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CONSENT CALENDAR May 25, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Wengraf (Author), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor),

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Subject: Budget Referral: Increased Funding for Neighborhood Traffic Calming

### RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget Process an annual increase in allocation for neighborhood traffic calming from the current 100 thousand dollars to 200 thousand dollars.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS \$100,000 increase in funding

## **BACKGROUND**

The recurring annual allocation from the Capital Improvement Fund for traffic calming, data collection, studies and implementation was increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 in response to a <u>request from the City Council</u>. The need for increased funds continues, as we return to normal after the pandemic. I am requesting an additional \$100,000 allocation for Traffic Calming in the 2022/2023 budget.

Funding for Traffic Calming was diverted into Healthy Streets during the global pandemic to provide residents opportunity to walk with physical distancing on designated streets. It is likely Healthy Streets will continue through the fall of 2021 The traffic calming program could then start again in January 2022 after having been diminished in capacity for two calendar years (2020 and 2021).

Navigation apps and the use of Uber and Lyft have exacerbated speeding through our neighborhood streets. The requests from neighborhoods throughout the city for traffic calming measures, far exceeds the current allocation.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Reducing the impact of motor vehicles on roadways, residents, bicyclists and pedestrians is consistent with the goals of our Vision Zero and Climate Action Plan.

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