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Mayor Ethan Berkowitz

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RE: Northeast Community Council – Traffic Calming Grant Utilization

Senator Wielechowski:

The Traffic Engineering Division has been asked to provide an update as to the results obtained with the approximately \$190,000 in traffic calming grant funds within the Northeast Community Council area.

At the time that the Traffic Calming Project began, there were 23 streets eligible for traffic calming assistance. Four streets were identified that we believed could be solved via speed humps without negative tradeoffs to bus service, emergency response, and volume diversion. The work has been completed on these four streets. They are; Atkinson Drive, Boundary Avenue, Norman Street, and Winding Way.

Eight Radar Speed Signs (RSS) were purchased to be utilized as bridge solutions. The signs will be deployed on priority streets for which low-cost permanent solutions were impractical to implement on the accelerated time frame for this project. We have used a combination of Traffic Department rankings, Northeast Community Council rankings, and in-house knowledge to determine placement. These RSS should significantly solve speeding issues while deployed, but permanent construction based solutions should still be sought out. Then the RSS can be deployed to other priority streets within the Council area.

A couple of the Radar Speed Signs have already been deployed, and the rest will be deployed over the course of the next couple of weeks. The selected sites include; Beaver Place (2 signs), E. 6th Ave (2 signs), Boston Street (1 sign), Debarr Road (1 sign), and Oklahoma Street (2 signs).

Four out of the 23 streets have been permanently solved. Out of the remaining 19 streets, 5 of those have been temporarily solved with the Radar Speed Signs (until permanent capital improvements become feasible). Additionally, out of the remaining 14 streets that are unaddressed, 2 of them are currently part of the Capital Improvement process (Duben east and Duben west). All traffic calming and safety needs should be expected to be addressed as part of these multi-million dollar projects.

The following streets remain eligible for traffic calming improvements and have yet to have been addressed in the aftermath of this Traffic Calming Project. They are; Chandalar Drive, Donna Drive, E. 4th Ave, E. 11th Court, E. 12th Ave, E. 17th Ave, E 20th Ave, Island Drive, Kalgin Street, Nunaka Drive, Peck Ave, and Turpin Street.

Please feel free to contact me with and comments, questions, or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Myland'.

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cc: Representative Gabrielle LeDoux