

Question 1 Response: Close Road to Traffic

27 respondents mentioned this solution.

92.59% were for closing the road to traffic, and 7.41% were against this solution.

For	Against
Protect wildlife at all cost. My suggestion would be to close it down and put a pedestrian path around the lake. All of the side streets are accessible through other means.	too many feeder streets to block it off.
I don't like any of these options. I would suggest making the roads that directly connect the lake with South Florida be turned into dead end roads and no longer connect.	I don't think blocking the road around the lake is a sound decision... especially if the speed humps and other solutions haven't even been tried yet.
In an ideal world, it would be most wise to close Lake Morton Drive to all but local traffic (people who work or live around the lake). There are north-south routes to either side of Lake Morton which could be used instead.	
Consider camera monitoring Wish one way traffic flow was a option as this route really should not be a option for heavy traffic, to be really honest it would be really nice if it was pedestrian only! Can we install a cute iron fence around the lake to lessen the birds on the street movement with a few gates for visitors to get a closer look? BTW, thanks for asking for input and for caring about this matter! The fact that you care about Lakeland being a safe habitat for wildlife is one of the reasons I am proud to be from Polk County!	
Eliminate all traffic. Pedestrian and no motor vehicles only. None of the above solve the swan death problem	
Make the lake pedestrian only, similar to Lake Mirror. Doing so would reduce the bird and people injuries as well as reduce traffic on South and Success.	
Close it to traffic. Like Lake Mirror.	
Brutally enforce the speed limit around the lake. Install speed humps. Or — a completely radical notion — shut the street down to motorized vehicles and limit it to pedestrians, bikes, etc.	
Close the road and make the entire area park space with pedestrians only access.	
Speed bumps, or close Lake Morton Dr to vehicle traffic - it's the least we can do for our brand ambassadors - the swans	
Put in vertical barriers across the lake road at multiple locations to prohibit through traffic. The barriers would allow pedestrian, bicycles to pass just no cars. The barriers would have to be positioned at loacations to permit home owners and business access, just no round the lake vehicle driving. The majority of the people at the lake after barriers are in place would be people interested in enjoying Lakeland's "Gem" Lake Morton.	
get rid of the street around the lake, no driving of vehicles. make a paved path around the lake like lake hollingsworth. no cars, no accidents	

For	Against
<p>Decrease the number of wildlife or make the whole lake a park. No cut through traffic allowed. No feeding allowed. Especially from the parking lot oppisite the lake at Presbyterian Apartments on the west side of the lake.</p>	
<p>GET BICYCLISTS/MOPEDS OFF THE STREET!</p>	
<p>Personally, I don't think any of the above options address distracted driving. You should have an option for none of the above. Lake Morton is one of the most beautiful landmarks I have seen. And, I have traveled the world. It should be respected and protected. Since there are alternative ways of getting around, I believe, strongly, the way to solve the problem is to eliminate the automotive traffic driving around a portion or the entire lake. You could experiment by doing a media blast to inform people that for a period of time there would be no traffic allowed and see if it helps. (Like when Mayfair is going on). If you like the results, continue. If not, put an officer down there and ticket. Either way people aren't going to be happy but, it will be safe. And, I believe safety is priority number one.</p>	
<p>Make it a pedestrian/bike only zone except for residents of the actual Lake Morton Drive and their guests just like during MayFaire. Permissions granted for deliveries and minimal other reasons. All other streets can be accessed from the opposite end.</p>	
<p>Make Lake Morton like Lake mirror. This would only enhance Lakeland</p>	
<p>Landscaped medians could have the unforeseen negative effect of attracting birds. Ideas: could the road around the lake be made just one way? Could the road be closed to vehicular traffic maybe on Sundays, for pedestrian and bike use only?</p>	
<p>Close the road. Turn it all into a park.</p>	
<p>Make the north side of the lake a park. We don't drive around most our lakes anymore anyways. example Lake Wire, Lake Mirror.</p>	
<p>Make the road that goes around lake Morton pedestrian only. There are numerous ways to get around the lake that do not involve having to drive on that road. At the very least, you could make half of the road pedestrian only (the east side or the west side of the lake). Cars could still get around the lake and the swans would be safer.</p>	
<p>Close the street to driving. No matter what you do, people still won't pay attention.</p>	

For		Against	
Block it off to traffic were you cant go around the lake in cars, walkers and bikes only, dropping the speed limit by 5 miles will do nothing but cost u money for the new signs or stickers...it can be done if city of Lakeland really want to solve the problem but it would take planning time and money, they just want a quick fix that's cheap instead of fixing the probelm			
I would like to see Automotive traffic eliminated around a portion or the entire lake. Especially since there are alternative routes			
When I attended the summit the mayor said speed was not the problem; distracted driving is the problem. That's why I strongly believe a portion or the entire Boulevard around Lake Morton should be pedestrian and not Automotive traffic.			
Sub Total	For = 25	Against = 2	
Grand Total	27		