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In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Council Consideration Request from Councilmember Terri Castillo on Holistic Traffic Calming.

SUMMARY:

On January 27, 2025 Councilmember Terri Castillo submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to establish a more holistic, robust way to measure and analyze traffic calming requests that can easily address resident concerns and reduce long term infrastructure costs while simultaneously improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

The CCR request includes the following:

- Develop a process where traffic calming requests are evaluated by Public Works, Transportation, and/or Planning Departments to identify holistic solutions for traffic calming.
- Develop process where traffic calming requests are easily traceable for applicants and utilize the City of San Antonio's Open GIS system to provide mapping information to the public.

- Addition of allowable “quick build” solutions to Neighborhood traffic Calming Handbook.
- Roadway reconstructions should take account future costs of maintenance and where feasible, consider design changes to reduce future maintenance costs and promote complete streets.
- Develop multi-agency team to assess roadway conditions when fatalities/injuries occur.
- Public Works shall reevaluate the reasonable and safe maximum speed limit on public streets.
- Explore feasibility of “in-house contracting” units through Ready to Work participants to expedite quick build solutions.
- Explore feasibility of “Slow Zone Districts” in sensitive areas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The submitted CCR calls for the Public Works, Transportation, and Planning Departments to work in unison to evaluate the roadway, observe driver-pedestrian behaviors, and speak with neighbors regarding solutions to alleviate factors causing concern. The CCR requests these departments create a public facing interactive website that shares traffic studies, proposed and implemented solutions for roadway, visuals of Vision Zero solutions, and an option for residents to provide feedback on Vision Zero’s progress by Council District.

The CCR describes the need for more traffic calming measures to reduce speeding and the *feeling* of dangerous drivers on the street. It mentions, to respond to constituents’ traffic concerns more quickly, the inter-departmental coordination can leverage quick-build solutions proposed within the City’s newly adopted Complete Streets Policy and explore the feasibility of “in-house contracting” traffic calming construction units through Ready to Work to support union apprenticeships.

Finally, by exploring the feasibility of “Slow-Zone Districts”, declaring an area as a Slow-Zone District, and establishing areas with elevated collision rates, or schools or senior centers, as a pilot for these type of districts it will prioritize the safety and needs of residents who live, shop, attend school, and play nearby.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this item be referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.