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## Responses to Board Member Questions Regarding Changes to the Residential Traffic Administration Program Traffic Calming Program General Operating Procedures

BOS query (Supervisor Gross 2/5/19): How/when will the new operating procedures go into effect?

*Below is language that will be included in the Background segment of the BOS Item for 2/19/2019*

*These operating procedures will apply to all new requests for traffic calming received by FCDOT, as well as existing traffic calming projects for which FCDOT has not held a community task force meeting prior to their adoption on February 19, 2019. Projects for which FCDOT has held a community task force meeting prior to February 19, 2019, will proceed under the previous operating procedures, unless the task force chooses to proceed through the Traffic Calming Program using the new operating procedures.*

BOS query (Supervisor McKay 2/5/19): How to address multiple requests for failed traffic studies?

*Below is language in the proposed updated operating procedures:*

*FCDOT provides the results of the study to the District Supervisor. If a street(s) does not qualify, the community may request that FCDOT conduct one additional study within the next two years.*

BOS query (Supervisor Foust 2/5/19): How do the new guidelines address roads that are too short to fit measures under the spacing requirements?

*Below is language in the proposed updated operating procedures:*

*FCDOT may allow one measure to be placed on a single block or in an area of high pedestrian activity (e.g. a school or park entrance) that is not long enough to meet the minimum spacing requirements. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.*

This is different than the spacing requirements between proposed traffic calming measures where the updated operating procedures is reducing the minimum distance between measures from 500 feet to 400 feet.

*Below is language in the proposed updated operating procedures:*

*Program criteria require a minimum distance of 400 feet between proposed or existing vertical traffic calming devices.*

BOS query (Supervisor Storck 2/5/19): There is interest in lengthening the timeframe for the request to remove newly installed traffic calming measures, but not lengthen the timeframe to modify newly installed traffic calming measures.

*Below is the modified language in the proposed updated operating procedures:*

**Modification of Existing Measures**

*Modification of an existing traffic calming plan includes the addition of new measures, relocation of existing measures, and/or changing the type of devices installed on the roadway.*

*A community must wait a minimum of 2 years after the installation of traffic calming measures before requesting its modification. After 2 years but prior to 5 years, a request by the HOA/CA or a petition signed by greater than 50 percent of residences along the candidate road will be required to start the process for modification of existing traffic calming measures. After 5 years have elapsed, the community can make such a request using the same criteria as is used to initiate a new traffic calming project.*

*Requirements for entry into the program and the traffic calming process remain the same.*

**Removal of Existing Measures**

*Removal of existing traffic measures entails the elimination of one or more installed devices without replacing them with a different type of measure or moving them to a new location on the same roadway.*

*A community must wait a minimum of 2 years after the installation of traffic calming measures before requesting its removal. After 2 years but prior to 10 years, a request by the HOA/CA or a petition signed by greater than 50 percent of residences along the candidate road will be required to start the process for removal of existing traffic calming measures. After 10 years have elapsed, the community can make such a request using the same criteria as is used to initiate a new traffic calming project.*

*The traffic calming process will remain the same, with the exception that a community seeking to remove installed traffic calming devices does not need the road to meet the speed and volume qualification criteria. (FCDOT will still collect this data, however.)*

*The community must identify which specific traffic calming devices it wishes to have removed. The proposal will be presented at a community information meeting, and then the task force will conduct a vote to approve or disapprove the plan to remove the traffic calming devices. If the ballot measure is successful, then FCDOT will take the proposal to the BOS for its endorsement.*