



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**

**FROM: JAMES SERRANO, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER**

**TITLE: CURTIS STREET NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan for West Curtis Street as supported by residents and direct staff to pursue implementation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The West Curtis Street Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan meets the support requirements of the traffic calming policy. Therefore, staff recommends the approval and implementation of the neighborhood traffic calming plan for West Curtis Street.

BACKGROUND:

Residents of the West Curtis Street neighborhood submitted a petition requesting the City to investigate speeding issues along West Curtis Street. Traffic studies were conducted at various locations along the street, and results confirmed high speeds along West Curtis Street. Results met the criteria for traffic calming implementation.

The Traffic and Transportation Division held one (1) community meeting with residents of the West Curtis Street neighborhood to develop a traffic calming plan to address the speeding concerns of the neighborhood. With residents' input received at the meeting, a neighborhood traffic calming plan (Attachment 1) was developed and finalized.

Per the City's Traffic Calming Policy, the plan was taken to vote to determine support from residents. In June 2018, the neighborhood met the support vote requirement as prescribed in the City's Traffic Calming Policy. The City received ballots from 53% of all applicable households, with 92% of the returned ballots in favor of the proposed plan. The plan met the support requirements required by City's policy; therefore, staff is recommending implementation of the West Curtis Street Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

The proposed West Curtis Street Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan includes the installation of speed cushions. Speed cushions are vertical traffic calming devices and are similar to speed humps but are made of rubberized material. Speed cushions are designed to have minimal impact on Fire

Department response and are spaced to maintain a speed of approximately 25 mph, which corresponds to the speed limit on residential streets. The attached neighborhood traffic calming plan shows the approximate locations of the speed cushions. The proposed plan also includes the installation of striping on the curvature on West Curtis Street to narrow the travel lanes for vehicles, thereby inducing drivers to lower their speeds.

At its March 2, 2018 meeting, the City Council approved a resolution approving the 2018-19 Prioritization of Traffic Calming Projects outlining the first three projects to be considered for the current fiscal year. The West Curtis Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan is the last project from the previous year (2017- 18) traffic calming program.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The recommendation for of the Curtis Street Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its August 2018 meeting. The Commission voted 6-0 to recommend to the City Council the implementation of the neighborhood plan.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Staff has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1). The project consists of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of public streets involving no expansion of use. There would be no significant effect on the environment.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Traffic Calming Policy supports Council goals of a safe, livable community.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works Staff develop traffic calming plans and advise the Fire Department of tools recommended for the neighborhood. Speed cushions include spacing to reduce impacts to fire trucks. Public Works staff also coordinates with Library and Community Services Department's Neighborhood Services Coordinator during community meetings.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated cost of these improvements is \$60,000. There are sufficient funds in the Traffic Calming budget. This West Curtis Plan is the final project 9163 for the 2017-18 traffic calming program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Attachment 1: Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan