

Staff Response to the Complete and Safe Streets Committee Recommendations

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BACKGROUND

June 2019: the **Complete and Safe Streets Committee (CSSC)** was re-established.



- *Purpose: “to advise the City Council on transportation-related issues including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safety, traffic issues, and transit services,” and to encourage Takoma Park residents to use alternatives to driving, including walking, bicycling, and transit.”*

January 2021: the CSSC released a **final set of recommendations** before being formally disbanded.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Cost/Budget

Recommendation	Status	Notes
Be Innovative and Cost Conscious	Ongoing 	City staff regularly seek ways to stretch funds and explore new technologies.
Be specific and wise about the budget available for mobility measures and how it is spent	Ongoing 	The full budget for capital and pedestrian safety improvements is publicly available in the City's annual budget.
Creative Approach to achieving Enhanced Mobility	In progress	Additional clarifications can be made in the petition process to switch from "speed bumps" to "traffic calming."



RECOMMENDATIONS

Process

Recommendation	Status	Notes
Update the process for requesting traffic calming and sidewalk installation and make processes the same	In progress	This process is being analyzed as part of the Public Space Management Plan.
Transparent and evidence-based decision making to enhance equitable results	In progress	This process is being analyzed as part of the Public Space Management Plan.
Traffic data proactively evaluated	In progress	New strategies between departments are in progress; new County tools are available.
Be Proactive in Evaluating Measures Holistically	Ongoing**	--



RECOMMENDATIONS

Data Management

Recommendation	Status	Notes
Creation of an inventory of City sidewalks in GIS starting with the 2009 GIS data from Toole Design Group.	On Hold	Staff interest, but lack of funding for consulting services
Creation of a GIS-based inventory of current traffic calming installations, including, but not limited to, stop signs, speed bumps, traffic circles, one-way streets, bike lanes, etc.	On Hold	Staff interest, but lack of funding for consulting services
Creation of an overlay of the inventory of community-requested traffic calming and sidewalk installations.	On Hold	--
Creation of an overlay of the inventory of staff-recommended traffic calming and sidewalk installations.	On Hold	--
Publication of the maps on the city page.	On Hold**	--



CITY SAFETY EFFORTS

- Public Space Management Plan
 - *In Progress* ↗
- ADA Sidewalk Implementation
 - *Ongoing*
 - Completed ~80% of work on City sidewalks ✓



COUNTY SAFETY EFFORTS

- Interactive Crash Data Map (2022)
- Predictive Safety Analysis (2022)
- Bicycle Master Plan (2018)
- Vision Zero Action Plan (2018)
- Pedestrian Master Plan (2023)
- RideOn Reimagined Study (2024)



STATE SAFETY EFFORTS

MD House Bill 562 (2021)

- Allows Montgomery County & its municipalities to lower the speed limit to as low as 15mph on certain roads.
- City staff are in conversation with Montgomery County Department of Transportation about best practices.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL

- Adopt criteria for new sidewalk and traffic calming requests, and any related ordinance or regulation changes.
- Consider additional staffing or funds to support consulting services to fully implement recommendations.

