

Neighborhood Traffic Study Committee Meeting

Notes from August 8, 2022 Meeting – 1:00 to 2:00 – Room 112

Attendees: Richard Harris, Norm Dumaine, Carl Shoffstall, Doug Jeffcoat, Nik Patel, Alvi Corales

Submitted by Norm Dumaine

Topic: Finances Relating to Traffic Calming

1) Present Status for 2022-23: \$778,000 remain – 223, 000 spent (Nik); clarified – 365,00 spent year-to-date (Doug)

2) Source of Funding: Penny Tax

- remaining balance for the year will be carried over – approximately \$1.7 million available for 2023-24 budget
- projections vary according to taxes collected
- any change in Penny Tax assigned funds require City Commission approval with public hearing.

3) Questions on Other Potential Sources:

- 7 Cent Gas Tax: available for operational purposes; example, etc.
- 5 Cent Local Gas Tax: only use is for Capital Expenses (long- lasting projects)
- No gas taxes are used for traffic calming

4) Present Projects for 2022-23:

- 2 active request met qualification for warrant: speed table (15,000) and speed sign (12,000)
- speed counts by 3rd party cost \$400 each
- no “people” charges included in these

5) Questions of Distribution of Funds were raised

6) Warrant Process:

- one size does not fit all (Carl)
- issues of safety vs need for warrant raised (Norm)
- need for warrant generate when speeding is the complaint; 80% are about speeding (Alvi)
- process: staff reviews street conditions and situation prior to meeting on site with the complainant (could be an individual or neighborhood representative)
- agreement of neighborhood residents in surrounding area (within .1 miles)

7) Sharing of Staff Pamphlet with Flow Chart

- flow chart only addressed warrant without considering situations that do not require one; committee members suggest a need to include other preliminary steps
- staff actually does so; example is School Ave with correction of sight problem (Nik)
- City has received a grant for safety plans; includes identifying trends, hot spots, etc.

8) Actions to be taken prior to next meeting:

- a) Alvi will provide past history of warrants for past two years (requests, approvals, projects completed, etc.)
- b) Committee will provide feedback on the pamphlet created by staff.
- c) Nik will set up our next meeting: topic -- Process