



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: VILLA STREET NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to recommend to the City Council the approval and implementation of the Villa Street Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan supported by residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Villa 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 the Villa Street.

BACKGROUND:

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

The Traffic and Transportation Division held two (2) community meetings with residents of the Villa Street neighborhood to develop a Traffic Calming Plan to address the speeding concerns of the neighborhood. With residents' input received at these 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 February 2020, the neighborhood met the support vote requirement as prescribed the City's Traffic Calming Policy. The City received ballots from 58% of all applicable households, meeting the 50% return rate requirement. Of the ballots received 98% were in favor of the Plan, meeting the 67% in favor requirement. Staff is therefore recommending implementation of the Villa Street neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan.

The proposed Villa 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 lesser 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 plan (see Attachment 1) shows the approximate locations of the speed.

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 supports Council goal of Public Safety.

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 \$113,750. There are sufficient funds available at this time to complete this work.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Villa Street Traffic Calming Plan