

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Administrative Regulations to Update the Traffic Calming and New Sidewalk Request Processes



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Background

Council Resolution 2022-41 on Pedestrian and Transportation Safety

- Prioritize **safety** and **equity**;
- Emphasize the well-being and safety of the most **vulnerable roadway users**;
- Consider holistic approaches addressing **larger geographic areas**;
- Utilize **data-driven criteria** for evaluating and prioritizing sidewalk and traffic calming;
- Allow for multiple avenues for **initiating consideration** of locations;
- Make progress toward a more comprehensive approach to transportation and public space planning that **prioritizes pedestrian and non-vehicle safety**.

Background

DATE	ACTION
<i>October 26, 2022</i>	<i>Council passed Resolution 2022-41 directing staff to develop revised administrative regulations</i>
<i>January 17, 2024</i>	<i>Staff presented draft administrative regulations for new traffic calming and sidewalk requests processes</i>
<i>March 2024</i>	<i>Open Public Comment Period.</i>
May 2024	Council work session where the Council may accept, modify, withdraw, or take no action
June 2024	Public Notice published in the Takoma Park Newsletter and the full text posted online upon adoption.
July 1, 2024	New administrative regulations go into effect

Policy Overview

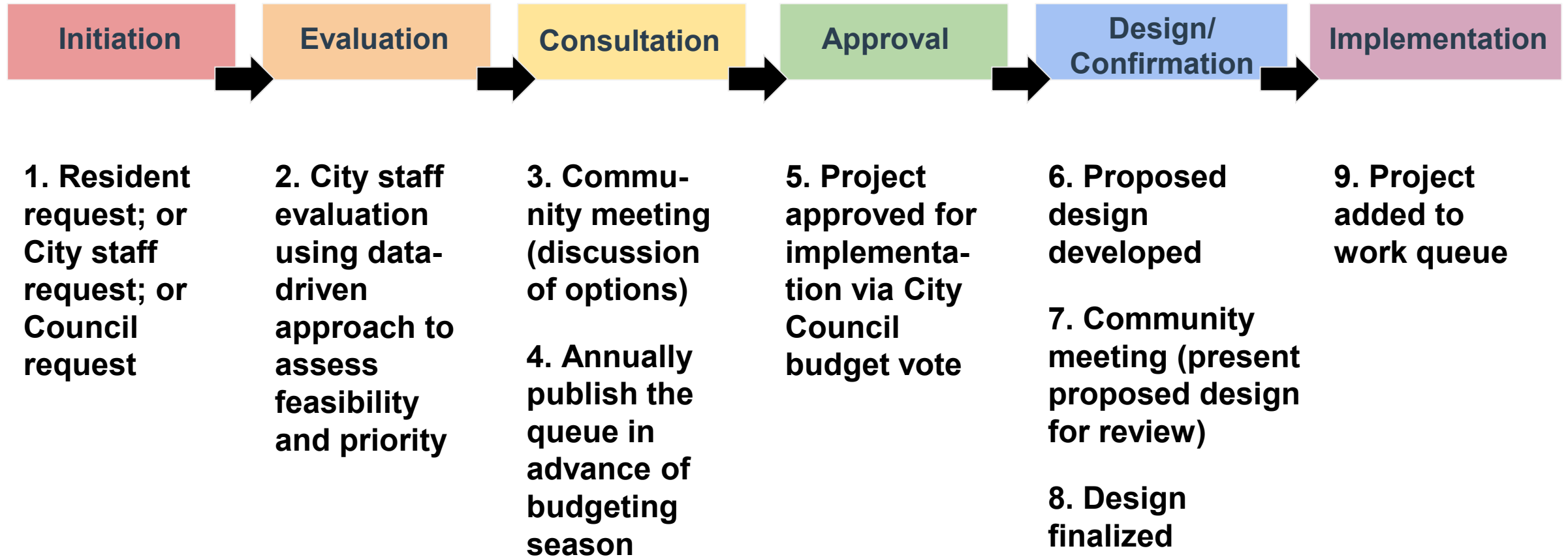


Format: Two administrative regulations

Structure:

- Similar text and structure for clarity
- Removes the requirement for a resident petition to initiate a project
- Adds a staff review phase early in process
- Uses data-based tool for prioritization
- Better alignment with the budgeting process

