Public Hearing and Work Session
Public Hearing on Request for Traffic Calming on Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue
Council Work Session Discussion of Traffic Calming Request

Recommended Council Action
Receive public comments and discuss the request.

Context with Key Issues
Residents of Hilltop Road and a portion of Mississippi Avenue have petitioned to have traffic calming installed on the portion of Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue. Residents are requesting installation of a speed hump. A community meeting was held August 2, 2018. A petition was submitted from residents, per the Administrative Regulations. The petition signatures were verified by the City Clerk and the public hearing was scheduled.

Staff mailed notice of the public hearing to residents on Hilltop Road and a portion of Mississippi Avenue, inviting them to attend the public hearing or send written comments expressing their view on the proposal.

Council Priority
Livable Community

Environmental Considerations
Traffic calming measures can reduce the speed of traffic on a street, thereby providing a safer street for other drivers, bicyclists or pedestrians. There is some evidence that when vehicles quickly stop before and rapidly speed up after a speed hump, more exhaust fumes are generated from their vehicle, thereby adding to air pollution.

Fiscal Considerations
The cost per speed hump is approximately $1,500. The cost to install signs is approximately $300 each.

Racial Equity Considerations
We do not believe that the installation of this traffic calming will disproportionately impact any particular group. However, since the current process to request traffic calming on a block requires collection of signatures from two-thirds of the households on the block and the block on either side, arranging for a community meeting, and coordination with City staff, it can be a barrier for some residents to initiate the process.
For neighborhoods with apartment buildings, it may not be practical for residents to obtain signatures of two-thirds of the household units, potentially resulting in fewer traffic calming installations in neighborhoods with a large number of tenants, who are more likely to be people of color.

**Attachments and Links**

Public Hearing Notice
Petition
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Installation of Traffic Calming
Hilltop Road (between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue)

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Residents on Hilltop Road have petitioned to have traffic calming installed on Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed traffic calming on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Interested residents are encouraged to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak. Written comments may also be sent to the City Clerk (Clerk@takomaparkmd.gov). All written comments received will be added to the hearing record.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk
CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

PETITION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE

We, the undersigned, request that traffic calming device(s) be installed on Hilltop Rd. Avenue/Street.

Requested traffic calming device(s): (circle all that apply)

- speed hump
- sign
- pavement marking
- raised walkway
- flat-top speed hump or speed table

Check one:

Location(s) to be determined by the Public Works Director; OR

At the following location(s): between...Mississippi Ave

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GENERAL RULES:
1. Signatures from at least 2/3 of households on subject street(s) must be submitted.
2. Tenants as well as homeowners are to be included.
3. Only one signature per household will be considered.
4. If petition is for only one block of a street, blocks on either side must be petitioned.
5. If street being considered for traffic control device(s) provides the only ingress/egress route for other street(s), the other street(s) must also be petitioned.
6. Community notification requirements must be met (see Administrative Regulation Sec.1.B.).

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