



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

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

FROM: City Administrator

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

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Council to receive and file update on the Public Outreach related to Speed Humps along Astor Avenue and to provide direction for future steps as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

The issue of speeding along Astor Avenue has been a subject of concern for several years for some residents who live on Astor Avenue. In 2014, a traffic study was completed and as a result some traffic calming measures were implemented. Some of the residents still believe that these measures are not adequate and asked that speed humps be placed along Astor Avenue. Placement of Speed humps brings about other unexpected impacts. Accordingly, a Speed Hump Policy was drafted and approved by Council in order to systematically address the impacts. Furthermore, Council held two community meetings in the area in June 2017 and November 2017. After the November 2017 meeting, Public Works staff planned to begin a "Pilot Program" to install speed humps along Astor Ave. between Hepworth Ave. to Como St.

In doing so, three (3) preliminary locations were determined to place these speed humps. As part of this Pilot Program, staff from PWDS and Community Services began the public outreach. In the first phase, the outreach targeted the homes fronting the speed humps, as those homes would be most affected by the humps. The intent was to get their consent and support to have these humps installed in front of their homes.

Moreover, several "back-up" locations were also determined for the installation of these speed humps, in case the residents near the originally planned 3 locations decided not want to have the speed humps installed in front of their homes.

Seung Yang from PW&DS Dept. personally visited with all these residents on four (4) separate occasions: 11/18/2017 (Saturday), 12/02/2017 (Saturday), 12/09/2017 (Saturday), and 12/15/2017 (Friday):

- During the first visit on Saturday 11/18/2017, residents living on 4857, 4859, and 4856 Astor Ave. were in favor of having speed humps in front of their houses. However, residents living at 4951, 4953, and 5139 Astor Ave. were against speed humps in front of their houses. Residents living on 5139 Astor Ave. and 2113 Cowlin Ave. were ambivalent, and did not choose one side or the other.
- During the second visit on Saturday 12/02/2017, staff came up with back-up locations at 4947, 4949, and 4944 Astor Ave. The residents there were also ambivalent. Staff also had other back-up locations up the street at 5041, 5043, and 5044 Astor Ave. The residents living at these addresses were against having speed humps at all on Astor Ave.
- During the third visit on Saturday 12/09/2017, staff questioned the ambivalent residents to get a definitive answer. During this time, half the residents said “yes” and the other half “no.”
- On the fourth visit on Friday 12/15/2017, staff again re-visited the undecided residents at 4947, 4949, and 4944 Astor Ave. And once again, the residents were undecided and wanted more time to think it over.

ANALYSIS

At this time, only two areas have confirmed “yes’s” for speed humps. One near 4859 Astor Ave. and the other near the Teen Center. Those who said “yes” filled out forms confirming their approval.

In order to be effective, speed humps need to be placed with some interval regularity. As such, placement of speed humps along these two locations which are quite far apart will most likely not be very effective in bringing traffic calming along Astor Avenue. 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 action as it sees fit.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no Fiscal Impacts at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is applicable to the following Council's strategic goal:
"Improve and maintain infrastructure and beautify our community" as identified in the
2012 Strategic Plan.

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Astor Avenue