

Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Mosting Date	October 18, 2023
Meeting Date: Originating Department:	Public Works
Agenda Title:	Update on the Proposed Traffic Calming Town Ordinance and Request for Direction from the Town Commission Regarding Desired Review and Approval Process.
Approved by Town	Digitally signed by Bambi McKibbon-Turner DN: cn=Bambi McKibbon-Turner, o=Town of Lake Pa
Cost of Item: Account Number:	N/A Funding Source: N/A N/A Signature:
Advertised: Date:	N/A Newspaper:
Attachments:	 Agenda Request Form Draft Traffic Calming Ordinance and Slide Presentation Excerpt from the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes, dated June 1, 2022 Memorandum, dated 1/7/2022, from the Town's Traffic Engineer Sample Traffic Calming Ordinances, City of WPB Sample Traffic Calming Ordinance, City of Boynton Beach Sample Traffic Calming Application
Please initial one:	Yes, I have notified everyone
X	Not applicable in this case

Background/Summary Explanation:

Traffic calming enhancements and tools (traffic calming) can increase public safety by reducing travel speeds and decreasing the frequency/severity of traffic accidents and may include measures such as traffic signage, lane reduction, speed tables, law-enforcement activities, and

public outreach. The Town Commission also previously expressed a desire to implement traffic calming in the Town.

As a result, in 2020, Traffic Engineer Susan O'Rourke provided a memorandum to the Town regarding traffic calming and enhancements (Attachment 4), which recommended one of several available approaches to address the Town's present and future traffic calming needs.

Furthermore, Town Staff also conducted significant research with neighboring municipalities and counties and found wide variation in their approach to traffic calming. For example, the City of Boynton Beach provides only general guidelines on how and when it should consider and implement traffic calming measures (Attachment 6). On the other hand, the City of West Palm Beach provides significantly more structure to its traffic calming process (Attachment 5). Still, other municipalities, such as the City of Riviera Beach, remain silent about traffic calming in its Code and schedule of services.

The Town Manager believes that the most effective traffic calming programs typically balance objective public desire, technical data, and available funding to systematically prioritize and implement traffic calming.

The Town Commission most recently considered policy and text for a traffic calming Ordinance on June 1, 2022 (Attachment 3). Following this meeting, this item was tabled to support adoption of the Town's Mobility Plan (a plan that also includes a Streetscape, Street Trees and Landscape Enhancement Plan), which includes recommendations for implementing traffic calming measures in certain streets/roads.

This agenda item seeks direction from the Town Commission on the proposed Traffic Calming Ordinance language and associated process to address traffic calming requests from Town residents and businesses (Attachment 2).

Following the Town Commission meeting of October 18, 2023, this matter will undergo further update by Town Staff and the Town Attorney's Office before returning for public hearings and adoption consideration.

Once adopted, Town Staff will also provide the Town Commission with appropriation recommendations to establish an appropriate initial budget to implement the program. Professional services and construction costs associated with traffic calming projects may be eligible to be funded from Gas Tax and Mobility Fee revenue or both. A traffic engineer's review and recommendation is a vital component to the review process and currently, these services are contracted for a fee, depending on the nature of the review.

Finally, through Adoption of Resolution 51-08-23, the Town Commission previously authorized a \$50.00 fee associated with the submittal of an Application for Traffic Calming Measures. This fee will offset certain operational and administrative costs associated with preparing recommendations for the Town Commission regarding said Application.

Recommended Motion:

There is no motion associated with this Agenda Item. For discussion only.