



Mayor Suzanne LaFrance

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RE: Streets That Have Qualified for Traffic Calming Assistance (Updated with 2024 Data)

TO: Mayor LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly Members, State Legislators, and Anchorage Community Councils:

The Traffic Engineering Department is pleased to provide the Community Councils with an updated Qualified Streets List (QSL). This list designates streets within the Municipality of Anchorage that are eligible for traffic calming assistance. This update is based on the traffic data collected in 2024.

Accompanying this cover letter is the QSL split into two documents. The first contains streets that have been recently constructed, in construction, or in design. The second lists qualified streets without currently anticipated projects. There is also a Culled Streets List (CSL), which lists streets that have been studied and did not meet the criteria to qualify for a traffic calming project. Culled streets are eligible for reevaluation after three years. All lists are sorted by Community Council area to allow members of the Councils and the public to review the data more efficiently

These lists will be posted on the Department's Traffic Calming webpage. In addition, the Traffic Department is working with the Municipality's GIS team to build and maintain an interactive survey map accessible on the webpage. This map will feature qualified and culled streets and allow for user input. This effort will enhance public and elected officials understanding of the program and streamline community reporting.

Traffic Department uses field-measured studies to evaluate and qualify traffic calming assistance based on traffic and significant driver speeding rates. The two criteria used to determine program eligibility are:

- A measured 85th percentile speed of at least 6 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.
- An Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volume of 500 ADT or higher.

It is anticipated that each Community Council will rank these proposed traffic calming projects against one another and against other Capital Improvement Priorities for their area. The Traffic Engineering Department will be available to assist the Councils in prioritizing these projects; however, it is expected that the Councils take the lead role since they are in a better position to assess the desires of the community.

The Traffic Engineering Department has included a column for our internal rankings of the severity

of these problems to provide a somewhat objective measure to assist in weighing the relative merit of competing projects across the entire Municipality. These internal rankings consider speeds, volumes, school zones, pedestrian generators, sidewalks, street lighting, and equity. In most cases, the rankings have been slightly updated from last year due to the addition of new priorities and the removal of funded projects from the list.

The Traffic Engineering Department will attempt to determine the optimal solution for each street on this list. Factors considered include, but are not limited to; roadway classification, posted speed limit, traffic volume, existing and desired 85th percentile speeds, street width, block length, existing sidewalks and bicycle facilities, on-street parking utilization, slopes, drainage, lighting, neighborhood and land use context, transit routes, primary emergency access routes, vehicle involved collision history, and community input.

It is important to keep in mind that the Traffic Engineering Department has a set amount of funds that may be leveraged in the next year to address speeding on a fraction of these streets. Some streets will require additional capital funding to be secured to be addressed. Many of these streets will only be economically feasible to fix during the next anticipated street maintenance or reconstruction project. Some could be accelerated with grant funding to the Community Councils from the state.

The Northeast and Russian Jack Community Councils were able to receive grants from the State of Alaska (\$500,000 each) that allowed us to accelerate the installation of traffic calming beyond what our bond funding would allow.

The Community Councils should familiarize themselves with the streets on this list so that when a maintenance or reconstruction project is proposed by another agency in the future, they can advocate for traffic calming to be incorporated into that effort.

The Traffic Engineering Department would also like to mention projects anticipated to be completed within the next year, including:

- Speed cushions on Toloff St, Cordova St, and McPhee Ave.
- Northeast traffic calming on Augustine Dr, Boston St, Fredricks Dr, and Oklahoma St.
- Russian Jack traffic calming projects on San Ernesto, San Roberto, and San Antonio St.
- Spenard area vertical traffic calming on W 45th and 48th Ave near Northwood Elementary.
- PME projects that include traffic calming: Forest Park Dr and Jewel Terrace Ln.

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

Respectfully,



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