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Resolution to Adopt the updated Traffic Calming Program

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The City of Ann Arbor Traffic Calming Program began in December 1999 and has been updated over the past twenty years. Traffic calming is intended to reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. The City of Ann Arbor's resident request-based Traffic Calming Program allows City staff to partner with the community to design safe streets for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

The program outlined in the attached resolution will replace the existing Traffic Calming Program. The intent of the Program update is to incorporate feedback from residents, City Council, the Transportation Commission and staff observation to bring the Program in line with contemporary best practices in traffic calming and public engagement.

The updated Traffic Calming Program includes five focus areas: an updated public engagement process (Attachment A); updated objectives (Attachment B); updated qualification criteria (Attachment C); updated toolbox of treatments (Attachment D); and other miscellaneous updates (Attachment E).

The updated Traffic Calming Program was developed after careful consideration of several factors. Industry best practices, staff observations, past project area feedback, and peer community review all went into the draft update. Additionally, consideration was given to the 2016 Report to City Council on Traffic Calming as well as the 2018 Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations. Community Input was also sought online through an the A2 Open City Hall survey (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/Pages/opencityhall.aspx>) as well as an open house held on June 20, 2018. The public comments from the open house and A2 Open City Hall topic are included in the Traffic Calming Program Update Public Engagement Summary (Attachment F). Lastly, staff worked closely with the Transportation Commission's Traffic Calming Task Force over four meetings in July and August to finalize the Traffic Calming Program revisions and work through details and next steps (Attachment G).

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Whereas, The City's Traffic Calming Program has been in place since December 1999, and has not been substantially revised since 2006;

Whereas, Throughout the Traffic Calming Program's history, 46 project areas did not qualify for traffic calming and there is a desire to allow greater flexibility in the qualification criteria;

Whereas, The updated Traffic Calming Program was developed with consideration given to industry best practices, staff observations, past project area feedback, peer community review, the 2016 Traffic Calming Report to City Council, the 2018 Speed Reduction Committee Recommendations, and additional community input;

Whereas, the Transportation Commission formed a Traffic Calming Task Force and this Task Force worked with staff to make revisions to the Traffic Calming Program.

RESOLVED, That City Council approves the updated Traffic Calming Program as identified in Attachments A-E;

RESOLVED, That City Council rescinds all previous resolutions pertaining to the Traffic Calming Program;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

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