



**CITY OF SALINAS**  
**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** JANUARY 10, 2019

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

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**TITLE:** CHAPARRAL STREET/MARYAL DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD  
TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion for the Traffic and Transportation Commission to recommend to the City Council the approval and implementation of the Chaparral Street/Maryal Drive Street Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend to City Council the approval and implementation of the Chaparral Street/Maryal Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Residents of the Chaparral Street and Maryal Drive neighborhood submitted a petition requesting the City to investigate speeding issues along Chaparral Street and Maryal Drive. Traffic studies were conducted at various locations along the street, and results confirmed high speeds along Chaparral Street and Maryal Drive. On March 20, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution 21354 which prioritized the Chaparral Street and Maryal Drive neighborhood as the first priority for fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Traffic and Transportation Division held two community meeting with residents of the Chaparral Street and Maryal Drive neighborhood to develop a traffic calming plan to address the speeding concerns of the neighborhood. With residents' input received at the meetings, a neighborhood traffic calming plan was developed and finalized.

Per the City's Traffic Calming Policy, the plan was taken to vote to determine support from residents. In December 2018, the neighborhood met the support vote requirement as prescribed the City's Traffic Calming Policy. The City received ballots from 59% of all applicable households, with 94% of the returned ballots in favor of the Plan. Staff is therefore recommending implementation of the Chaparral Street/Maryal Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

The proposed Chaparral Street/Maryal Drive 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 reduce impact on fire department response and are spaced to promote a speed of approximately 25 mph, which corresponds to the intended speed limit for residential streets. The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan (Attachment 2) shows the approximate locations of the speed cushions.

With Council approval, staff will complete the design of the traffic calming plan and proceed to construction.

#### 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 coordinate with the Salinas Fire Department on the recommendation of the Traffic Calming Plan. Staff also coordinates with the Salinas Police Department if traffic calming enforcement assistance is necessary.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated cost of these improvements is \$120,000. There are sufficient funds available at this time to complete this work.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan