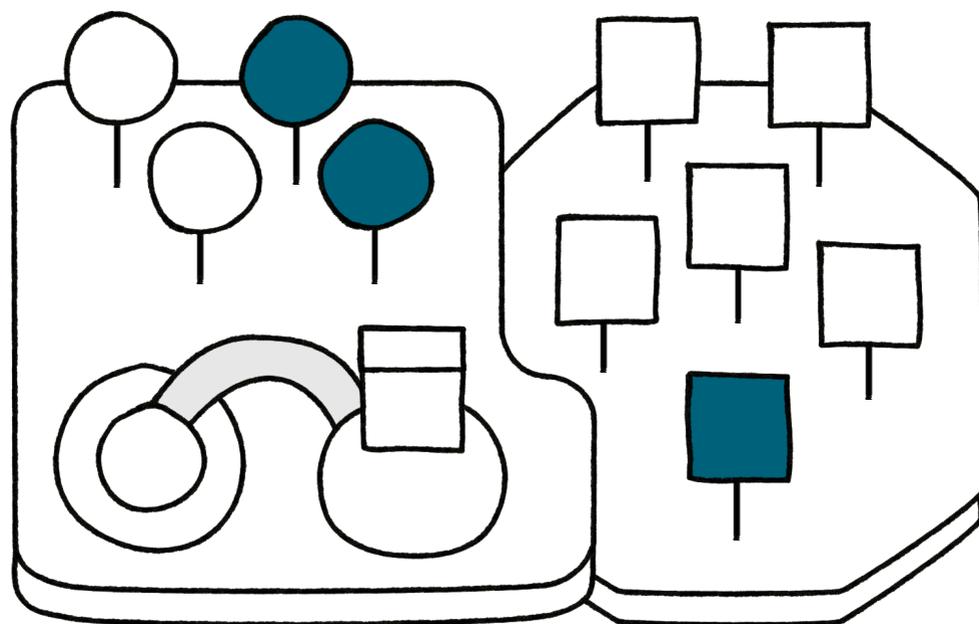


Wauwil

Speed reduction on the cantonal road



Timeframe

2020–2022

Actors

Executive power
Traffic planning
Civilian population

Typologies (types of spaces)

Intermediate areas



Design quality criteria

Safety
Accessibility



Structural quality criteria

Collaboration

Background

Safety at traffic trouble spots had also been a long-standing concern for both the residents and the village council. There are a number of critical road crossings in the center of Wauwil. Many children are out and about in the center of Wauwil to get to school, the municipal administration, the shops, the station or the Wauwiler Moos leisure area.

With the Glasi Wauwil Strategic Plan [*Richtplan Glasi Wauwil*] from the year 2011, an overall development plan is available as to how the existing center can be expanded and strengthened and the work implemented in stages. Bit by bit, a meeting place is evolving which has an attractive design and is a high-quality place in which to spend time. Wauwil is expecting a high population growth and major changes in its architectural appearance in the coming years. The village of Wauwil's construction activities have been taken into account in the future classroom planning. According to this planning, the number of schoolchildren will rise steeply in the next years.

Objectives

With appropriate traffic measures and attractive street planning, the separation effect of the cantonal road will be reduced, improved opportunities for pedestrians to cross will be created and road safety improved.

The reduction in the speed limit to 30 km/h on the cantonal road (village street) would be the fastest, least expensive and most effective means of calming traffic and increasing road safety for children on their way to school and for all other cyclists and pedestrians. At the same time, the quality of life would improve and the center would become more attractive.

Target group

- Schoolchildren
- Cyclists
- Walkers

Costs

The one-off costs come to around 2,000 francs.

Project flow

- At a regional conference of the RET Sursee-Mittelland regional development agency in 2020, the Executive Council was informed that a speed limit on the cantonal roads should be possible in future under certain conditions.
- On the basis of this statement, the village council had an analysis drawn up by a specialist engineering company.
- The result of the analysis was that infrastructural measures would be expensive and would make the road more confusing and narrower. On the other hand, the stated goals could be most effectively reached by the introduction of a 30 km/h speed limit.
- A population poll was conducted in the period from March 31 to May 10, 2021.
- In the poll, 52 percent voted against a traffic-related measure (speed reduction) on the village street.
- Safety for schoolchildren, among others, was also a topic in the poll. This is very important to the population. The same applies to noise control. The village council therefore assigned a higher weight to the safety aspect and noise control, and supported the speed reduction for the village street.
- A number of written petitions to the canton followed in the period from 2020 to 2022.

Success factors

- Positive signal from the canton at the RET Sursee-Mittelland regional conference.
- Clear analysis result from the engineering company.

Challenge

- Feedback from the responsible cantonal authorities came very slowly.
- Implementation by the canton was done very slowly.
- There was practically no opportunity to improve the current signage.
- Weak backing at the cantonal level.

Summary

In our opinion, the introduction of the speed reduction proved its worth. However, it still faces lack of comprehension in some instances.

A public initiative at the cantonal level has been announced which is intended to prevent such restrictions on cantonal roads in the future.

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