



Memorandum

TO: TRANSPORTATION AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Councilmember
Pierluigi Oliverio

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 26, 2008

Approved

Date

2/26/08

RECOMMENDATION

Place on the council agenda for March 18, 2008 a vote of support for the recommendations below and ask that Staff research and bring the information asked back to the City Council in May 2008.

1. Direct the Administration to bring forth the cost of one-time and on-going funding necessary to hire more police officers for enforcement of traffic calming regulations in the neighborhoods. (Please see page 9 of the staff report for community feedback).
2. Direct the Administration to research the feasibility of "red light running" (RLR) systems for the purpose of possible consideration of a "RLR" pilot program for the City of San Jose. (Please see page 10 of the staff report for community feedback).
3. Direct the Administration to research the viability of increasing fines for traffic violations. (Please see page 11 of the staff report for community feedback).
4. Direct the Administration to update the current traffic calming policy with the recommendations proposed from the attached report to include expanding the installation of physical and electronic devices and to update the policy to allow for cumulative impacts of speed, volume, crashes, pedestrian activity and proximity to schools and/or parks to be used when gathering information. (Please see pages 12 & 13 of the staff report for community feedback).
5. Direct the Administration to bring recommendations back to the City Council that would allow for provisions for neighborhoods to self-fund physical traffic calming devices. (Please see page 14 of the staff report for community feedback).
6. Direct the Administration to investigate a partnership with the school districts in San Jose as a way of using bond monies for radar signs and other traffic calming devices near schools. (Please see page 14 of the staff report for community feedback).

7. Direct the Administration to implement Assembly Bill 321 which allows municipalities to lower speed limits to 15 mph in qualifying school zones after analysis by the City Attorney's Office is completed. (Please see page 15 of the staff report for more information).

BACKGROUND

In September of 2007, the San Jose City Council elected me to Chair a Traffic Calming Focus Group with the San Jose Police Department and the Department of Transportation. The purpose of the Focus Group was to gather feedback, suggestions and input from the community and then bring the information collected to the City Council for consideration for the possibility of adopting and updating traffic calming policies for the City of San Jose.

During the months of October and November of 2007, the Focus Group held ten traffic calming community meetings with one meeting in each council district. Each meeting date and location was scheduled by each council office. In addition, outreach for the meetings was coordinated with the City Managers Office, SNI Teams and each councilmember. The Focus Group also created a paper survey that was distributed at each meeting in addition to an on-line survey that was shared with all council offices to send to their constituents via e-mail. The results of the surveys are included in the report attached.

I am honored to have worked with the San Jose Police Department and the Department of Transportation to reinvest and revamp the City's traffic calming policy. I support the attached report and respectfully ask for your consideration of the recommendations before you today.