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# STAFF REPORT

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	March 10, 2026
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	Traffic Safety Update
<b>Requested Action:</b>	Receive the information
<b>Department / Agency Lead:</b>	Police Department
<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Timothy M. Carter, Chief of Police

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Warrenton Traffic Task Force is a group of stakeholders who are dedicated to improving traffic safety in the town. The Traffic Task Force is made up of representatives from the town government, law enforcement, public works, community development, and other interested parties. Among the goals of the Traffic Task Force are:

- Reducing traffic fatalities and injuries
- Improving traffic flow and reducing congestion
- Promoting safe and sustainable transportation options
- Educating the public about traffic safety

The Traffic Task Force is responsible for investigating and addressing traffic complaints and concerns that do not require immediate attention and are not emergencies. Complaints and concerns can be made online, by email, via QR code found in the Traffic Task Force brochure, or by calling the Public Works or Police Departments.

The Traffic Task Force uses a variety of methods, techniques, and equipment to address traffic complaints and concerns, including enforcement, engineering collaboration, community engagement, and education.

## BACKGROUND

The Town of Warrenton Traffic Task Force was established in October 2023 to investigate and address non-emergency traffic complaints and concerns. The Task Force periodically receives speeding complaints on residential streets, which are addressed through a combination of traffic data collection, enforcement, safety education, and engineering measures such as signage and roadway modifications.

In 2024, following speeding complaints on Culpeper Street between Franklin Street and West Shirley Avenue, Town staff conducted speed studies to assess vehicle travel speeds. Analysis using the 85th Percentile Speed principle indicated speeds were within acceptable limits; however, the Town painted traffic lines at strategic locations to provide additional calming. Follow-up studies confirmed improved results, with lower 85th percentile speeds and average speeds within 5 mph of the posted limit. The police department conducted periodic enforcement, and speed deterrence vehicles and devices were deployed on the street as needed. These measures continue to this day.

The Town recently purchased six radar speed signs capable of collecting traffic data and displaying real-time vehicle speeds. The signs will be installed on targeted residential streets, including Alexandria Pike at Moorhead Drive, Culpeper Street between Franklin Street and West Shirley Avenue, and East Shirley Avenue near Falmouth Street, with additional locations identified as needs arise.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Receive the information.

## **Service Level/Collaborative Impact**

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The work outlined in this report is being conducted by Town staff and/or members of the Traffic Task Force.

## **Policy Direction/Warrenton Plan 2040**

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The work of the Traffic Task Force helps to further the Town's goals of having safe streets for vehicle and pedestrian travel. Specifically, their work addresses several key focus areas:

- **Transportation & Circulation:**
  - Identify and analyze roadways with excessive vehicle speeds for engineering or enforcement.
  - Continue implementing traffic-calming measures on local streets, as appropriate, to improve.
  - Preserve neighborhood and heritage streets through traffic calming and safety measures.

## **Fiscal Impact**

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Funding has been allocated in the CARP for the work outlined in this report. No additional fiscal impact at this time.

## **Legal Impact**

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This report is an informational report with minimal direct legal impact.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. CARP – Project Sheet Radar Signs