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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE  
CITY OF ALBANY TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany adopted a Traffic Calming Policy in 2007; and


**WHEREAS**, this Traffic Calming Policy has guided the eligibility of locations and implementation of traffic calming measures in Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Safety Commission has evaluated the existing Policy, received public comment, and made recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Safety Commission recommendations include adding another threshold for blocks with 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed that measure between 28-30 mph and offer soft treatments as traffic calming for those blocks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Safety Commission recommendations also include adding the option of implementing soft treatments as traffic calming for blocks that qualify for vertical deflections or “hard” treatments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council hereby adopts the Updates to the Albany Traffic Calming Policy (incorporated by reference as Exhibit A), effective January 20, 2015.

  
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PETER MAASS, MAYOR

**Draft for Traffic and Safety Commission Review-December, 2014**

**TRAFFIC CALMING WARRANT CRITERIA<sup>1</sup>  
AND PROCESS**

**CITY OF ALBANY**

<b>STEP 1 - Initial Step – Resident Request</b>	
	<p>Request for speed treatment must be made in writing to staff by a resident of the street and block in question.</p> <p>Staff explains the range of traffic calming options available, including soft treatments (striping).</p> <p>Residents requesting the speed treatment submit a form with block resident signatures showing support for potential traffic calming measures along the block.</p>
<b>STEP 2 - Street Geometry and Physical Conditions necessary for consideration (Does the street meet these standards?)</b>	
	<p>Street (block) should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be residential with a speed limit of 25 mph or less</li> <li>• Be at least 300' in length</li> <li>• Not be a bus route, unless City Engineer determines that special circumstances warrant discussions with transit agency for type of treatment.</li> <li>• Not exceed 40' feet in width</li> </ul> <p>The street grade, not to exceed eight (8) percent (according to ITE guidelines). Further analysis required for particular circumstances.</p> <p><b>IF THE STREET (BLOCK) MEETS THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS ABOVE, A VOLUME AND SPEED SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE CITY.</b></p>
<b>CRITERIA - Speed and Volume Criteria to warrant traffic calming measure</b>	
<b>Volume</b>	Less than 3,000 ADT (Average Daily Traffic)
<b>Speeds</b>	85th percentile is 5 m.p.h. over the speed limit-Block may be eligible for speed treatments-Please see Step 3 below.
	If 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile speed is between 28-30 mph, the block is eligible for soft treatments. Staff can proceed accordingly with the implementation of soft treatments as feasible.
	If 85 <sup>th</sup> percentile speed is less than 28 mph, no changes are implemented on the block.
<b>Special Circumstances</b>	Engineering judgment may supersede specific criteria in this policy.
<b>STEP 3 – Notification to Resident(s)</b>	

<sup>1</sup> For projects not listed in the Traffic Management Plan

If the criteria do not warrant traffic calming measures, the resident(s) is informed that the **process stops at this point.**

If the criteria are met, the Traffic and Safety Commission may either recommend a change on the street and the type of treatment<sup>2</sup>, or suggest that staff collect additional information, such as accidents within the last three available years, analysis of nearby pedestrian generators and pedestrian counts.

- The Traffic and Safety Commission may recommend a change on the street. This could be hard treatments like speed humps, chicanes, etc. or soft treatments, like striping.<sup>3</sup>
- The type of treatment will be determined by the Traffic and Safety Commission in consultation with a traffic engineering consultant.
- Speed treatments shall not punish motorists driving at or below the speed limit.
- Resident who initiated the process is informed of the intent to install a traffic calming measure on the street.

**Depending on Commission's recommendation, the process may stop here, or continue to the next step.**

#### ***STEP 4 – Neighborhood Petition Process***

When Traffic and Safety Commission recommends a traffic calming measure(s):

- Resident(s) who initiated the process, or a block representative, must circulate a neighborhood petition (petition forms available through City staff).
- Approval of at least 67% of the block residents is needed for installation of traffic calming measures(s).
- If petition is verified to have 67% approval, project is submitted to City Council for possible inclusion onto a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project List.

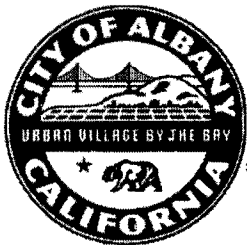
#### ***STEP 5 – Implementation by Staff***

- City installs traffic calming measure(s) based on available funding.
- Prior to the installation of traffic calming measure(s), a pre-and post-volume and speed survey will be conducted on parallel roadways, as well as a post-survey on the subject roadway.
- The City will remove any traffic calming measure if City's traffic engineering consultant determines that the measure is inefficient or causing significant traffic diversion to parallel roadways.

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<sup>2</sup> A traffic engineer should be consulted regarding the type and number of traffic calming treatment being recommended

<sup>3</sup> When soft options are opted for, staff would monitor speed after implementation of striping, and if the speeding problem persists, consideration of physical options would be offered in cases when the speeds are at or exceed 30 mph. If decisions are to be made about striping options staff could implement those without bringing the issue back to the Commission.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2**

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

the 20th day of January, 2015, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Pilch, and Mayor Maass

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 20th  
day of January 2015.

Eileen Harrington  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK