

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



**Presentation of Proposed  
Administrative  
Regulations to Update the  
Traffic Calming and New  
Sidewalk Request  
Processes**

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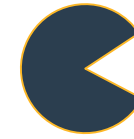




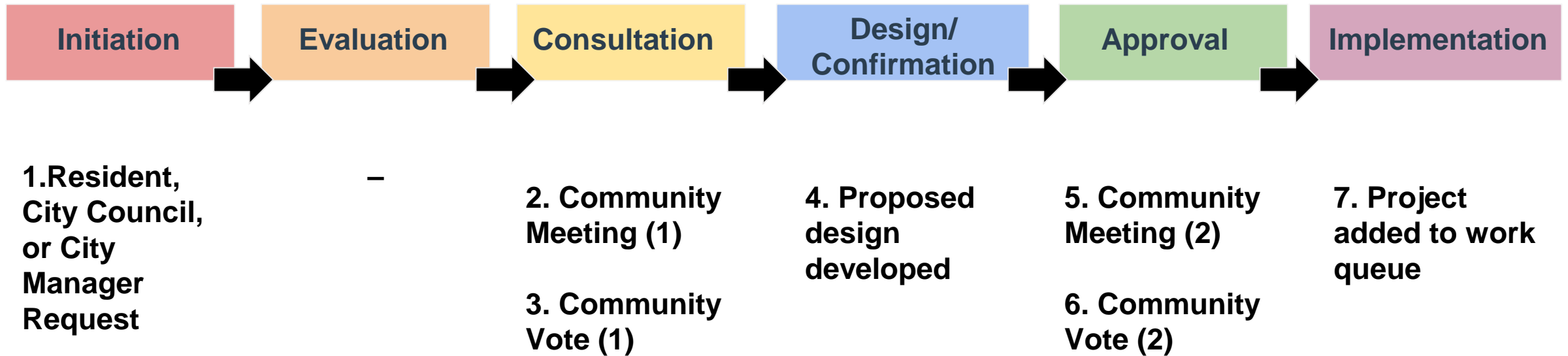
## Background

- **January 2021:** the Complete & Safe Streets Committee released a final set of recommendations that supported a review of these request processes (*recommendations never adopted.*)
- **October 10, 2022:** Council presentation on traffic safety initiatives and implementation of CSSC recommendations to date
- **October 4, 2023:** City Council requested that City staff develop revised policies.
- **November 29, 2023:** City Council adopted the Public Space Management Plan, which recommends the review of existing resident infrastructure request processes (*Rec. 3.2*)

# Existing Policy: New Sidewalk Requests



**Format:** City Council Resolution 2015-32



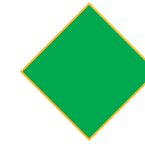


## What is a “Traffic Calming Device”?

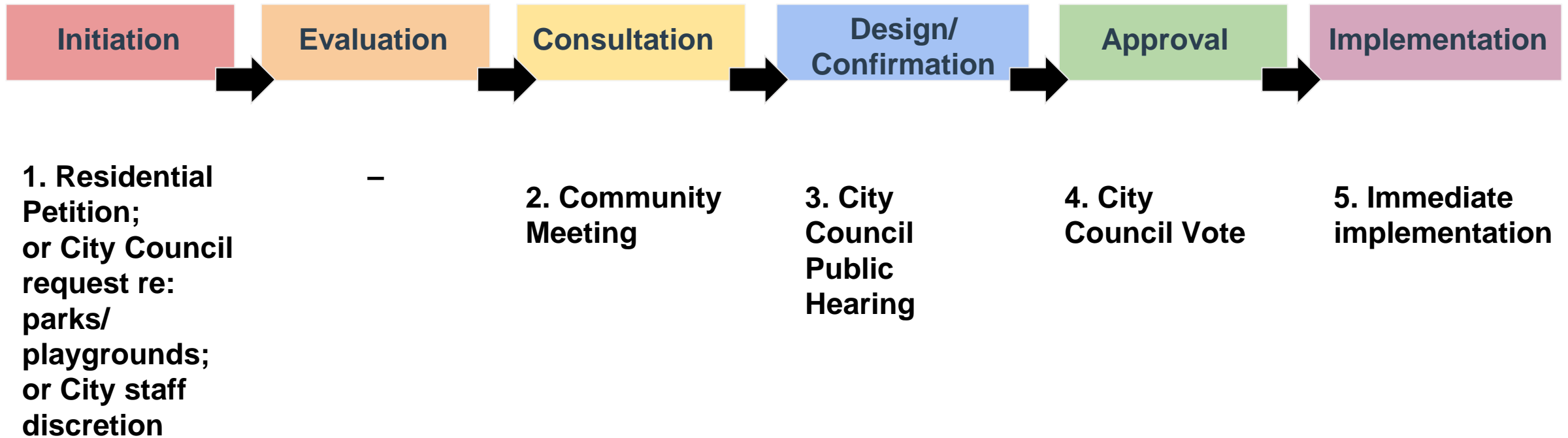
**According to *Section 13.28.020* of the Takoma Park municipal code, “traffic calming devices” include:**

- “signs,
- pavement markings,
- speed humps,
- raised walkways,
- flat-top speed humps or speed tables,
- other physical devices placed or installed on a highway which limit access, restrict traffic flow, or channel or slow vehicle movement for the purpose of reducing traffic hazards and improving pedestrian safety.”

# Existing Policy: Traffic Calming Requests



**Format:** Administrative Regulation 96-1





# 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 already exists on one side

## 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

## Other Project Processes:

- Traffic Calming in New Hampshire Garden 



# Proposed New Policy: Overview

**Format:** Two administrative regulations

**Structure:**

- Mirrored text and structure for clarity
- Removes requirement for resident petition to initiate a project (new sidewalk)
- Adds a staff review phase early in process
- Better alignment with the budgeting process

# Proposed Policies



## Format: Administrative Regulations







## Next Steps

### Administrative Regulation Process

1. **Public Notice** in the Takoma Park Newsletter
2. **Comment period of at least 30 days**, unless City Council directs a longer period (the Council may also elect to hold a hearing at any point during the comment period)
3. **Review of comments** by the City Manager and “Responsible City Department”
4. **Agency preparation** of the final regulation
5. **Action by the City Council** to accept, modify, withdraw, or take no action on the regulation
6. **Public Notice of the changed regulation** posted in the Takoma Park Newsletter, at least 10 days prior to the effective date of the final regulation.
7. **Publish the full text** of the regulation upon adoption

### Upon Implementation

- Ideally, the new regulation would go into effect on July 1, 2024.



**THANK YOU**

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Learn more about the existing policies on the Public Works Department's website.

Search for 'Traffic Calming Regulation and Petitions' or 'Sidewalk Design and Construction' in the City website's search bar.