

# Agenda Report

**TO:** City Council **DATE:** January 26, 1998  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**RE:** Installation of Speed Humps on Garfield Avenue and Worcester Avenue

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the installation of speed humps on the following streets:

1. Garfield Avenue between Orange Grove Boulevard and Hammond Street; and
2. Worcester Avenue between Orange Grove Boulevard and Mountain Street.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 20, 1992, the City Council approved the installation of speed humps as part of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Since that time, a total of 36 neighborhood areas have been identified for purposes of this Program. Procedures have been developed to evaluate these neighborhood areas and implement traffic control measures to protect them from adverse impacts of speeding and through traffic. The procedures also require approval from the City Council when the recommended traffic management measures involve installation of speed humps.

On February 8, 1994, the City Council approved the conversion of Marengo Avenue to one-way southbound between Painter Street and Orange Grove Boulevard and one-way northbound between Crystal Lane and Washington Boulevard. This conversion was part of the North Marengo Avenue De-Emphasis Project. The Project also included barricade installations and signal modifications at the intersections of Marengo Avenue/Washington Boulevard and Marengo Avenue/Orange Grove Boulevard, as well as other traffic control measures. The Project area is generally bounded to the north by Washington Boulevard, to the south by Orange Grove Boulevard, to the east by Los Robles Avenue, and to the west by Fair Oaks Avenue.

Staff has recently completed a Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan for the same North Marengo Avenue Project area. The Plan has confirmed the need for Marengo Avenue to be a one-way street at the previously mentioned locations. The Plan has also identified the installation of additional traffic management measures to protect the neighborhood area from adverse traffic impacts.

Exhibit "A" illustrates the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan for the North Marengo Project area. The recommended measures are a result of studies conducted by staff, a number of neighborhood meetings, and on-going communications with representatives from the Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association and *El Centro De Accion Social* organization. The recommended Plan was presented to the residents on November 18, 1997, and a general consensus was shown by the residents. The same was also presented to and supported by the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) on December 12, 1997.

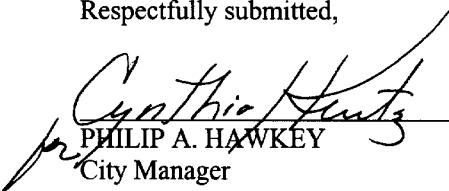
Garfield Avenue between Hammond Street and Orange Grove Boulevard, and Worcester Avenue between

Mountain Street and Orange Grove Boulevard, are recommended for installation of speed humps under this Plan. Approximately 72% of the residents on these two roadway segments have petitioned in favor of the installation of speed humps. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program procedures require a 70 percent neighborhood compliance for speed hump installation.

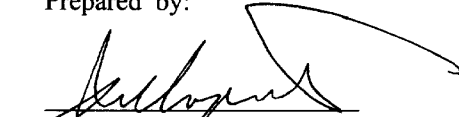
**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program is part of the Capital Improvement Program and is currently allocated \$85,000 annually. The Program was developed to include traffic management measures such as striping changes, sign installations, speed humps, traffic circles, chicanes, chokers, median entry/exit islands, etc. The proposed Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan for the North Marengo Project Area includes installations of signs, striping, chokers, and speed humps. The estimated cost for the Plan implementation is approximately \$75,000.

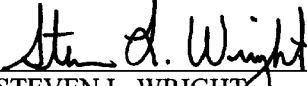
Respectfully submitted,

  
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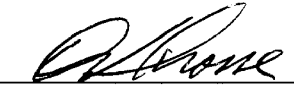
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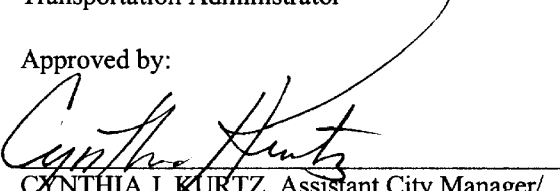
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