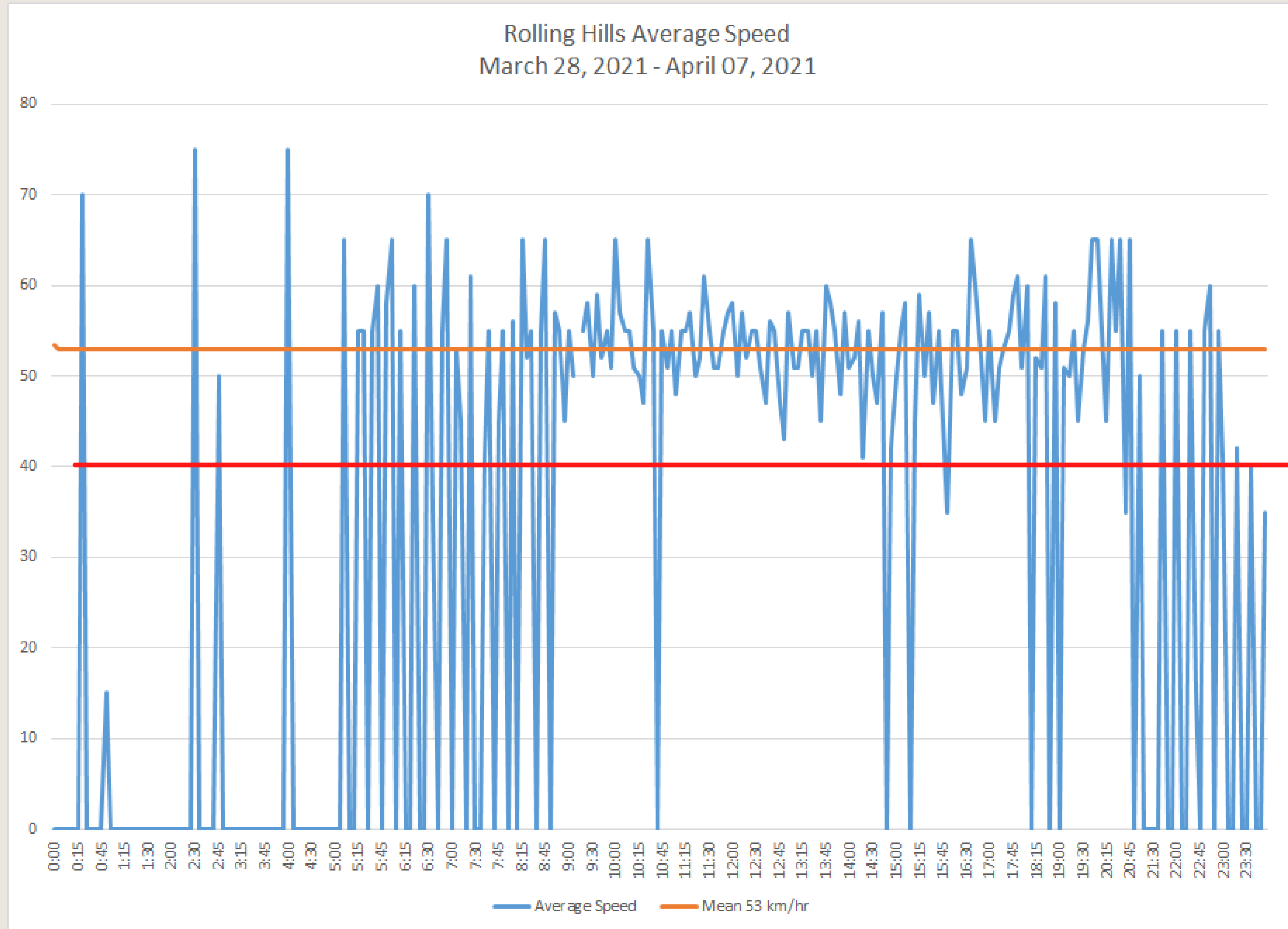
Traditional traffic calming solutions (Rumble Strips, Speed Bumps and road narrowing) are not supported by the Paramedics and Fire Fighters.

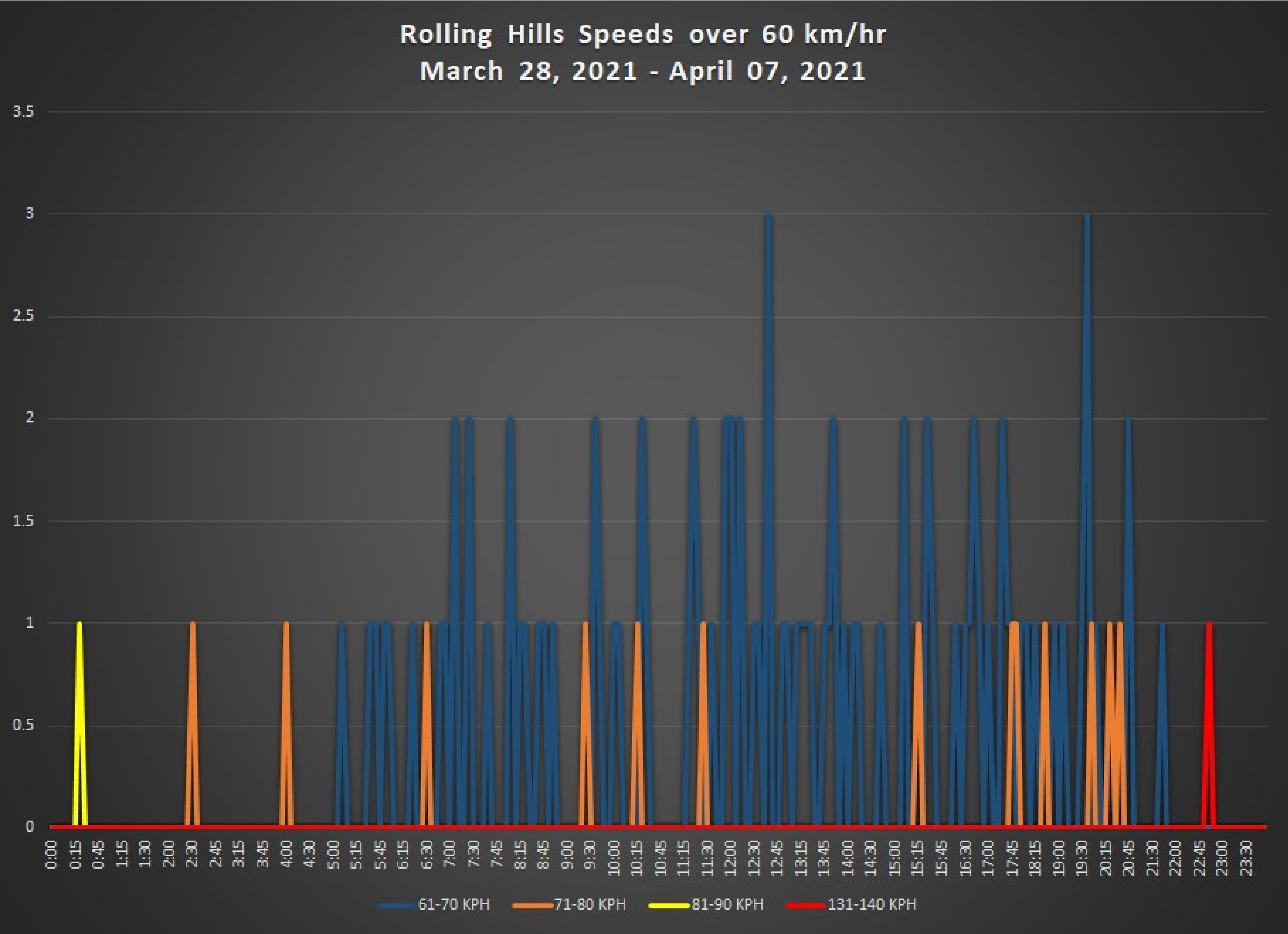


# OPP Report

- OPP monitored traffic along Rolling Hills Drive from March 28th to April 7th 2021
- Speed monitor was placed approx. midway on Rolling Hills Drive, north of Jay Crescent
- The monitor was placed each direction for a duration of one week







# Speeding is happening.

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## Median Speed is 53km

- even within a marked community safety zone with 40km/hr
- despite the additional signage and speed visual on McCannel
- and especially during rush hour times, when children are going to and from school

## Actually, it could be higher

- the speeding monitor in itself is traffic calming
- Sargent McLagan estimates that actual speed medians are approx. 10km/hr higher than indicated on the report

## Double Indicated Speed Limit

- Several vehicles were reported travelling double the speed limit, going 70-80 km/hr in a marked community safety zone
- One vehicle, reported going three times the indicated speed limit, traveling 131-140km/hr





# We want to feel safe

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## Our community agrees.

- Our petition exceeded our expectations
- Within a short 48 hours, we received support of 150 community members who also want to feel safe enjoying what our neighborhood has to offer
- Our support has grown to 274 signatures




# We want to enjoy our neighborhood.

**John Bessie**  
5 days ago


I've lived here for over 20 years, and with the traffic increase and speeding, it's no longer safe for anyone to cross Rolling Hills. A stop sign is long overdue!


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**Jackie Docherty**  
6 days ago


This area has been busy for years. It is difficult and dangerous to simply cross the road. And with covid traffic to the hospital - it has only gotten worse. Please install a stop sign or a few in this area!! It's needed.


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


**SHELLEY SULLIVAN**  
1 week ago


I'm sick of trying to get across the road with my dog and kids to go to the park without getting hit by speeding cars driven by jerks who don't live here and are just trying to take a shortcut!!




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**Elvira C Lopes**  
2 weeks ago


We Absolutely need this in place . Our kids and everyones safety is what matters .please please do this


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 Share  Tweet 


**Santina Dagher**  
2 weeks ago

Our safety is at risk !!!

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**Carrie Ross**  
2 weeks ago

The current situation threatens my children and I; it needs a solution.

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# We are so excited for our new park!



“It’s one thing to have a place for kids to safely go, but if they can’t get there safely, it’s useless”.

