

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2009 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Permanent Traffic Calming Improvements: Blodgett Avenue, from Maple Avenue to 55 th Street	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Naneil R. Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to note receipt of the Transportation and Parking (TaP) Commission recommendation regarding the installation of permanent traffic calming devices on Blodgett Avenue, between Maple Avenue and 55th Street.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2008-2013 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Top Quality Core Services Responsive to Current and Future Community and Citizen Needs*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the November 10, 2009 workshop. Staff recommends the Village Council notes receipt of this item and takes no further action at the November 17, 2009 active agenda. Further action can be considered when funding for traffic calming improvements is available.

BACKGROUND

A neighborhood petition was submitted in June, 2008 by residents on Blodgett Avenue between Maple and 55th Street requesting the Village address speeding and traffic volume along Blodgett, particularly before and after school hours. In accordance with the Village's traffic calming policy, a study was completed and temporary speed cushions were deployed to assess their effectiveness. Prior to the installation of the temporary speed humps the average daily traffic count along this half-mile section of Blodgett Avenue was 1,040 vehicles at an average speed of 33.3 miles/hour. After installation the average daily traffic counts were 705 vehicles at an average speed of 24.4 miles/hour. The temporary speed humps diverted traffic to alternate routes and also significantly reduced vehicle speeds. Staff prepared preliminary plans for permanent speed humps at Blodgett Avenue.

TaP considered the petition at the August 12 and September 9, 2009 meetings and unanimously recommended approval the design and construction of five permanent speed humps along Blodgett Avenue when funding is available. They also requested that staff include a traffic circle at the Blodgett/Randall/Elmwood intersection as a possible future project.

The FY09 budget includes \$100,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund for traffic calming projects. The Claremont Drive traffic calming project, completed in 2009, was the Village's first significant traffic calming project and cost approximately \$68,000. It is estimated that a comparable project on this half-mile section of Blodgett Avenue would cost approximately the same amount. Funding is currently not included in FY10 for traffic calming projects, thus staff recommends no further action be taken regarding this item at this time.

Staff will continue to work with the residents along Blodgett Avenue to address concerns about speeding. This street has been identified as a high priority location for installation of temporary radar, driver feedback signs. If these signs are found to be effective, staff will review the possibility of installing these on a longer term basis as well as other, less costly traffic calming measures.

ATTACHMENT

Motion

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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Public Works DATE: November 17, 2009
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: TaP Commission FILE REF: _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

Motion to accept receipt of the Transportation and Parking Commission's recommendation regarding the installation of permanent traffic calming devices on Blodgett Avenue, between Maple Avenue and 55th Street.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of this motion accepts receipt of the Transportation and Parking Commission's recommendation regarding the installation of permanent traffic calming devices on Blodgett Avenue, between Maple Avenue and 55th Street.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:
