

Whereas, The City is undertaking a project to upgrade the water mains and resurface the pavement on South Seventh Street and Greenview Drive south of Scio Church;

Whereas, The project provides an opportunity to improve the experience of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers on these streets;

Whereas, Residents in the project area have expressed a strong concern that the unusually large width of the street creates an environment where speeding cars are observed regularly;

Whereas, Residents on the adjacent block of South Seventh Street requested traffic calming in 2005;

Whereas, Seventh Street is an important Safe Routes to School corridor leading to Lawton Elementary, Pioneer High School, Bach Elementary, Slauson Middle School, and Ann Arbor Open;

Whereas, The Comprehensive Transportation Plan identifies South Seventh between Scio Church and Meadowbrook Park as a proposed part of its All Ages All Abilities network of bike routes, recommending design features that encourage safe speeds, like those in the city's Traffic Calming Program;

Whereas, The process by which the proposed roadway design changes were created did not prioritize speed management because the City's Traffic Calming process is currently a neighborhood-initiated process;

Whereas, The Transportation Commission has established a subcommittee to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's current Traffic Calming Program processes, in part, to look for opportunities to more effectively and efficiently incorporate speed management work into all City road projects,

Whereas, At the request of the Transportation Commission, the City collected data on traffic speed and volume on South Seventh Street in the project area and found that 60 percent of drivers exceeded the 25mph speed limit; and

Whereas, It is acknowledged that executing this resolution could push the project back by one year to allow for this redesign and public engagement to occur;

RESOLVED, City Council directs the City Administrator to develop new designs for South Seventh between Scio Church and Delaware that narrow the road using speed management tools such as, but not limited to, chicanes, pinch points, and/or mini roundabouts to slow traffic to safe neighborhood speeds, and then integrate an appropriate all ages and abilities bike route for a neighborhood street; and

RESOLVED, Additional public engagement shall be conducted to present the new designs to the public for feedback, then the designs will go to the Transportation Commission, then to City Council if necessary.