



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No. _____**

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Update on Public Outreach Related to Speed Humps along Astor Avenue

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to receive and file update on the public outreach related to speed humps along Astor Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

Vehicular speeding along Astor Avenue has been a subject of concern for several years for some residents who live on Astor Avenue. In early April 2018, per Council direction, temporary speed humps were installed along Astor Avenue, from Hepworth Avenue to Como Street. The goal of the speed hump project was to reduce vehicular speeds and to promote traffic calming along Astor Avenue. The speed humps were part of a 3-month “pilot program” to gauge the performance of these speed humps and to allow the community to witness and experience the effectiveness of these speed humps.

ANALYSIS

Upon the end of the “pilot program” period, the City staff sent out a Community Survey (*see Attachment 1*) to get residents’ opinions, thoughts, and concerns. The survey was distributed to all the residents along and within the vicinity of Astor Avenue (in the Bandini neighborhood) bordering the streets of Astor Avenue, Atlantic Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, and Hepworth Avenue.

The survey question options were as below:

- Make the existing temporary speed humps permanent
- Remove all the temporary speed humps and return the street back to its original condition
- Any other actions specified by the survey taker

Staff mailed the survey to all the residents living in the aforementioned streets in late August 2018 with an initial deadline of September 7, 2018 that was extended to September 14, 2018. Of the 300 surveys, twenty-six (26) households answered the mail-in survey. The summary of results is shown in Attachment 2.

The results from survey activity produced the following results, also shown in Attachment 2:

- 22 responded “Make the existing temporary speed humps permanent”
→ 85% of respondents
- 4 responded “Remove all the temporary speed humps and return the street back to its original condition”
→ 15% of respondents
- 0 responded “other action”

City staff carefully tabulated and assessed these results and is shown comprehensively in Attachment 2.

Per the Policy guidelines, consent of the residents fronting the speed humps is required. However, the Policy also provides for the Council to determine the best course of action as deemed appropriate.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approves staff Recommendation
2. Reject staff Recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact at this time. City staff is requesting direction for the next course of action.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item relates to Council’s 2016 Strategic Action Plan’s:

Community Quality of Life

- Guiding Principle 4 to “support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities.”

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Approved as to form by: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Astor Avenue Speed Hump Community Survey
2. Astor Avenue Speed Hump Community Survey Results