RESOLUTION #08-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING TRAFFIC CALMING WARRANT CRITERIA FOR RESIDENTIAL STREETS

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Safety Commission of the City of Albany is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council regarding transportation projects as established in the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, in May 2000 the City of Albany adopted a list of transportation and traffic calming projects in the approval of the Traffic Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of the projects on that list are complete and 14% are in progress; and

WHEREAS, periodically there have been complaints of speeding on residential streets, and requests from residents to implement additional traffic calming measures in order to increase safety; and

WHEREAS, in response to residents' concerns, City staff has been conducting speed and volume surveys, and providing that information to the Commission through an informal process to evaluate whether traffic calming devices are advisable; and

WHEREAS, the City has a formally adopted Stop Sign Warrant Criteria policy that is based on a variety of factors, and promotes a consistent application of stop sign installation; and

WHEREAS, given that the City does not have an adopted policy to assess future traffic calming requests, the Traffic and Safety Commission engaged in a process with a
traffic engineering consultant to research traffic calming warrant criteria used in
neighboring cities, with the purpose of developing a uniform traffic calming warrant
criteria; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of DMJM Harris, formerly Korve Engineering,
the Commission developed a traffic calming policy presented in Exhibit A to be used in
the evaluation of future traffic calming requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby
adopts Exhibit A, establishing a Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria, for use in establishing
consistent standards when evaluating the installation of traffic calming devices on
residential streets.

Robert S. Lieber, Mayor
EXHIBIT A

TRAFFIC CALMING WARRANT CRITERIA\(^1\)
AND PROCESS

CITY OF ALBANY

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<th>STEP 1 - Initial Step – Resident Request</th>
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<td>Request for speed treatment must be made in writing to Traffic and Safety Commission by a resident of the street and block in question.</td>
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<th>STEP 2 - Street Geometry and Physical Conditions necessary for consideration (Does the street meet these standards?)</th>
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<td>Street (block) should:</td>
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<td>• Be residential with a speed limit of 25 mph or less</td>
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<td>• Be at least 300’ in length</td>
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<td>• Not be a bus route, unless City Engineer determines that special circumstances warrant discussions with transit agency for type of treatment.</td>
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<td>• Not exceed 40’ feet in width</td>
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<td>The street grade, not to exceed eight (8) percent (according to ITE guidelines). Further analysis required for particular circumstances.</td>
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IF THE STREET (BLOCK) MEETS THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS ABOVE, A VOLUME AND SPEED SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE CITY.

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<th>CRITERIA - Speed and Volume Criteria to warrant traffic calming measure</th>
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<td>If the Speed and Volume criteria do not warrant traffic calming measures, the resident(s) is informed that the process stops at this point.</td>
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If the Speed and Volume criteria are met, the Traffic and Safety Commission may either recommend a change on the street and the type of treatment\(^2\), or suggest that staff collect additional information, such as accidents within the last three available years, analysis of nearby pedestrian generators and pedestrian counts. **More information needed.**

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\(^1\) For projects not listed in the Traffic Management Plan

\(^2\) A traffic engineer should be consulted regarding the type and number of traffic calming treatment being recommended
- The Traffic and Safety Commission may recommend a change on the street.
- The type of treatment will be determined by the Traffic and Safety Commission in consultation with a traffic engineering consultant.
- Resident who initiated the process is informed of the intent to install a traffic calming measure on the street.

**Depending on Commission’s recommendation, the process may stop here, or continue to the next step.**

### STEP 4 - Neighborhood Petition Process

When Traffic and Safety Commission recommends a traffic calming measure(s):

- Resident(s) who initiated the process, or a block representative, must circulate a neighborhood petition (petition forms available through City staff).
- Approval of at least 67% of the block residents is needed for installation of traffic calming measures(s).
- If petition is verified to have 67% approval, project is submitted to City Council for possible inclusion onto a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project List.

### STEP 5 - Implementation by Staff

- City installs traffic calming measure(s) based on available funding.
- Prior to the installation of traffic calming measure(s), a pre-and post-volume and speed survey will be conducted on parallel roadways, as well as a post-survey on the subject roadway.
- The City will remove any traffic calming measure if City’s traffic engineering consultant determines that the measure is inefficient or causing significant traffic diversion to parallel roadways.
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
this 1st day of December, 2008, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Javandel, Okawachi, Wile & Mayor Lieber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 2nd
day of December, 2008.

[Signature]

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of the community, and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future.