

Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Granger Avenue (Packard Street to State Street) (\$198,000.00) and to Appropriate \$110,000.00 from the County Mental Health Millage Fund Balance (8 Votes Required)

Attached for your consideration is a resolution for the installation of traffic calming devices on Granger Avenue (Packard Street to State Street) Area to appropriate funds from the Country Mental Health Millage Fund Balance. The construction is expected to take place during the Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 construction season by the City of Ann Arbor's contractor for the 2023 Annual Local Street Resurfacing project, and to be paid for from the approved Traffic Calming Budget. The traffic calming plan includes one (1) raised intersection, two (2) raised crosswalks, and one (1) speed table as shown on the attached final plan.

The residents and property owners of Granger Avenue have been surveyed and support the attached proposed traffic calming plan for their neighborhood (based on the level of support required for the program). The Granger Avenue traffic calming project began with the residents' petition received in October 2019. After the initial evaluation and completion of the speed study, the traffic calming public meetings were scheduled using the established traffic calming process. All meetings were held virtually on Zoom and included self-guided walking a portion of the study street. Meetings were held on December 7, 2022, and February 8, 2023.

The adopted program allowed staff to send an initial questionnaire to each address in the project area to determine their concerns and location of those concerns, among other information. This information was used to prepare starter concepts for the first meeting. Staff and the residents discussed neighborhood interests and concerns, worked through an exercise with initial concepts, and refined concepts to be reviewed at the second meeting. In advance of the second meeting, staff painted the device locations on the street and established a self-guided walking tour of the project limits including signs describing the different devices. At the second meeting, staff shared the revised plan and discussed it with the neighborhood to determine preferences.

The final plan from the second meeting was mailed to the residents in the project area. Each household was surveyed if they support the plan. The project passed the criteria requiring 50% of the responses support the plan.

The results are as follows:

- 86 No. of valid addresses in project area
- 18 No. of surveys supporting all or part of the final plan as shown
- 24 No. of survey responses received
- 75%* Percent of surveys received supporting all or part of the plan as shown

* must receive 50% or higher.

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<u>Budget and Fiscal Impact</u>: Funding for this project is partially available in the approved FY24 County Mental Health Millage Fund Operations and Maintenance Budget, the remaining balance is available in County Mental Health Millage Fund Balance.

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Approved by: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator

Whereas, The residents of Granger Avenue (Packard Street to State Street) petitioned for traffic calming devices on their street;

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

Whereas, The Transportation Commission recommended approval of the Granger Avenue (Packard Street to State Street) traffic calming devices on May 17, 2023;

Whereas, The total estimated construction cost for the traffic calming devices is estimated to be \$198,000.00; and

Whereas, Funding for the construction of the traffic calming project is included in the approved FY23 and FY24 Engineering Local Street, Traffic Calming budget;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the installation of the traffic calming devices on Granger Avenue (Packard Street to State Street);

RESOLVED, That \$110,000.00 be appropriated from the County Mental Health Millage Fund Balance thereby increasing the fund's FY 24 Operations and Maintenance revenue and expense budgets; and

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