



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No. _____

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Removal of Traffic Calming Street Markings along Triggs Street

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the removal of the existing traffic calming street markings along Triggs Street, except for the yellow centerline, from Marianna Avenue to McDonnell Avenue, as recommended by the Traffic Commission.

BACKGROUND:

In an effort to curb perceived speeding along Triggs Street, Staff proposed the implementation of traffic calming measures that consisted of a yellow centerline to delineate opposite flow of traffic and white edgelines at both sides of the street to give the impression that the street is narrower, thereby reducing overall traffic speeds.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2016, the Traffic Commission approved the installation of traffic calming street markings along Triggs Street between Marianna Avenue and McDonnell Avenue.

A request was submitted to Staff from Mayor Pro-Tem John Soria requesting that Staff consider the removal of the traffic calming street marking in the interest of the Bristow community. Staff considered the request and determined that the request comports with engineering judgment, and that this action does not adversely affect pedestrian and traffic safety in the surrounding area.

ANALYSIS:

In 2016, Staff made several investigations and analyses along Triggs Street to help curb perceived speeding. During this time, suggestions and opinions from various members of the community and from the City Council were considered as possible options, which included the following: speed humps, STOP sign installation, more traffic enforcement, and traffic calming measures.

Staff met with the community and proposed traffic calming measures that consisted of implementing a yellow centerline and white edgelines along Triggs Street from Marianna Avenue to McDonnell Avenue that have produced positive results in other communities besides Commerce.

The Traffic Commission approved this traffic calming measure on November 9, 2016 based on the report and analysis developed by Staff (*see Attachment 1*).

However, in the interest and future benefit to the Bristow neighborhood, it is being recommended that the white edgeline traffic calming markings along Triggs Street be removed, with the exception of the yellow centerline which is to remain. The removal of these traffic calming markings would return the street to much of its original state, thereby bringing greater clarity to drivers who may be unfamiliar with such markings. By doing so, it would contribute to the betterment of the community.

In terms of traffic and pedestrian safety, no adverse affect is expected by removing these traffic calming street markings, since safety was not affected during the time when these markings were not in existence before 2016.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on August 8, 2018, the Traffic Commission recommended the removal of the white edgelines, but kept in place the existing yellow centerline, along Triggs Street from Marianna Avenue to McDonnell Avenue.

Per CVC section 21459, local authorities are authorized to place and maintain upon highways distinctive roadway markings.

Per CMC section 10.20.050, the City Administrator has the authority to mark center lines and lane lines upon the surface of the roadway.

Per CMC section 10.20.060, the City Administrator has the authority to place and maintain distinctive roadway markings as described in the CVC.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Reject staff recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

For the removal of the traffic calming white edgelines, a lump sum amount of \$6,000 to \$10,000 is estimated that includes both labor and material costs. Options include sandblasting the existing white edgelines or slurry sealing the street surface and then later re-installing the yellow centerline. Funds from either Measure AA or from the Public Works Operations budget will be used to pay for these costs.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

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

Community Quality of Life

Per 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.”

ATTACHMENT:

- Traffic Commission Staff Report from November 9, 2016

Approved by: Maryam Babaki, P.E., Public Works & Development Services Director

Fiscal Impact reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Director of Finance

Approved as to form by: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator