



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: **DECEMBER 14, 2017**

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

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TITLE: **RIKER STREET AND CAPISTRANO DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to recommend to the City Council the approval for implementation of Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood traffic calming plan supported by residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

The plan meets the support requirements of the traffic calming policy therefore; staff recommends the approval and implementation of the community traffic calming plan for the Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:

Residents of Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood submitted a petition requesting the City to investigate speeding issues on Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood. Traffic studies were conducted in various locations along these streets, and the results confirmed high speeds and on Riker Street only. Results meet the criteria for traffic calming implementation.

The City of Salinas Traffic and Transportation Division held two community meetings with residents of Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood to develop a traffic calming plan to address the traffic issues in the neighborhood. With residents' input received at these meeting, the traffic calming plan was developed and finalized.

Per the City's Traffic Calming Policy, the plan was taken to a vote to determine support from residents. In November 2017, the neighborhood met the support vote requirement as prescribed by the City's Traffic Calming Policy. The City received ballots from 69% of all applicable households, with 79% of the returned ballots in favor of the Plan. Staff is therefore recommending implementation of the Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood traffic calming plan.

The proposed Riker Street and Capistrano Drive neighborhood traffic calming plan includes the installation of striping (lane markings) on Riker St, to narrow the travel lanes for vehicles, thereby inducing drivers to lower their speeds. Additionally, the plan includes the installation of traffic circles along Riker Street. Traffic circles are speed-reducing tools placed at intersections to slow

vehicle speeds as well as provide an overall traffic calming effect along the entire corridor. The attached plan (Exhibit 1) shows the approximate location of the traffic circles and striping limits.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

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

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated cost of these improvements is \$200,000. There are sufficient funds available at this time to complete this work.

ATTACHMENTS:

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan (Exhibit 1)