



County of Fairfax, Virginia

Residential Traffic Administration Program

Traffic Calming Program Status ***July 20, 2010***



Traffic Calming History

Program was initiated in 1997.

Since program initiation, FCDOT has received 342 requests for traffic calming projects.

111 neighborhood traffic calming projects have been constructed in Fairfax County.

February 23, 2009, the Board endorsed procedural changes in the traffic calming program to streamline the evaluation and plan development process. This change resulted in a reduction of average project turn around times from 30 months to 12 ½ months.

March 24, 2010, VDOT's state force construction crews were disbanded, as a result of VDOT's "Blueprint". Project installations will now be completed by contractors with Fairfax County administering the projects under permit to VDOT.



Program Funding

Past program funding has come from VDOT's secondary road construction allocation.

Because of VDOT's secondary road construction allocation, future funding for traffic calming is non-existent.

As of July 1, 2010 the traffic calming program fund balance was \$366,407.



Ongoing Projects

FCDOT staff is currently working on 48 traffic calming projects. The projects are in various stages of evaluation and development.

3 projects have been endorsed by the Board and are in the queue for construction.

21 projects are currently under development and planning estimates have been developed.

18 projects have met the requirements for inclusion into the traffic calming program, and are awaiting for a community task force to be initiated.

6 projects will be studied this fall to determine if they met the requirements for inclusion into the program.



Project Estimates

Program balance as of July 1, 2010, reported by VDOT = \$366,407

3 projects in the queue for construction - construction estimate. \$ 67,100

21 projects development - planning estimate, subject to change. \$331,600

As projects are developed some projects will drop out of the program because of lack of community support.

18 projects have met the requirements for inclusion into the traffic calming program, and are awaiting for a community task force to be initiated.

Project estimates have not been developed.

As staff meets with the community task forces, the task forces are made aware that funding for project construction has not been identified.

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Future Program Funding

For the last several years approximately \$200,000 has been expended per year for construction of traffic calming projects. Because of expected increased construction costs, the fact that Fairfax County will now be utilizing contractors rather than state force construction crews for installation, we estimate a need of \$300,000 annually to continue this program at its current development and construction pace.

Commercial and Industrial tax revenues can only be used for new transportation capacity improvements and cannot be utilized as a potential resource for this program funding.



Options to Consider

Requiring communities to participate in the funding for installation of traffic calming devices. Some communities have indicated their willingness to provide funding, this option could potentially create an equity issue between those communities that have funding resources to participate in the construction costs and those that do not.

Increasing FCDOT's annual budget allocation to cover estimated construction costs. As indicated earlier, to keep the current pace of developing and constructing traffic calming projects, staff estimates an annual need of \$300,000.

Continue to work with communities and develop conceptual projects. Place the projects on hold until a project funding source can be identified.

Elimination of the traffic calming program after the existing funds are exhausted.