

Question 1 Response: Narrow the Street

9 respondents mentioned this solution.

88.89% were for narrowing the street, and 11.11% were against this solution.

For	Against
<p>The flashing beacons are EXTREMELY good at catching motorists attention, and I am always in favor of adding more of them around Lakeland. However, in the particular situation of Lake Morton, most pedestrians are not crossing from the dedicated sidewalk over to the lake. There are obviously people who do, but most of the foot traffic around the lake is restricted to the sidewalks. Putting the RRFB's at each cross-street seems ineffective. Having living in the Lake Morton area, my experience is that motorists seem to go around the circle at a higher rate of speed than is necessary. Raised crosswalks would likely slow motorists, or perhaps reducing the width of the street by eliminating/metering on-street parking.</p>	<p>I went on to take the survey but I didn't think any of the choices for a solution were good. I think putting in any kind of median, especially with plants, is just one more place for ducks and swans to gather and which will cause more issues. Also, I think anything that "narrows" the street will make it more dangerous for cyclists, especially parallel parking. Have several calming turtles, like on Success Ave, been considered? They could have some kind of high-angled sides to discourage ducks from "parking" on them. Again, I do not think any of the ideas on the survey are good.</p>
<p>Pedestrian safety should be number one in order to bring more foot traffic to the area. There are plenty of highways and toll roads for pass through traffic to utilize. Adding large safety pedestrian walk ways, on street parking, lower speed limits and going down to one lane through the historic district is the only way to achieve the walkable downtown vibe. I've seen this done in many big cities and it works! Much better for businesses!</p>	
<p>Narrowing and bricking Lake Morton Drive would reduce the roadway area on which the swans and other birds would be subject to being hit and would require drivers to pay more attention when driving around the lake. Additionally, this would make the area more picturesque, which aligns with the downtown revitalization efforts and leverages one of the most iconic areas in Lakeland. Parking should not be added around the lake—it is not easy to see pedestrians and birds that step out from between cars. It would be preferable to eliminate on street parking. Decreasing the posted speed limit would help—although the average speed may be slow, in large part below of how slow people are sometimes required to go because of crossing birds, many people zip around the lake at high speeds. Raised crosswalks are not the answer, but the survey would not let me submit without making a selection. Neither the people nor the birds are going to wait to find a raised crosswalk to cross the street.</p>	
<p>Consider REDUCING lane width while retaining on street parking and/or making the on street parking angled. The "pressure" from parked cars will slow drivers without ugly flashing signs and industrial looking stuff. Related, plantings close to the roadway can have a similar effect.</p>	
<p>Widening Sidewalks/Narrowing Streets and Traffic Lanes. ... The rumble strip.</p>	

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I would recommend enforcement. Have LPD randomly patrol the area and write tickets, not just give warnings. One thing not proposed here is limiting traffic to one lane. Take the interior lane and separate it from the outer lane with a short concrete barrier. Allow pedestrians, bicyclists and the ducks and geese to that lane. I do not like the raised crosswalks, please do not put them in. If they are the longer "pads" people don't slow down for them (in my opinion).	
We need more stop signs to stop traffic on Lake Morton Drive. A narrower street with marked parking would force drivers to pay attention. Raised, marked crosswalks for pedestrians. Cameras to catch people who often intentionally hit birds. More law enforcement in the area, especially in the evening and night. I live on Success near Lake Morton and it is often a steady stream of cars using the street as a thoroughfare. We should encourage drivers to take other routes downtown. Turning Lake Morton Drive into a one-way roundabout is an idea as well.	
Narrowing the width of the road with parking should help drivers be more vigilant. I like the meandering "path" concept which could be accomplished with marked parking, small median flower beds and bump out curbs places intermittently along Lake Morton Dr.	
Sub Total	For = 8
Grand Total	Against = 1
	9

Question 1 Response: Any Solution

8 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for any solution being implemented.

For	Against
All of the above and anything else that would help.	
The calming options above would be good. What about side walks on the lake side of the street.	
Several of the ideas above should meet the objective. The city might implement the least expensive first and proceed with more until the desired results are achieved.	
Anything will help! Thanks for asking! I live downtown and walk the lakes a lot. People are too busy on phones and speeding. I loved the "drive like your swans live here" idea- just letting folks know to SLOW DOWN. Signs about not feeding bread would be good too. It's bad for them and the water and people down there feeding them don't pay attention.	

