

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Rambouillet/Nicklaus Traffic Calming Corridor Study
DATE: October 1, 2002

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider implementing a Rambouillet Road/Nicklaus Drive Traffic Calming Study.

- FACTS:**
1. Through the years, residents within the Rambouillet Corridor have complained about the speed that cars travel along this road. In response to these complaints, several stop signs were installed.
 2. In 1994, the City received additional complaints and a request was made to install speed humps. The City Council approved the request and staff installed five speed humps.
 3. In 2001, the City received more complaints and requests to install additional and/or relocate existing speed humps, and/or install more stop signs. The Streets & Utilities Committee heard both supporting and dissenting community input.
 4. In November 2001, the City Council appropriated \$20,000 to conduct a Traffic Calming Study based on a proposal from Associated Transportation Engineers (ATE), to analyze community concerns regarding traffic safety. The City Council directed staff to contact Omni-Means to see if they could perform the study more cost effectively.
 5. In March 2002, the Streets & Utilities Committee directed staff to engage the services of Omni-Means to address this issue for a fee of \$3,425.00.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: Omni-Means presented the Rambouillet Road/Nicklaus Drive Traffic Calming Study to the Streets and Utilities Committee in August 2002. The Streets and Utilities Committee directed staff to present the report to the full City Council. Attached is a copy of the report.

In summary, Omni-Means recommends that the City:

- Install four (4) additional speed humps along Rambouillet Road
- Install three (3) new speed humps along Nicklaus Drive

It is estimated that the cost for these new speed humps is \$14,000 to \$20,000.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Streets and Utilities Committee

FISCAL

IMPACT: Costs to implement the Consultant's recommendations is \$14,000 to \$20,000. At this time, there is no appropriation for this expenditure in the current adopted budget.

The four-year financial plan projection update presented to the Council on June 18, 2002 indicated, assuming a worst case scenario, that the General Fund would experience a \$(1,255,000) operating loss for fiscal year 2003. Since that presentation, the Council has approved the following additional General Fund budget appropriations:

Public Safety Staffing	\$124,000
Downtown Trash Receptacles	17,000
Paso VCB Incentive Payment	66,500
City Speed Zone Survey	15,000

These additional appropriations plus this additional request for \$20,000 would increase the projected General Fund deficit to \$(1,497,500).

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Direct staff to consider this request in the budget hearing for FY 2003/2004 budget.
 - b. Adopt Resolution No. 02-xx approving a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 from General Fund Reserves to Budget Account No. 200-310-5235-162.
 - c. Amend, modify or reject the above options.

Attachments (2)

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Report from Omni-Means

RESOLUTION NO. 02-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
APPROVING A ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000 FROM GENERAL FUND
RESERVES TO IMPLEMENT OMNI-MEANS' RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL
ADDITIONAL SPEED HUMPS ALONG RAMBOUILLET ROAD AND NICKLAUS DRIVE

WHEREAS, in the past, several stop signs were installed within the Rambouillet Corridor as a result of complaints from residents; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 the City Council approved the installation of five speed humps as a result of additional complaints; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the City received more complaints and requests to install additional speed humps, however, when this request was presented to the Streets and Utilities Committee, several residents attended the meeting stating additional speed humps were not necessary; and

WHEREAS, in November 2001, staff requested that the City Council appropriate \$20,000 to conduct a Traffic Calming Study based on a proposal from Associated Transportation Engineers (ATE); and

WHEREAS, City Council denied this request and directed staff to contact Omni-Means, the consultant already involved in the General Plan Update, to request they conduct an analysis of the Rambouillet Corridor for a cost less than \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, in March 2002, the Streets and Utilities Committee directed staff to engage the services of Omni-Means to address this issue for a fee of \$3,425.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby approve a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 from Gas Tax Reserves to Budget Account No. 200-310-5235-162 for the installation of additional speed humps on Rambouillet Road and Nicklaus Drive.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 1st day of October 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk