



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 13, 2021 Agenda Item 2 & 3

Voting Session

Second Reading Ordinance Approving Traffic Calming for the 7900 block of Takoma Avenue
Second Reading Ordinance Approving Traffic Calming for Auburn Avenue

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinances at second reading.

Context with Key Issues

A. Auburn Avenue

Residents of Auburn Avenue have petitioned for a speed hump to slow traffic. The petitioners obtained the necessary signatures for the request to move forward.

B. 7900 block of Takoma Avenue

Residents of Takoma Avenue have petitioned for a speed hump to slow traffic. The petitioners obtained the necessary signatures for the request to move forward.

The current process for residents to request installation of traffic calming is set forth in the City Code and an administrative regulation (links below). Once the petition is certified as meeting the requirements, and a public meeting has been held, the City Council accepts comments at a public hearing. After the public hearing and consultation with the Public Works Director, the City Council may direct the installation of traffic calming by adoption of a two-reading ordinance.

A public hearing was held on September 29, 2021.

Council Priority

A livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

Traffic calming measures can reduce the speed of traffic on a street, thereby providing a safer street for 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 the vehicle, thereby adding to air pollution.

Fiscal Considerations

The cost for a speed hump is approximately \$3,500. Based on the length of Auburn Avenue, the block could accommodate two speed humps. For the 7900 block of Takoma Avenue, the length would accommodate a single speed hump.

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.

Attachments and Links

- [Administrative Regulation – Traffic Calming Devices – Petition Process and Installations](#)
- [Takoma Park Code, Chapter 13.28, Traffic Calming Devices](#)
- Draft Second Reading Ordinances

Introduced by: Councilmember Kovar

First Reading: October 6, 2021

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-41

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING
ON 7900 BLOCK OF TAKOMA 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 their designee; and

WHEREAS, residents of the 7900 block of Takoma Avenue initiated a traffic calming request for installation of traffic calming on the block in a process that included a petition, community meeting, and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request.

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

Section 1. Installation of a speed hump and appropriate signage on the 7900 block of Takoma Avenue is authorized.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Introduced by: Councilmember Dyballa

First Reading: October 6, 2021
Second Reading:
Effective Date:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-42

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING
ON AUBURN 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 their designee; and

WHEREAS, residents of Auburn Avenue initiated a traffic calming request for installation of traffic calming on the block in a process that included a petition, community meeting, and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request.

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

Section 1. Installation of two speed humps and appropriate signage on the 700 block of Auburn Avenue is authorized.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: