

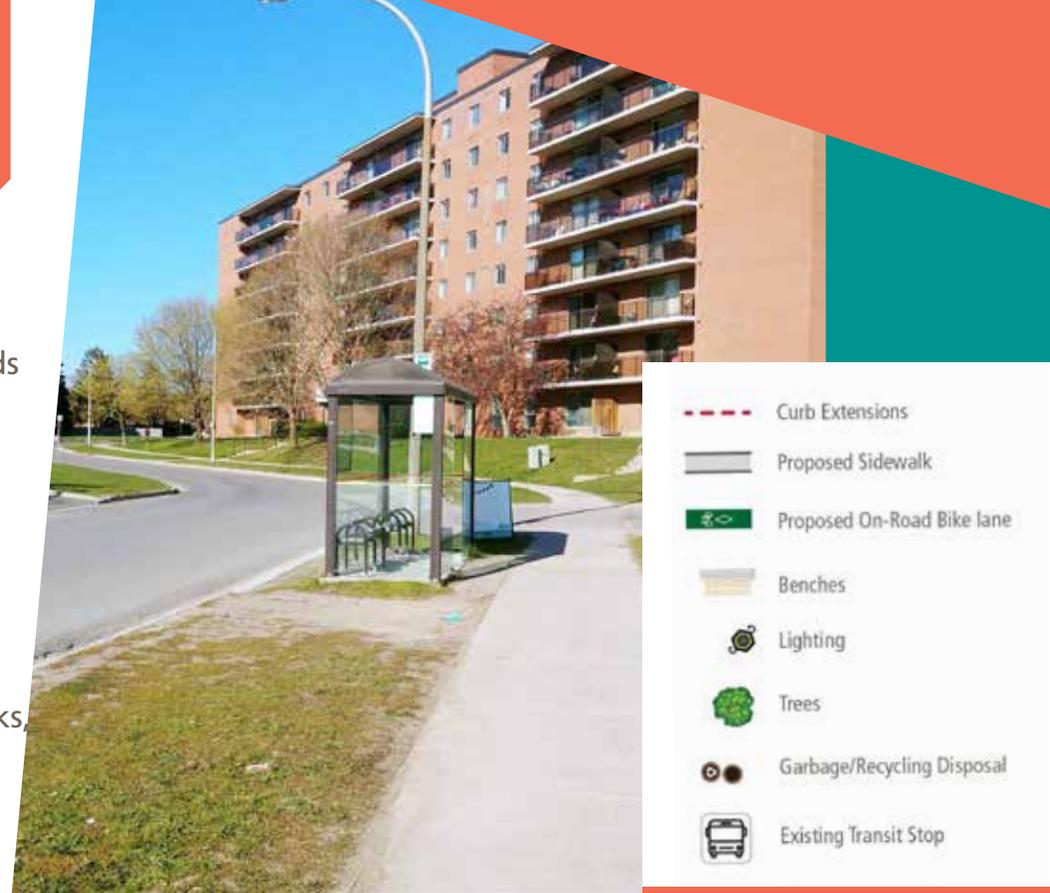
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Talwood Dr. and Talwood Crt.

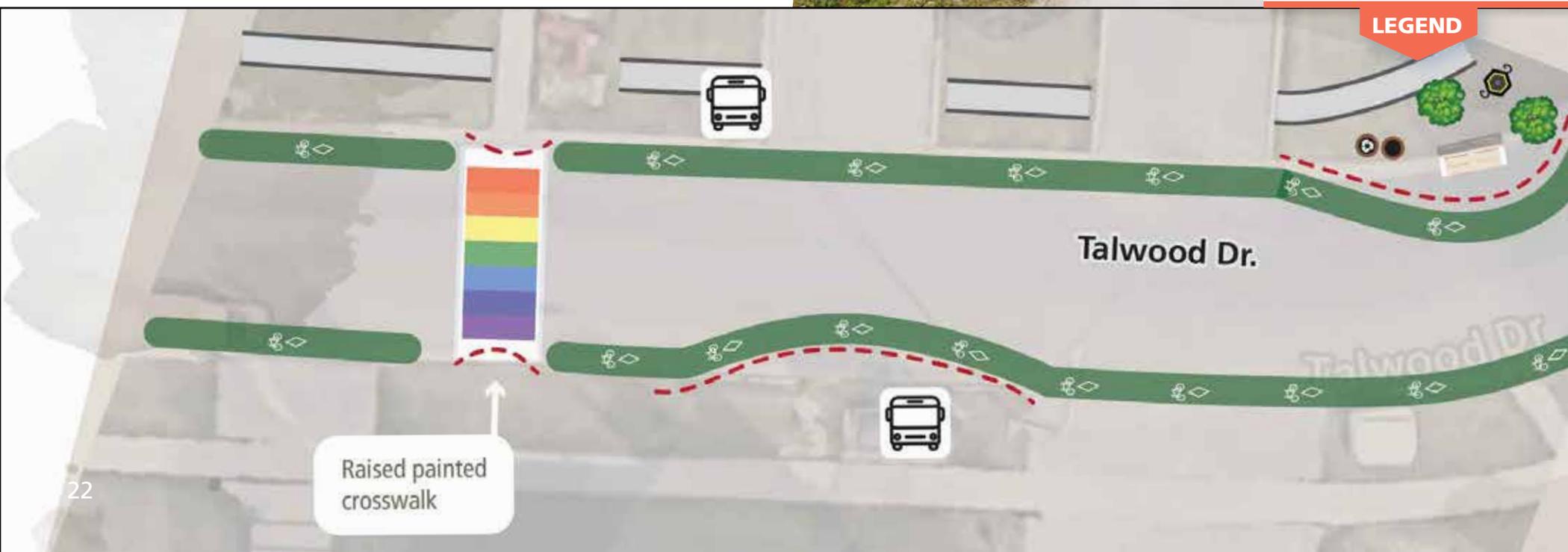
Talwood Dr. and Talwood Crt. are at the heart of the neighbourhood. They merge at the Kingswood Centre, home to the busy Talwood Variety, local day care centre, and the Kawartha Potters Guild. The streets also connect the thousands of residents with nearby shops and services, and transit and transportation networks.

Talwood Dr. and Talwood Crt. are well-travelled by all types of transportation, including transit and active transportation. Currently, there are sidewalks missing on the north side of Talwood Dr., and the street lacks infrastructure to support cycling.

Residents are concerned about vehicle speed, missing sidewalks, and the lack of safe crossings. Residents are also concerned with cleanliness at the bus stops, and general attractiveness of Talwood Dr. as a place for walking and gathering.



- Curb Extensions
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed On-Road Bike lane
- Benches
- Lighting
- Trees
- Garbage/Recycling Disposal
- Existing Transit Stop



DESIGN CONCEPTS

!! Add a crosswalk at the Talwood Variety

Add a crosswalk to allow safe access to transit stops, shops, and services. Give consideration to a painted mural crossing, which would add some colour to the street and would signal to drivers to slow down, and/or a raised crossing, which would bring the crosswalk up to sidewalk-level and serve as a traffic calming feature.

 Walk Bike & Transit Friendly

 Accessible



Talwood residents enjoy a colourful crosswalk on Talwood Dr. as part of a one-day Infrastructure Pop-Up Project.

Green and beautify the street

Add street trees, planters, and gardens to make Talwood Dr. a more inviting public space and slow traffic. Residents are keen to achieve this vision through community planting events.

 Natural & Green

 Vibrant & Clean

 Inclusive & Welcoming

!! Add sidewalk and bike lanes

Add facilities for all travel modes along this neighbourhood corridor to accommodate the people who walk, bike, take transit, and drive on Talwood in large numbers each day. The wide road allowance provides space to accommodate sidewalks and bike lanes.

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Provide inviting street features

As a central hub for the neighbourhood, create a friendlier place to gather and connect with neighbours by providing features such as benches, public artwork, community boards, and community 'free' libraries.

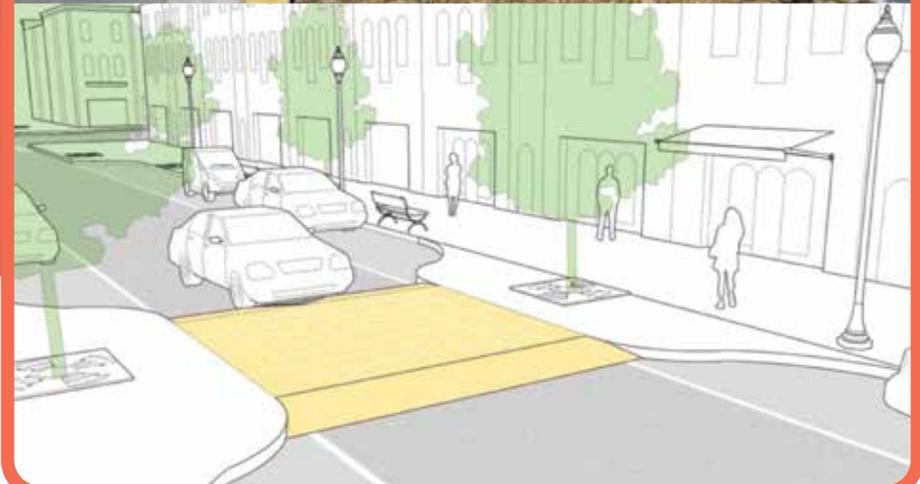
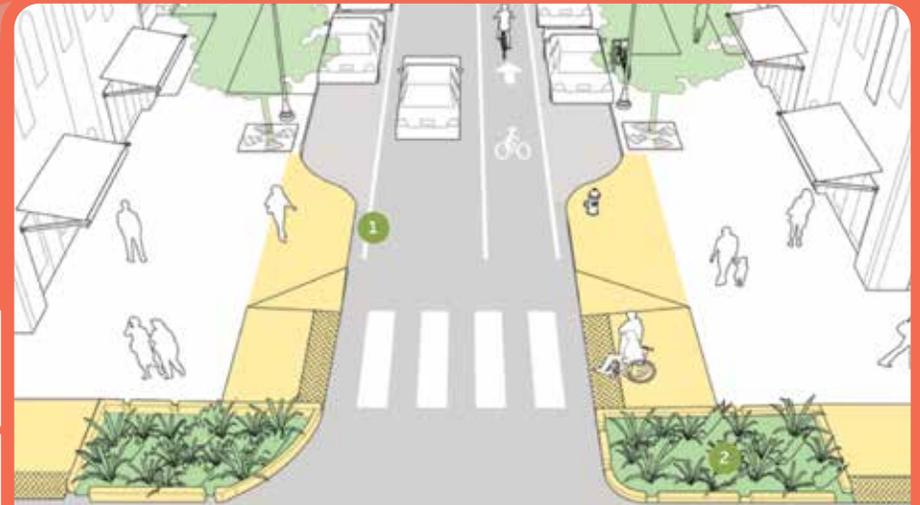
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!! Reduce speeds

Add street features that calm neighbourhood traffic. The most popular option from surveys was curb extensions or chicanes. These features narrow the roadway to slow drivers, but have an added bonus of creating spaces that can become small pocket gardens.

Walk bike & transit friendly

These images, taken from the National Association of City Transportation Officials website, help to illustrate how adding bumpouts, chicanes and raised crosswalks to the streetscape can create more pedestrian space which can be further enhanced through the addition of plantings and street furniture. Explore nacto.org for more ideas.





SPOTLIGHT: John

"Talwood Drive makes you feel like a chihuahua at a cat convention. You can be strolling along and all of a sudden you have to run like Peter Rabbit because people just don't seem to care. I'm a driver and walker myself and I'm hopeful they can sort out the curves in the road and make it safe for everyone, especially the children and elderly."

"I came to this workshop to talk about safety for children and seniors, accessibility, crossings, speed bumps, and cycling lanes."



"It's like a raceway sometimes. I fear for the kids."

"My apartment balcony faces Talwood Dr. There is a lot of activity there. I drive down to visit neighbours, and sometimes use it to get in to my parking lot... I am concerned about safety and speeding. There are a lot of buses, people crossing, and children get on the school bus on Talwood."

TALWOOD VARIETY