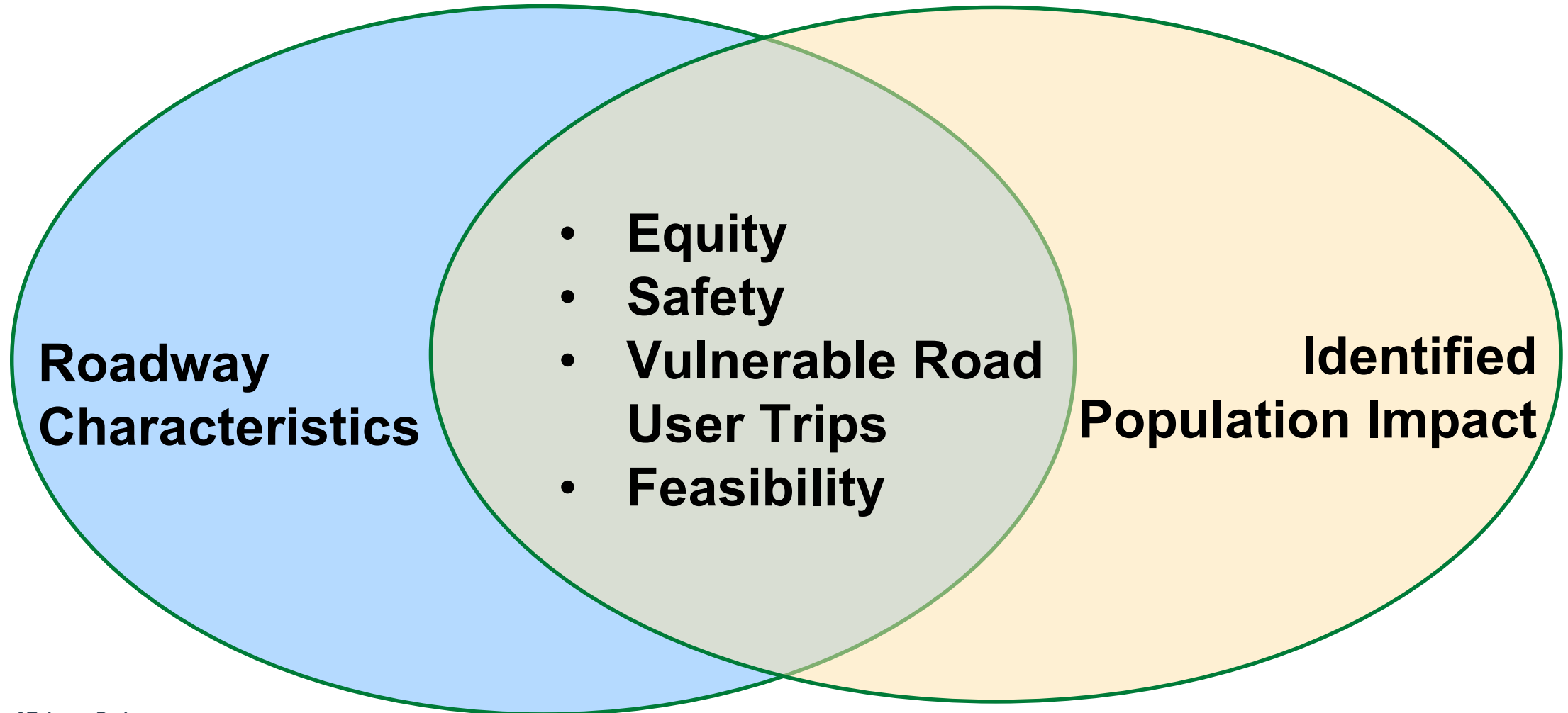
Finalized Administrative Regulations



Prioritization Criteria Categories

Traffic Calming

Sidewalk Requests



**Roadway
Characteristics**

- **Equity**
- **Safety**
- **Vulnerable Road
User Trips**
- **Feasibility**

**Identified
Population Impact**

Prioritization Criteria

EQUITY	Income (2x Poverty Line)
	Youth (<18)
	Seniors (65+)
	Race (non-White)
SAFETY	Non-Motorist Crashes
	Vehicle Crashes
	Speeding
	MCDOT Predictive Crash Analysis Locations

Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Trip Generators	Community Facilities
	Transportation Facilities
	Recreation Centers/Parks
Roadway Characteristics	Traffic Control
	Parking
	Intersection Angle
Identified Population Impact	Potential number of people served
	Existing Plans

Feasibility	Right of way, utilities
	Topography/easements
	Context

Feedback and Updates

Questions/Concerns	Responses
Logistics Regarding Project Initiation	Issues of proximity, impacted stakeholders addressed in regulations
Add Sidewalk Maintenance and Traffic Control Process Requests	Maintenance, repairs, and ADA improvements of existing sidewalks are managed by PW. Traffic control devices must meet warranted criteria as outlined in MUTCD
Sidewalk Design Considerations (ADA Requirements, Environmental Impact)	Section II.A of the Council Draft Administrative Regulations outline the City's design recommendations and best meet required design standards and the City's environmental and sustainability goals.
Quantifying the Evaluation Tool	The Administrative Regulations now include planned data sources.



Administrative Regulation Process



- ✓ **Public Notice** in the Takoma Park Newsletter
- ✓ **Public Comment period** – March 2024
- ✓ **Review of comments** by the Staff
- ✓ **Preparation** of the final regulation

Next Steps

City Council -- accept, modify, withdraw, or take no action

Public Notice of the new regulation

Publish the full text of the regulation upon adoption



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Existing Requested Sidewalk & Traffic Calming Projects



New Sidewalk (Design Queue)

- Hodges Lane, Darwin Ave and Chestnut Avenue (combined) – est. cost \$86K
- 7900 block of Maple Avenue - ON HOLD, sidewalk exists on one side
- 13th Avenue

New Sidewalk (Construction Queue)

- Belford Place – est. cost \$160K

Traffic Calming (Design)

- Kansas Lane, received petition, no community meeting held
- 7500 block of Jackson Avenue, no petition submitted
- Hayward Ave and Larch- insufficient signatures
- Central Avenue - insufficient signatures
- 700 block of Houston Avenue - insufficient signatures
- Elson Place and 14th Avenue
- Elson Street and 14th Avenue

Other Project Processes:

- Traffic Calming in New Hampshire Garden