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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-51**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CITY OF ALBANY TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany adopted a Traffic Calming Policy in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, this Traffic Calming Policy was last updated in 2015; and


**WHEREAS**, this Traffic Calming Policy has guided the eligibility of locations and implementation of traffic calming measures in Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Commission has evaluated the existing Policy, received public comment, and made recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Commission recommendations include changing from eighty-fifth percentile speed and vehicle volume thresholds to a prioritization based upon number of average weekday daily traffic traveling faster than the speed limit; and

**WHEREAS**, this change is intended to better prioritize traffic calming requests based upon injury risk associated with speeding motor vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council hereby adopts the updated Albany Traffic Calming Policy and Petition Process (incorporated by reference as Exhibit A).

  
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GE'NELL GARY, MBA – MAYOR

**Attachments:**  
Exhibit A – Albany Traffic Calming Policy and Petition Process



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## RESOLUTION NO. 2021-51

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 21st day of June, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Jordan, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Gary

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

22nd day of June, 2021.

Anne Hsu  
CITY CLERK

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## TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY



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# TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY AND PETITION PROCESS<sup>1</sup>

Updated on June 21, 2021.

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<b>STEP 1 - Initial Step – Resident Request</b>	
	<p>Request for speed treatment must be made in writing to staff by a resident of the street and block in question.</p> <p>Staff explains the range of traffic calming options available, including soft treatments (striping), common issues with traffic calming measures, and the evaluation process.</p> <p>Staff confirms traffic calming treatments have not been installed on the subject block within the previous five years.</p>
<b>STEP 2 - Street Geometry and Physical Conditions necessary for consideration (Does the street meet these standards?)</b>	
	<p>Street (block) should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be residential with a speed limit of 25 mph or less</li><li>• Be at least 300' in length</li><li>• Not be a bus route</li><li>• Not be identified as a Major Arterial in the Albany General Plan nor a Truck Route in the Albany Municipal Code</li><li>• The street grade (slope) does not exceed eight percent (8%), per Institute of Transportation Engineers guidelines</li></ul> <p>Special circumstances: Engineering judgment may supersede specific criteria in this policy if there is a documented collision pattern.</p>
<b>STEP 3 – If the street (block) meets the physical conditions in Step 2, a traffic survey will be conducted by the City.</b>	
	<p>Speeding Vehicle Volume: The block will receive a project prioritization based upon the average weekday daily volume of vehicles traveling over the speed limit as measured by the city traffic survey.</p>

<sup>1</sup> For projects not listed in the Traffic Management Plan

**STEP 4 – Notification to Resident(s) and Transportation Commission**

At this stage the resident(s) will be notified of the speeding vehicle volume measured and the Transportation Commission will be presented with the new traffic survey information along with an updated project prioritization list and list of projects ready for delivery. The Commission can recommend additional projects for design at this point as appropriate.

**STEP 5 – Neighborhood Petition Process and Project Design**

The design intent is to reduce the number of speeding vehicles. Speed treatments shall not punish motorists traveling at or below the speed limit.

When Transportation Commission recommends a block for project design:

- Staff will develop a design recommendation and coordinate with resident(s) for review by neighbors of the block
- Resident(s) who initiated the process, or a block representative, must circulate a neighborhood petition (petition forms available through City staff)
- Approval of at least 67% of the block residents is required for installation of traffic calming measures(s)

**STEP 6 – Design Review by Transportation Commission**

- Petition is verified by Staff to have 67% approval
- Project design is brought before the Transportation Commission for review
- Transportation Commission may recommend the project for inclusion on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project List and is ready for project delivery at this point

**STEP 7 – Implementation**

- City installs traffic calming measure(s) based on available capacity and funding
- The City may remove any traffic calming measure if the City determines that the measure is inefficient or causing significant traffic diversion to parallel roadways