

LOCATION: Citywide

REQUEST: 2020-2022 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Annual Report and the 2023 Work Plan

INITIATED BY: Staff

ISSUES:

- 1) Should the 2020-2022 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Annual Report and 2023 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Work Plan be recommended for approval and forwarded to the City Council?

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Staff recommends that the Mobility Commission recommend approval of the 2020-2022 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program annual report and the 2023 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Work Plan and be forwarded to the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, which was originally adopted by City Council on January 13, 2004, requires that the list of streets requesting traffic calming be updated each year and that a traffic calming program status report be prepared. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the 2020, 2021, and 2022 traffic calming work plans were postponed. The previous 2019 traffic calming work plan, approved by the City Council, was on January 8, 2019.

The following Phase 1, 2, and 3 traffic calming streets were completed from the approved 2019 NTMP work plan:

1. Lois Street, between King Street and Boulevard Drive (Phase 1)
2. Severin Drive, between Manor Drive and the north City Limit (Phase 1)
3. El Paso Street, between Cowles Mountain Drive and Kimberly Drive (Phase 1)
4. Olive Avenue, between Normal Avenue and Muriel Place (Phase 2)
5. Howell Drive, between Gregory Street and Earl Street (Phase 3)
6. Stanford Avenue, between 70th Street and Pomona Avenue (Phase 3)

Also at the January 8, 2019 meeting, the City Council approved the following updates to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Policy:

1. Revise the Council approval process to reflect the annual report as the primary approval mechanism, except for large construction (Phase 3) items.
2. Council approval for construction (Phase 3) items to only be required if construction exceeds \$25,000 for an individual street and retain the step/process of Traffic Commission approval for Phase 3 construction items less than \$25,000, which is appealable to Council
3. Add a Fire Emergency Route Map requirement to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program process in-lieu of individual street approval memos from

- the Fire Chief
4. Add Sacramento Drive to the 2019 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Work Plan
 5. NTMP request prioritization shall limit the implementation of Phases 2 and 3 to Quadrant 1, unless all of the Quadrant 1 projects are completed and that ranks segments within all quadrants by the date of the request.
 6. Consolidate Phases 2 and 3 of the NTMP to be design/approval and construction respectively.
 7. Remove the second neighborhood petition from Phase 2 and use the post Phase 1 speed and volume study as the qualifier, unless it has been more than 2 years from the date of the original petition.
 8. Prohibit traffic calming on arterial classified streets.
 9. Include any adjacent streets in ballot voting when speed humps are selected at a given location and access does not permit an alternate ingress/egress without driving over the speed humps; the polling limits for speed hump installations shall be determined by the City Engineer.
 10. Quadrant IV streets shall not receive Phase 2 or Phase 3 Traffic calming measures, unless special circumstances are found to exist in the opinion of the City Engineer

DISCUSSION:

Annual Traffic Management Report and Policy

In 2020-2022, staff updated the NTMP policy, incorporating previously approved 2019 Council meeting changes, into the document. Using the updated policy, staff would like to provide a progress update as well as propose the Work Plan for 2023 based on the requests that have been received from the community during the past three years. Although these are summarized in Attachment A, the following discussions provide highlights of the progress and updates at each step of the evaluation and implementation process. The terminology in this report reflects the titles of the proposed revised phase descriptions.

Requests, Petitions, and Ranking for Traffic Calming:

Nineteen (19) completed petitions were received for Traffic Calming in the past three years, which are shown in Attachment A. Data has been collected for most of these locations and they have been ranked using the current policy.

Traffic Calming Projects in Phase 1 (Initial Measures):

Phase 1 measures typically consist of installation of signs and striping. However, vertical elements are considered and installed if applicable.

For 2023, three new street segments (Garfield Drive, Henderson Drive, and Lemon between Garfield and Wood) are proposed to have Phase 1 Traffic Calming installed, which are high ranking streets without Phase 1 Traffic Calming.

Traffic Calming Projects in Phase 2 (Design and Approval):

Phase 2 measures typically consist of meeting with the neighborhood, designing, and obtaining

consensus for permanent traffic calming elements.

For 2022-2023, two streets are proposed for the design and approval phase, El Paso Street (Between Lake Murray and Amarillo Avenue) and Highwood Ave (Between Eastridge Drive and Cinthia Street). The El Paso Street segment was previously approved for phase 2 design in 2019, but unfortunately was postponed due to the Covid Pandemic.

Traffic Calming Projects in Phase 3 (Construction):

Phase 3 is the construction of traffic calming elements designed and approved in Phase 2.

For 2022-2023, There is one street that has completed Phase 2 design and received neighborhood approval (voting).

Olive Avenue (Between Normal Avenue and Muriel Place) – The City has met with the neighborhood and developed a final Traffic Calming design (Phase 2) based on the consensus expressed at the meeting. The design includes a speed hump and has received final neighborhood approval. Costs for Phase 3 improvements along the Olive Segment are estimated at around \$20,000. This segment is ready for Phase III construction, pending the approval of Mobility Commission and City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the following:

1. Approve the 2022 ranked list of streets requesting traffic calming.
2. Approve the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program annual report and 2022-2023 work plan, which would support the following items:
 - A. Begin Phase 3 construction on Olive Avenue between Normal Avenue and Muriel Place.
 - B. Begin Phase 2 design on Highwood Avenue between Eastridge Drive and Cinthia Street.
 - C. Begin Phase 2 design on El Paso Street between Lake Murray Blvd and Amarillo Avenue.
 - D. Implement Phase 1 traffic calming measures for Garfield Drive, Henderson Drive, and Lemon Avenue between Garfield and Wood.

Attachments: A. 2023 Ranked "Matrix" List of Streets