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In Control: Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Program

SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department will provide an overview and solicit feedback from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding the department's proposed refinements to the installation and location selection criteria for traffic calming device options, including the staff's delivery approach to the installation of the 100 radar feedback signs and 100 flashing stop signs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Neighborhood traffic calming device options help improve street features to reduce the negative effects of speeding and to mitigate traffic volumes while enhancing the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists within residential neighborhoods. As part of the FY 2024 Budget, the City Council approved funding in the amount of \$1 million for traffic calming projects, \$700,000 for 100 radar

feedback signs and \$300,000 for 100 flashing stop signs to be installed at key accident locations across the City. Additionally, the Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Program (NAMP) was increased from \$450,000 to \$500,000 in FY 2024 for each City Council District, which may be used as an additional funding source to fund additional traffic calming devices.

Traffic engineering requests are received from various means including 311, Council staff, City management, and staff observations. On average, approximately 3,000 traffic engineering 311 requests are received annually. At any given time, 750 to 800 open requests in the queue need to be evaluated. On average, about 80 of these requests received in a year are identified as operational issues that are addressed through the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

ISSUE:

The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program is designed to address identified operational issues related to speed, volume, and driver behavior that may include one or a combination of the following options to address: curb extensions, roundabouts, bulb-outs, chicanes, and/or speed humps. Potential projects are identified by staff based on citizen or business concerns and 311 requests received. Once evaluated, eligible traffic calming projects are prioritized for implementation based upon established criteria, which considers speed, volume, crash history, and proximity to pedestrian generators such as schools, parks, community centers, VIA bus stops, etc.

The staff's presentation will provide an overview and solicit feedback from the committee regarding their proposed refinements to the installation and location selection criteria for traffic calming device options, including the staff's delivery approach to installing the 100 radar feedback and 100 flashing stop signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will present a briefing of the criteria used for neighborhood traffic calming device options to retrieve the committee's input to be used towards continuing the department's efforts to improve the execution of the City's neighborhood traffic calming program.