



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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SUBJECT: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

Description: Request to adopt a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Background and Analysis:

City staff have developed a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to formalize the City's approach to addressing neighborhood traffic safety concerns and the procedures used by the Public Works Department. Several neighboring and comparable jurisdictions have established neighborhood traffic management frameworks similar to the proposed program, including the Cities of Hemet, Riverside, Redlands, and Anaheim.

Purpose

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program provides a consistent, transparent, and data-driven framework for evaluating neighborhood traffic safety concerns in compliance with State law and accepted engineering standards. The program balances neighborhood livability with safe mobility and emergency access, while the Speed Hump Policy establishes clear criteria and procedures for one of the City's most requested traffic calming measures, ensuring fairness, consistency, and public safety.

Key Benefits of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

- Establishes a consistent, Citywide process for addressing neighborhood traffic safety concerns
- Ensures compliance with the California Vehicle Code and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)
- Supports data-driven and defensible decision-making based on accepted engineering standards
- Improves transparency and consistency in how resident traffic concerns are evaluated and addressed
- Balances neighborhood livability with safe mobility, emergency access, and operational needs

- Provides a clear framework for coordination among residents, Public Works, law enforcement, and emergency services

Traffic Calming Measures

The program outlines a range of traffic calming measures that may be considered to address neighborhood concerns. These measures are evaluated based on objective engineering standards, State law, and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) to ensure consistency, safety, and legal compliance.

Potential measures include:

- Enforcement (in coordination with Beaumont Police Department or CHP)
- Traffic signs and pavement markings (speed limits)
- Stop signs
- Traffic signals and signal modifications
- Speed humps

Each traffic control device has specific warrants, criteria, and evaluation requirements established by the California Vehicle Code and CA MUTCD. The City cannot install traffic control measures unless these established standards are met. This ensures that solutions are data-driven, legally compliant, and consistently applied Citywide.

The Program emphasizes that traffic calming measures are selected based on documented conditions such as traffic volumes, prevailing speeds (85th percentile), collision history, roadway characteristics, and neighborhood context. Not all requests result in physical improvements; in some cases, education, enforcement, or monitoring may be the most appropriate response.

By clearly defining available measures and evaluation criteria, the Program provides transparency to residents while protecting public safety, emergency response access, and long-term roadway operations.

Speed Hump Policy

The Speed Hump Policy establishes clear, objective criteria and procedures for evaluating requests for speed humps. As speed humps can significantly affect emergency response times, street operations, and long-term maintenance, the policy ensures that requests are evaluated consistently, supported by data, and subject to City Council review to protect public safety and ensure equitable application Citywide.

Key Elements of the Speed Hump Policy Include:

- Defined street eligibility criteria, including street classification, width, grade, and speed limit

- Minimum neighborhood petition support requirements
- Required traffic studies and collision history review
- Coordination with Police and Fire Departments
- City Council approval prior to installation
- Ability for the City to modify or remove speed humps if conditions change

This first reading is intended to introduce the updated program, provide Council with an overview of the proposed framework, and allow for discussion and direction prior to adoption. Should Council desire, Staff can revise and bring back an item to adopt the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and Speed Hump Policy.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$360.

There is no fiscal impact associated with this staff report. All traffic calming measures associated with the implementation of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program will be funded through the Public Works operations budget or a separate Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Attachments:

- A. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program