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July 8, 2025, City Council Meeting

Title

Revised Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Adoption – Thomas Hartman, PE, Director of Public Works

Summary

Public Works is proposing several updates to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP). These changes aim to streamline the program, enhance resident participation, and revise the criteria for prioritizing traffic calming projects. Additionally, the updated program will incorporate equity considerations, improve clarity, and ensure more reliable data. A key feature of the revised NTCP is the introduction of a point-based prioritization system that considers a broader range of traffic safety factors. This system is designed to offer residents greater transparency regarding traffic calming needs across the City, while also improving the overall decision-making process.

Public Works presented these updates to the City Council in March 2025. Following that presentation a public hearing and community survey was released to gather input from citizens. Ten (10) citizens attended the public meeting and nine (9) provided responses to our community survey. All comments received were positive and were supportive of this program update.

Recommendation

Public Works recommends adoption of the updated Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program, as presented by City staff.

Fiscal Impact

To be determined as neighborhoods are enrolled in the program.

Context & Analysis

The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP) was established in 2001 and last updated in 2012. In 2022, the Public Works Department placed the program on administrative hold due to concerns regarding its effectiveness, particularly in terms of public involvement and timeliness. During this pause, Public Works staff have been evaluating the current program and exploring potential improvements to enhance its efficiency, transparency, and overall impact on the community.

This revised program improves and simplifies the NTCP process and community effort required to participate. It revises the thresholds and criteria for neighborhood participation, as well as working to address equity concerns.

Options

1. Adopt new program as presented.
2. Do not adopt new program, and request City staff to adjust.

Attachments

1. Presentation
2. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Guide
3. Neighborhood Traffic Calming FAQ Document