



Agenda Report

Agenda of:	December 16, 2025
Department:	Administration
Subject:	Consider and take appropriate action on requesting a traffic study be completed by the Police Department for the Downtown Historic Commercial District, including but not limited to Fiorella, Paris, Lafayette, and London Streets.

Recommended Motion:

Move to authorize the Police Department to conduct a formal traffic and speed study of the Downtown Historic Commercial District as discussed.

Background:

At the November 19th City Council meeting, this item was identified under “Future Agenda Items” due to ongoing concerns regarding pedestrian safety and vehicle speeds within the Downtown Historic Commercial District. The area includes Fiorella, Paris, Lafayette, and London Streets—corridors that experience significant pedestrian activity associated with local businesses, tourism, and special events.

Under the City’s **Traffic Calming Policy** (adopted June 24, 2014), formal Council action is required to initiate a traffic study. The policy outlines that traffic-calming requests must begin with data collection—specifically, a speed survey conducted by the Police Department—before any potential improvements or interventions may be evaluated. The policy emphasizes safety for pedestrians and defines speed-study procedures, data requirements, and thresholds for determining whether a speeding problem exists (e.g., use of 85th-percentile speed, timing of surveys, and subsequent analysis).

Conducting a study at this stage will help determine whether measurable speeding or traffic-flow issues exist and will provide the necessary data for any future consideration of signage, enforcement adjustments, crosswalk enhancements, or other traffic-calming strategies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends conducting the traffic study as proposed.

Fiscal Impact:

Minimal. The Police Department will perform the traffic-speed surveys using existing personnel and equipment. Should Council later determine that traffic-calming improvements are warranted, costs for

any physical improvements would be brought back to Council for review and budget consideration, as required by policy.

☒ **Budgeted** ☐ **Requires Budget Amendment**

Source of Funding: TBD

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 3

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 3

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Attachments: Traffic Calming Policy