Sarah McInnes



# Pedestrian Risks



## Vulnerable People

- The young and the elderly are more likely to be involved in accidents as pedestrians
- Children are vulnerable pedestrians because their physical and cognitive capacities are still developing, it requires continual analysis

## They are trying to cross

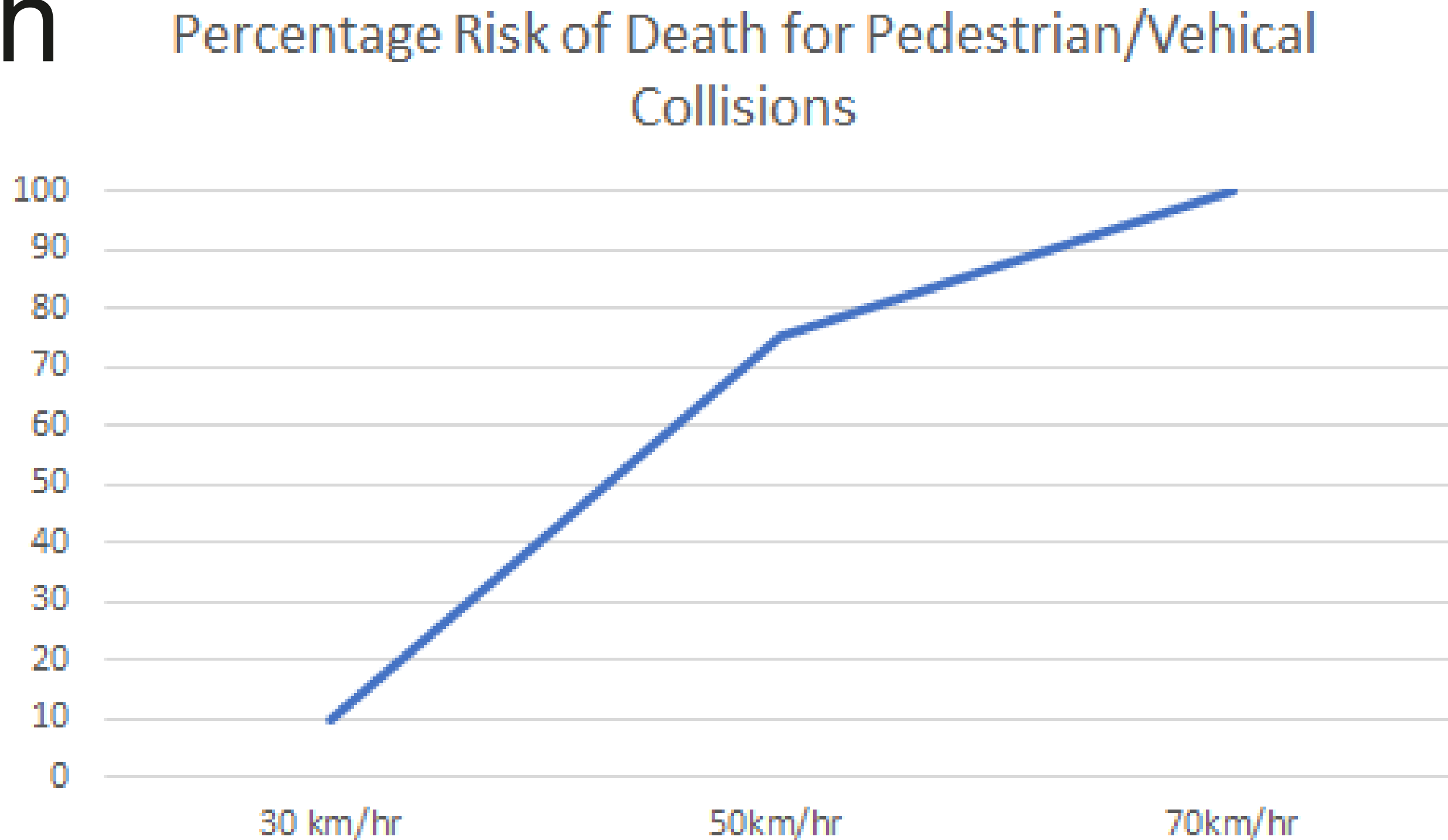
- 6 in 10 pedestrians killed in traffic crashes were trying to cross the road (Traffic Injury Research Foundation and Torontono Police Service, January 2018)

## Often, drivers are at fault

- Common errors among drivers:
  - failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians
  - distraction and inattention
  - speeding\*\*
- Pedestrians involved in accidents most likely involve distraction (64%) and drivers are mostly responsible for the accident



# Increased Speed = Increased Risk of Death



# Preparation is KEY

Let's be ready!

- School will be back in session. The Park will be revamped
- It is essential we are prepared to keep our children safe
- It is essential that the installation be completed prior to September 3rd 2021





# We just want to cross ~~safely.~~

Thank you for your  
time and  
consideration  
regarding this request  
and your continued  
support in building  
safer communities



A Special Thank you to the  
Rolling Hills / Oak Ridges  
Traffic Committee members who  
have worked so hard in putting this  
motion together!