



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: March 2, 2020
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Submitting Department: Public Works
Item Type: Legislative
Agenda Section:

SUBJECT

Traffic Calming - 4500 Block Emerson Street

HCC-231-FY20

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the petition for traffic calming on the 4500 Block of Emerson Street.

Sponsor(s):

At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s):

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

In October, the City received a petition for traffic calming devices for the 4500 block of Emerson Street. The petition was validated by the City Clerk's office to meet the required 60% signature threshold. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020, where they heard from a resident in support of the traffic calming. Staff conducted a traffic study of the location and determined that approximately 1% of the vehicles (out of 3,976 over 10 days) were traveling a speed that would have resulted in an enforceable citation. Additionally, police data does not show any citations or accidents over the past 3 years. Staff performed several site visits to help determine if traffic calming device(s) are in the interests of best traffic engineering practices and public safety.

Upon review of the existing data and public testimony, staff has determined that while speed is not an issue on Emerson Street, there is a very high volume of traffic. Staff supports the approval and installation of traffic calming measures on Emerson Street as an appropriate means of mitigation for the high traffic volume.

Next Steps:

Per City Code, the Mayor & Council will announce their decision to approve, approve with modifications, or deny the requested traffic calming device within fifteen (15) days of the close of the hearing, unless, due to extraordinary circumstances, the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the City Council. In accordance with this provision, the Council is scheduled to take action on these petitions on March 2, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

<\$10,000

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend Approval of a traffic calming device to reduce speed and mitigate volume.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 – Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A