



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 26, 2018 Agenda Item 1

### **Voting Session**

First Reading Ordinance Authorizing Traffic Calming on Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi

### **Recommended Council Action**

Vote on the ordinance at first reading.

### **Context with Key Issues**

Residents of Hilltop Road and a portion of Mississippi Avenue petitioned to have traffic calming installed on the portion of Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue. A community meeting was held August 2, 2018. The City Council held a public hearing on the request on September 12, 2018.

At its work session discussion, the City Council authorized drafting of an ordinance approving installation of a speed hump on Hilltop Road.

### **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**

First Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

First Reading:  
Second Reading:  
Effective Date:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-  
AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING ON HILLTOP ROAD  
BETWEEN GENEVA AVENUE AND MISSISSIPPI AVENUE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Takoma Park Code, Section 13.28.010, the Director of Public Works is authorized to place, erect, and maintain upon the public highways of the City such traffic calming devices as the Council may direct at locations designated by the Council or as determined by the City Manager or his or her designee; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hilltop Road and a portion of Mississippi Avenue petitioned to have traffic calming on Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heard testimony at a public hearing on September 12, 2018 and discussed the request at a work session the same evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

Section 1. Installation of one speed hump on Hilltop Road between Geneva Avenue and Mississippi Avenue is authorized.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: