

RESOLUTION NO. 74072

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE EXEMPTING THE BLEWETT AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING PILOT PROJECT FROM THE TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY 5-6

WHEREAS, the current Traffic Calming Policy 5-6 was approved by the San José City Council (“City Council”) in June 2001, outlining the different types of traffic calming services and providing a process for neighborhoods experiencing adverse traffic conditions to petition the City of San José (“City”) for the installation of comprehensive traffic calming solutions and for traffic calming measures to be incorporated into development projects that may result in adverse traffic conditions in existing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Blewett Avenue is primarily a residential local street that experiences some instances of high speeding and cut-through traffic, since it is parallel to, and located one block east of Lincoln Avenue, and carries approximately 1,250 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, although road lumps have not been installed in the City to date, they have been used in other cities and counties and are a variant of road bumps, with the difference being that multiple road lumps are spaced across the roadway, providing gaps that accommodate the wheelbase of most fire trucks, while passenger vehicles that have a much narrower wheelbase need to drive over the road lump with at least one set of tires; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Blewett Avenue believe additional traffic calming improvements, in the form of a pilot project to test road lumps on Blewett Avenue are necessary in order to obtain further speed reductions, which the City is currently unable to authorize under Traffic Calming Council Policy 5-6; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is seeking a neighborhood to test road lumps to determine if they should ultimately be added to the traffic calming procedures as a possible option for community representatives and the City to consider in order to gauge their level of impact on the emergency response of the City's Fire Department and Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The Blewett Avenue Traffic Calming Pilot Project is hereby exempt from the Traffic Calming Council Policy 5-6 with regard to traffic calming measures along Blewett Avenue.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of October, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:	CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, CORTESE, LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, -PYLE, WILLIAMS; REED
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
DISQUALIFIED:	NONE

CHUCK REED
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk