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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members
CC: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Brian Stineman, Public Works Director
DATE: November 7, 2016
RE: Request to Implement New Speed Bump Policy.

INTRODUCTION:

Discussion of speed bumps is a recurring event for the Traffic Committee. It is the opinion of the committee that a policy should be adopted regarding speed bumps on public streets within the city limits.

BACKGROUND:

The Traffic Committee receives multiple requests for speed bump installation in all areas of the city on a yearly basis. In the past, permanent speed bumps have been constructed out of asphalt and placed at the 700 block of Wier Street, the 500 block of Sunset Drive, the 3300 block of Clermont Drive, and 2000 and 2100 blocks of Oneida Avenue.

It is the opinion of the Traffic Committee that these speed bumps are an impediment to roadway maintenance, cause damage to low-profile vehicles and snow plows, are not cost-effective traffic control, and should be permanently removed from the road surface as soon as practicable. The city has better methods to address speeding which include temporary speed bumps, increased enforcement patrols, and the speed camera trailer. These and other tools that may not be listed can be used separately or together to address concerns about excessive speed on public roadways.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Traffic Committee proposes the following Speed Bump Policy:
Permanent speed bumps of any type of construction that adhere directly or incorporate existing street pavement of any composition shall not be placed on public streets, and those that are existing shall be removed as soon as practicable. The Street Maintenance Division may, at the request of a resident and with approval of the Traffic Committee, install pre-manufactured, removable, rubberized, temporary speed bumps for a period not to exceed thirty days for the purpose of drawing attention to posted speed limits. The placement of the temporary speed bump shall not occur during the winter season.

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