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For	Against
These are great suggestions. They could all be done and it would help a lot. As a graduate of FSC I've seen a lot of students leaving the lake Morton apartments and speeding around the lake because there are no road markings and maybe people feel more free because of this. I would paint medians and parking spaces for sure. Raised sidewalks are very effective in getting people to slow down and the flashing signs are very effective for Lakeland Regional.	
I like all of the ideas by the traffic control committee. As a senior citizen who walks the lake daily, there are several cars who drive carelessly. It is very noticeable at rush hour when folks are rushing to get to work or get home at night. Right now the only thing being used is speed limit signs which simply are not enough.	
Utilize every possible enhancements to protect lives.	
All of it	
Sub Total	For = 8
Grand Total	8

Question 1 Response: Communication Campaign

8 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for using a communication campaign, and 0.00% were against this solution.

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I like the raised crosswalk idea! But at the same time, pedestrians also need to be aware to look both ways, put away the phones, and pay attention. Too many times I've seen walkers almost dare a vehicle to hit them. Also, address bikes. Many riders obey no rules.	
Slower speeds, enforce no cars stopping on the lake side of the street, educate drivers, possible no parking at all on either side of the street.	
(More) Signs asking people not to feed the birds. I've seen people walk halfway across the street, start feeding the birds and then birds are drawn into the street. Or people feed them, get scared of the mass of birds and retreat to the other side of the street and birds follow.	

Question 1 Response: Communication Campaign, continued

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For	Against
I think that in addition the public safety campaign should be done with road markings such as swans.	
Safety Campaign.....	
Frequently I see families throwing bread in the street which causes the birds enter the roadway very suddenly. There needs to be some education on feeding the birds as well.	
I believe that a large part of the recent swan accidents on lake Morton coincided with the arrival of this years college students. Perhaps, educating these new arrivals to our city on what they can expect to experience and how to proceed will help lessen the impact on the wildlife living within our city.	
Sub Total	For = 8
Grand Total	8

Question 1 Response: Lighting

6 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for improving lighting, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
One way, speed humps, crosswalk markers, some crosswalks on outside of lake m drive are obstructed by brickwalls and make it hard to see pedestrians. Cars parked in areas that are more narrow and unsafe to go around. Better lighting at dawn and dusk	
One way traffic well lite	
Marked lanes and marked parking. Raised, marked and lit crossings. Speed limits and ENFORCED. Landscaping/median allows blind spots and swans/birds to nest in	
Better night lighting. Pedestrian sidewalk.	
I think that you can add more speed bumps and even making the lake one day could help as well. On top of that, putting more lights in might help as well due to the fact that it does get dark on the lake at night and people could not see the swans crossing as well.	
More street lighting (white LED)	
Sub Total	For = 6
Grand Total	6

Question 1 Response: Traffic Flow Change

6 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for changing the flow of traffic, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
Can we make it more attractive for people to use Lime or other streets if they are just passing through, not wanting to look at the lake and birds?	
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 locations 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.	
Maybe I'm not clear, but I think of safety enhancements as "all the tools we have available" to enhance safety. I think the above construction recommendations are mostly fine; I'd also consider: 1. A sidewalk on the inside of Lake Morton so pedestrians don't walk in the street 2. Methods of decreasing Lake Morton traffic overall (i.e. can the city sustain one of the roads leading from Lake Morton to downtown being closed off? Can the traffic signal Walnut & FL Ave be removed or re-routed to alleviate traffic backups on FL Ave, thus decreasing the tendency to use other routes? etc.) 3. Passing a city ordinance, regulation (or whatever appropriate term) restricting the use of cell phones when driving in the city limits. Failing passing legislation, are there regulations law enforcement have that they could enforce more stringently, either as part of a campaign or a larger initiative?	
Keep pedestrians on the sidewalks. I see them running and walking around the lake in the street close to the lakeside curbside. Redesign Mississippi Avenue and Success Ave. to discourage through traffic lake-to-Lake	
Better road markings overall and adding marked parking places. Eliminate the streets surrounding Lake Morton being used as a bypass for rush-hour congested North/South corridors, especially downtown workers heading towards South Lakeland via Lake Morton to Lake Hollingsworth.	
Post signs and limit thru traffic on all streets feeding onto Lake Morton Drive. The library, museum and businesses can be accessed from other streets and those using this route to get from south to north Lakeland should use South Florida Avenue and/or the Bartow Road/98 S.	
Sub Total	For = 6
Grand Total	6

Question 1 Response: Chicanes

5 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for installing chicanes, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
Use decorative pavement features adjacent to the existing curb to create edge friction. Perhaps some brick pavers or stamped asphalt can be used to provide some gentle chicanes that could help channelize traffic. Also, some elevated pedestrian "tables" can be introduced with pavers on top to promote traffic calming as well as lend an aesthetic effect.	
Other traffic calming configurations. Like chicanes for instance.	
I think it will take a combination of things to get drivers to slow down. Speed of vehicle traffic is the most dangerous in this situation. A designated path for pedestrian or bicycle traffic or a traffic chicane could help designate separate areas for pedestrians and vehicles.	
Speed is not the issue. It seems like distracted drivers are. Sounds like some creative methods need to be employed to get the attention of drivers. I think something like a chicane should be used.	
More twisties. People in Lakeland can't take corners to save their lives.	
Sub Total	For = 5
Grand Total	5

Question 1 Response: Rumble Strips

5 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for installing rumble strips, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
Brick LMD like lake Beulah. Rumble strips, one way with zig zag cut outs. Also see the Lmna fab page.	
Flashing lights and grooves in the road before the walk. Possibly speed humps.	
Widening Sidewalks/Narrowing Streets and Traffic Lanes. ... The rumble strip.	
Make some parts of the road pitted. It could cause just enough vibration to get the drivers attention. Leave a strip of road near the lakeside so cyclist can get around it.	
adding bump strips to the road to wake drivers who are texting and driving, smaller than speed bumps like the ones that are I4 east of Lakeland	
Sub Total	For = 5
Grand Total	5

Question 1 Response: Plants

3 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for using plants, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
Consider REDUCING lane width while retaining on street parking and/or making the on street parking angled. The "pressure" from parked cars will slow drivers without ugly flashing signs and industrial looking stuff. Related, plantings close to the roadway can have a similar effect.	
Possibly making Lake Morton Drive a one way street going counter clockwise around the lake. I would like to see "speed bumps" or raised crosswalks to slow down traffic. I would like to see some landscaping on the lake side to help keep the swans, geese, ducks, and other water fowl off the street away from the traffic.	
Some way to block out the sun when it's shining straight on driver's faces in the morning and peaks of day. Perhaps higher trees or other shading? I have problems with that and have to be more with driving in the morning since I can't see well. I've had a few times with pedestrians I didn't see them as soon as I should have because the sun is so blinding.	
Sub Total	For = 3
Grand Total	3

Question 1 Response: Repaving

3 respondents mentioned this solution.

66.67% were for repaving the road, and 33.33% were against this solution.

For	Against
I drive around Morton every day and the road is a mess and full of puddles that I must avoid in my low car. I would suggest we have the whole roadway leveled and repaved to help with water drainage and to get rid of the potholes.	Treat it like a mini Lake Hollingsworth. Paint lanes on the roadway. Make reflective flashing beacons/crosswalks. You don't need to do any more paving -- make it look like an actual road, and people will treat it like an actual road.
So... i tried to fit this into the survey box, but i guess it's too much text...so I'm sharing here...in hopes someone connected can pass this along. I almost hit a bird one night, and I pay attention! Not a distracted driver. The bird was in the middle of the road drinking fresh rainwater from a puddle. The streetlights reflecting off the puddle made it difficult to see the bird because his feathers were also dark. Probably a black swan. I was going about 10 to 15 mph, because this was just after hearing about the last swan that was hit, and I wanted to be cautious. I didnt see the bird until I was almost right on top of him, and I was looking out for birds! Fix the roads so they don't hold standing water in pockets after heavy rain...Let's also look at providing sculptured art pieces that catch rainwater for the birds...so they are not lured into the street...and attractive for the area... i.e. we need to look at all angles here...why did the swan cross the street? Or stand in it? It will help to know this answer...can we make the area just around the lake so attractive that the swans won't feel the need to roam into or across the street so often?	
Sub Total	For = 2
Grand Total	3

Question 1 Response: Road Diet

3 respondents mentioned this solution.

0.00% were for the road diet, and 100.00% were against this idea.

For	Against	
	Lower speed limit to 20 mph, and install stop signs at busiest intersections such as Palmetto, Success, Mass. etc, which should slow traffic even more. Lake Morton Dr should NOT be used as a North/South thoroughfare. When/if South Fl Ave becomes two lane thru that area, it will only get worse. I live in S Lake Morton area, and use Lake Morton Dr, but willing to put up with whatever changes necessary to improve the situation.	
	Don't modify Florida ave at Dixieland. It would just add to congestion and speeding around morton and surrounding neighborhoods.	
	Do not narrow Florida Ave. "Road Diet" will force cars off FL Ave into neighborhoods and around lakes.	
Sub Total	For = 0	Against = 3
Grand Total		3

Question 1 Response: Designated Feeding Area

2 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for having designated feeding areas, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against	
Make it a one way street all the way around the lake and only designated feeding areas		
Move the Parking to "Curb Side" on the Lake & travel lanes to the middle & outside away from the Lake. Restrict Feeding of the Domesticated Birds to within 10' of the Lake & not curbside, attracting Birds to the roadway. Throwing feed in the air creates a feeding frenzy. You have created a Zoo without boundaries. A counter-clockwise 1-way with Lakeside Parking, may be the another alternative. Landscape medians are a joke & actually when over-grown, block the children trying to cross Edgewood Dr. I'm not sure the Habitat is sufficient to accommodate 60+ Swans anyway. I realize this is Lakeland Mascot & now a Liability. What about a localized signal to block cell reception around the Lake!		
Sub Total	For = 2	Against = 0
Grand Total		2

Question 1 Response: Intersections

2 respondents mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for using intersections, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
A reduced speed limit to 20 mph around entire lake. Decorative barriers at more dangerous locations where the birds frequently cross. Traffic circle at Massachusetts to slow people down. Redesigning intersections with Walnut on the west side and Palmetto to slow down the cars that are making turns	
Suggestions to reduce speed, increase attention and improve vision of drivers: 1. Construct four or more 3-way stops at key intersections around the lake. The stops would encourage drivers on Lake Morton Drive to proceed more slowly and to focus on the street ahead. 2. Add raised crosswalks at locations convenient to pedestrians. 3. Eliminate all on-street parking on Lake Morton Drive so that drivers are able to see birds or humans well in advance. If that is not feasible, reduce on-street parking to a limited number of marked spaces.	
Sub Total	Against = 0
Grand Total	2

Question 1 Response: Best Practices

1 respondent mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for using best practices, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
I would talk to other cities about what works best over time based on prior experience.	
Sub Total	Against = 0
Grand Total	1

Question 1 Response: Block Cell Phones

1 respondent mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for blocking cell phones, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against	
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Sub Total	For = 1	Against = 0
Grand Total		1

Question 1 Response: Bridge

1 respondent mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for building a bridge, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against	
Build a bridge from Mass Ave. to Success over lake.		
Sub Total	For = 1	Against = 0
Grand Total		1

Question 1 Response: Raised Roadway

1 respondent mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for installing a raised roadway, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against	
speed bumps/humps and raised crosswalks; if cost wasn't a large factor, raised/elevated roadways that allow for wildlife to pass underneath.		
Sub Total	For = 1	Against = 0
Grand Total		1

Question 1 Response: Tree Trimming

1 respondent mentioned this solution.

100.00% were for trimming trees, and 0.00% were against this solution.

For	Against	
Trimming tree branches / bushes at intersections to facilitate checking both directions before turning onto the lake. Lower speed limit during peak traffic times, similar to school zones with flashing yellow lights.		
Sub Total	For = 1	Against = 0
Grand Total	1	

Question 1 Response: General Comments and No Comments

24 respondents had general comments that did not mention a specific solution to the issue.

26 respondents had no comments for Question 1.

I can't think of anything else....I bike around the Lake Morton (and Hollingsworth) and the biggest problem I see by far are the drivers on their cell phones, most texting or dialing. If they do that, they really don't care about safety.

Reduce animal and bird deaths as well as pedestrian accidents.

The vast majority of traffic around Lake Morton is not from residents of the Lake Morton area but people coming from areas in South Lakeland trying to avoid the congestion on S. Florida Ave and HWY 98. Clearly, they are using Lake Morton Drive as an alternate route and this should be discouraged. The only way to do that is to make it inconvenient by severely slowing traffic. Lake Morton is officially a Bird Sanctuary and home to the symbol of Lakeland. Not doing something to protect the city's symbol and severely slow down or discourage commuter traffic in a residential area is clearly bad leadership.

Calming zones. Please.

I think the measures above won't really slow people down. I think whatever option makes driving around lake Morton annoying will work best - force people to choose a different route.

I drive this section of road at least 4 times daily.....while I understand the safety impact, the things I have noticed: runners, walkers use the middle of the road for their activities, not the sidewalks as intended. Most people have headphones on and it is the car person that has to think for the walker that walks out in front of you and the car.

Reduce

In this situation, the solution is not in policy changes or hard infrastructure. This situation calls for the motorists to improve their driving habits around the lakes and all over the City of Lakeland. In regards to the swans, they have been in this city for multiple generations and have grown accustomed to vehicles stopping for them to cross and when they walk parallel in the road lanes. The swans behavior and familiarity with vehicles has gotten to the point where they do not mind the presence of still or moving vehicles and unfortunately are struck and often killed. Safety enhancements start and end with the cautious driving skills of the city's motorists.

I don't see how you're going to effect ANY of these solutions on the narrow road that goes around Lake Morton. Just not enough room. Can you find a way to keep the birds from wandering onto the road? I know they can fly, but most seem to amble across.

My concern for the swans is the huge threat that coyotes present. In South Lakeland they are eating swans, cats and other animals at an alarming rate. I shudder to think what will happen when the packs reach Lake Morton.

This is not just a Lake Morton issue. It is also a Lake Hollingsworth issue. In addition to the swans, Lakeland has an active exercise community who use these areas regularly. Both areas are not pedestrian friendly and there is not one simple answer. However, first and foremost, the city refuses to implement traffic calming zones due to areas "not meeting the requirements for such". Maybe these "requirements" should be blended with common sense and pedestrian safety.

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you may want to do the due diligence to find if there is a time of day that birds are being hit, that may help in finding a solution. as far as people getting hit, you cant fix stupid.. along with distracted drivers, our city has many many areas in which people regularly ignore the rules of crossing a roadway.. if youre too stupid or lazy to find a crosswalk, youre a target.

Swans are not more important than our people who work & pay to live here. Stop catering to birds and start catering to humans.

Thank you for the 1000 character limit notation and how to send it otherwise. Much appreciated

Pends on how much money have to spend

That's not financially intelligent (Replying to a comment to do "all of it")

People need to put down their phones while driving ... Everyplace

Why don't the city fix red light camera scam! I'm bringing my notice of claim letter to the city soon requesting \$ 200 million dollars . want to learn about the city red light camera scam I have 50 videos sofar, be making a video what is the correct amount the city have paid out for award damage money

Me and the grand daughter were leaving her great grandmas and were in front of the library. A duck came flying across the lake and hit my suv. We were sitting still. Feathers went everywhere. We always go slow Crazy

Not only the swans, the Church preschool on Lake Morton should be enough for people to SLOW DOWN!

Beautiful design on the survey. I am a tech/maker space/design teacher and was really impressed with the design and survey options provided visually as well as textually. Not trying to detract from the issue, it is sad, important and I did fill out the survey but I just thought it was well made and quite beautiful.

Speed limit is 25 mph around Lake Morton, not 30 mph.

Seems to me you guys are doing a good job and asking the right questions and trying to find answers. Thank you for your effort. Hope to live there someday soon.

Distracted drivers suck.

Grand Total = 24