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City Manager's Report
November 13, 2018, City Council Meeting
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Item #: 15.1



Subject: Review proposed Traffic Calming Policy and Resource Manual and authorize staff to proceed with the document.

Purpose: To review proposed Traffic Calming Policy Manual and to continue with preparation for Council consideration.

Background:

On September 11, 2018 Council asked staff to review the current speed bump policy and consider changes to bring it up to date. Staff has reviewed the policy and looked at other options that are used. Based on staffs review, a draft document has been prepared.

Discussion:

Speed bumps can be an effective tool to slow or calm traffic. However they can also be controversial and not supported by many. For example public safety departments generally do not support speed bumps because they can slow response times and they are hard on equipment. In speaking to Fire Chief Michael Hardy, his concern is the potential damage to heavy vehicles going over speed bumps. There are also options that have been created including speed humps or speed tables, and one of the newest recommendations which is speed lumps. Speed lumps are similar to speed humps but have tire lanes based on the wheel width of emergency vehicles. Along with speed bumps, staff has reviewed several other options that are used for traffic calming. Our current bulb-outs on Main Street are examples of a traffic calming device.

Staff reviewed a manual designed for the City of San Clemente. The policy was reviewed by public works, engineering, planning and administration. Based on our reviews we felt this provides the best options to the City to appropriately calm traffic. This document is in rough draft form at this time but before we proceed, we wanted to make sure the Council was in agreement with the concept. If there are no major issues, staff will continue to develop the manual and bring it back for Council adoption.


Options:

1. Direct staff to proceed as outlined.
2. Provide staff with direction how to proceed.
3. Direct staff to proceed with a different policy.

Cost: Minimal cost to prepare manual and policy.

Budget Impact: None.

Recommendation: Review proposed Traffic Calming Policy and Resource Manual and authorize staff to proceed with the document.



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Attachments:

- 1. Draft Resource Manual*
- 2. Existing Policy*