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Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Gladstone Avenue Attached for your approval is a resolution for the installation of a traffic calming device on Gladstone Avenue (Packard to Independence). The construction is expected to take place in the 2009 construction season by the City's contractor for the 2009 Annual Local Street Resurfacing project. The project construction cost will be paid from the approved FY10 Project Management Local Street, Traffic Calming Budget.

The residents of Gladstone Avenue have been surveyed and support the attached proposed traffic calming plan for their neighborhood. The Gladstone Avenue traffic calming project began with the residents' petition received on October 26, 2007. After the initial evaluation and completion of the required speed study, the traffic calming public meetings were scheduled using the established process. All meetings were held on site and included walking the study street. Gladstone Avenue's meetings were held on August 6 and September 10, 2008.

The adopted program allowed us to send a questionnaire to each address in the project area to determine their concerns, location of those concerns, and preferred traffic calming devices, among other information. This information proved useful in allowing us to attend the first meeting with a draft plan based on feedback from the residents. We walked the project limits and discussed the draft plan, making adjustments to be reviewed at the second meeting. At the second meeting, we shared the revised draft plan, had the devices painted on the street for visual review, and walked the project limits and discussed the revised draft plan, allowing for modification as necessary.

The draft plan from the second meeting was mailed to the residents in the project area. Each household was surveyed if they support the plan as shown, or allowed to indicate device-by-device which portions of the plan they supported.

The project passed the first criteria requiring 60% of the homeowners to respond. However, the draft plan did not receive the 60% support of all the responses. For the second time ever, based on the input from the postcard survey, staff utilized an option in the program to determine if a revised plan emerged and, using that information, the Gladstone Avenue residents were re-surveyed offering a revised final draft plan. The final results are as follows:

55	No. Valid Addresses in Project Area
45	No. Homeowner Residents

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32	No. Homeowner Residents Responding
71%	Percent Homeowner Residents Responding
27	No. Surveys Supporting Final Plan as Shown
36	No. Survey Responses Received
75%	Percent of Surveys Rec'd Supporting Plan as Shown

^{*}to pass, both criteria must receive 60% or higher

The project passed the survey stage. The traffic calming plan for Gladstone Avenue includes one (1) raised intersection at Independence with one raised crosswalk as shown in the attached final consensus plan. The construction of the traffic calming devices is planned for the 2009 construction season.

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Reviewed by: Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator

Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The residents of Gladstone Avenue petitioned for traffic calming devices on their street;

Whereas, The survey results support the proposed traffic calming plans;

Whereas, The total estimated construction cost for the traffic calming devices is \$9,350.00; and

Whereas, Funding for the construction of the traffic calming project is included in the approved FY10 Project Management Local Street, Traffic Calming budget;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the installation of the traffic calming devices on Gladstone Avenue; and

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