

Section V. Financing Traffic Calming

The City of Winston-Salem has not identified any special funding source for traffic calming projects. Nor has the City set-aside any existing funds to be used exclusively on traffic calming projects.

Operating Budget

It is the intent of the City to perform most of the activities associated with the development and approval of traffic calming plans with City staff using Operating Budget funds. To the extent possible, the City will also utilize City staff and equipment to implement approved plans. These services would also be performed using Operating Budget funds; however, additional funding may occasionally be necessary to buy the needed materials to implement a proposed measure. City staff will execute traffic calming tasks in conjunction with their other duties. The number of traffic calming projects designed and implemented each year will be dependent on the availability of City staff to perform these tasks.

Capital Improvement Program

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds may also be used to finance traffic calming projects. CIP funds will most likely be used to implement plans that include significant construction or require special or expensive materials. CIP funds may also be used to hire engineering consultants to perform planning and design services for traffic calming projects as needed. All CIP projects must compete for limited funds. Traffic calming projects requiring CIP funds will be in competition with one another as well as with various other types of capital improvement projects, including roadway construction projects, sidewalk construction projects, water and sewer projects, municipal building projects, etc.

Private Funding

Residents of an existing neighborhood wishing to accelerate the process may choose to fund all or part of their project. Neighborhoods may

request that the City hire a private engineering firm (PEF) to perform the planning and design process. The entire cost of hiring a PEF will be borne by the neighborhood requesting this action to be taken. The City and the neighborhood will discuss the expected cost of this action prior to selecting a PEF to perform the service. The City will select a firm in accordance with standard procedures for procuring professional services. The neighborhood TCTF will be given an opportunity to review and comment on the contract with the PEF prior to execution. The neighborhood will pay to the City the negotiated amount of the PEF contract prior to execution of the contract. The City will oversee the PEF contract and review the work of the PEF in the same manner as it does all such contracts. Oversight of the PEF contract will be provided by the City at no cost to the neighborhood. Oversight of the PEF contract requires City resources; therefore, the City may reject a request to accelerate a project in this manner if the resources for proper oversight are not available.

Neighborhoods may also hire an approved construction contractor to implement the plan. The City will maintain a list of approved contractors. The neighborhood may negotiate a contract with a preferred contractor on this list or may invite some or all of the contractors on the list to bid on the project. The City must approve the final contract before construction can begin. The City will perform inspection services on the construction project to ensure that construction is in compliance with all City standards. As with oversight of a PEF, construction inspection requires City resources; therefore, the City may reject or delay a proposal by a neighborhood to accelerate implementation of the traffic calming plan if the proper inspection resources are not available.

New Developments

Refer to Section III.