



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 07/03/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Interim Public Works Director 568-3010  
Director  
Contact Info: Dace B. Morgan, Interim Deputy Director–Transportation 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Updated Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy, All Supervisorial Districts.

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That your Board approve revisions to the current Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy (TMP) for use throughout the County.

**Summary Text:**

On April 8, 1997 your Board approved and adopted a Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy which the County Public Works staff has used to determine where and if certain areas of roadways qualify for the installation of traffic calming improvements. The main objective and purpose of this policy is to give staff proactive ways to address the many contacts from the community requesting to slow down traffic near residences and schools.

During the past 10 years the County has experienced many changes to our roadway systems. Some of these changes involve pedestrian and bicycle improvements such as crosswalks, bikelanes and signage. In some situations, motorists will cut through into neighborhood roads rather than drive on the main arterial roads designed for the use of the majority of traffic. The Department often receives requests for traffic calming measures on these residential streets. Often the streets do not meet the speed and vehicular volumes required by the current policy for the installation of traffic calming measures. The County also does not have the ability to fund all of the desired traffic calming improvements. The revised policy allows for the installation of traffic calming measures when all of the criteria are met, with the exception of speed and traffic volumes, provided the residents fully fund the Traffic Calming measures.

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**Background:**

On September 3, 1996 the Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy (TMP) was brought before the Traffic Engineering Committee (TEC) for their review. The policy was based on extensive studies by other pilot cities and counties throughout the United States. The members voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy. This amended policy was not reviewed by the TEC because the changes are not safety related and all other technical provisions are still required to be met.

The Neighborhood TMP provides the Department of Public Works with the necessary guidelines for the installation of various traffic calming methods in residential neighborhood areas experiencing speeding motorists. In addition to informing the public on various traffic calming methods, the policy also serves as a written clarification of how limited public funds are and therefore judiciously spent.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Budgeted: N/A

**Special Instructions:** Please provide a certified, stamped copy of the minute order approving the recommendation for pick up to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section.

**Attachments:**#1: Updated Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy

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