

Policy 1.2.4 Traffic Calming

POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to assist in the implementation of policies contained in the Land Use and Transportation Element of the General Plan. The policy is designed to assist in the consideration and implementation of traffic calming measures and is based on evaluation of the benefits and issues associated with implementation of traffic calming measures.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City shall utilize a Stage 1 traffic calming program to address neighborhood traffic concerns as constrained by budgets. Stage 1 actions shall include meeting with neighborhood residents; performing speed, volume and other traffic studies; providing enforcement; deploying speed radar trailers; and reviewing roadway signing and striping and making modifications or additions as necessary.

The City shall utilize a Stage 2 traffic calming program involving a neighborhood involvement process. This process shall consist of the following:

- Stage 1 traffic calming actions as an initial response to the problem
- Determination of required findings prior to consideration of Stage 2 traffic calming devices. Required findings include 85th percentile speed greater than 32 miles per hour, 95th percentile speed greater than 35 miles per hour, or average daily traffic greater than 1,000 vehicles per day on residential streets not designed to serve traffic entering or leaving a neighborhood (collector streets).
- Petitioning of residents to determine neighborhood support for Stage 2 traffic calming device installation
- Reporting to Council a description of the possible actions, the likely cost, potential impacts and a complete summary of the petition process and results
- Determination by Council whether to undertake Stage 2 study
- Development of neighborhood consensus on a Stage 2 traffic calming program proposal, balloting of affected residences and businesses, and determination of majority support to continue with consideration.
- City Council consideration of Stage 2 traffic calming program proposals with majority resident and business support.

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Lead Department: Department of Public Works