

# WORDEN AVENUE (JACKSON AVE – DEXTER AVE) TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING #1 DISCUSSION SUMMARY

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom Online Meeting

**Attendees:**

Public Present: 8

Councilmembers Present: None

City Staff Present: Cynthia Redinger (PE, PTOE, RSP), Christopher Cespedes

Consultant Staff Present: Kristy Thullen (EIT, Wade Trim), JD Danner (EIT, Wade Trim)

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## Meeting Notes

Questions or comments from attendees were submitted both by computer and phone audio (live) which were paraphrased or through the Zoom Q&A feature. Answers and responses from staff during the meeting are marked with an ‘a’. Clarifications or responses provided after the meeting are denoted as “*Post-Meeting Notes.*”

## Overview

An electronic meeting through Zoom was held to provide a brief overview of the Traffic Calming process, to discuss the Starter Idea specific to Worden Avenue between Jackson Avenue and Dexter Avenue as modifications to the Starter Idea. Refer to the Traffic Calming Guidebook available at [a2gov.org/TrafficCalming](https://a2gov.org/TrafficCalming) for additional information on the Traffic Calming process. Considering the Starter Idea shared at Meeting #1, community feedback, street conditions, utility locations, and engineering practices, staff will develop a Preliminary Plan for Meeting #2.

## Discussion

1. Speed Humps: What kind of noise or other impacts would speed humps have on emergency vehicles?
  - a. (*Post-Meeting Notes*) The Traffic Calming Guidebook notes that raised devices may delay emergency response 2-10 seconds per device and may possibly increase traffic noise. Additionally, the Ann Arbor Fire Department (AAFD) requires devices be placed with a minimum clearance of 20 feet from any fire hydrant to maintain a flat parking surface for their apparatus. Please also see the response from the Ann Arbor Fire Marshal:  
*“Any traffic calming device can slow down an emergent response. In a residential area it is not as bad as posted speed limits are to be followed and our apparatus are already going at a slower speed and speed humps do not have any negative affect [sic] on our apparatus, but yes there is a slight time delay in response. [...] Proper placement of vertical calming devices are [sic] important. The biggest concern is placement near a hydrant as you mentioned. I have not heard of increased noise and not sure how it relates to speed humps.”*
2. Sidewalks: Any chance of adding a (very short) sidewalk along Worden between Jackson Place and Jackson Road?
  - a. New sidewalks and ramp requests are handled by the Ann Arbor Sidewalks Program. Residents must submit their request directly at 734-994-2493 or by email at [sidewalk@a2gov.org](mailto:sidewalk@a2gov.org). Frequently Asked Questions about the program can be found at [a2gov.org/departments/engineering/pages/new-sidewalks-faq.aspx](https://a2gov.org/departments/engineering/pages/new-sidewalks-faq.aspx).

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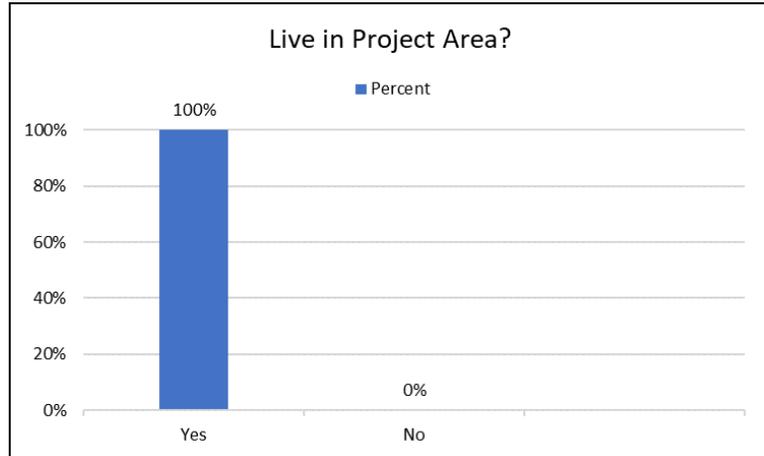
### **Appendix A:** Sign-in sheet

- Chris lord
- Jacqueline N Kaufman
- Bryan Weinert
- Food Gatherers (Markell)
- Kathryn Thach
- John Kiplinger
- Jason Miller
- Steve Johgart

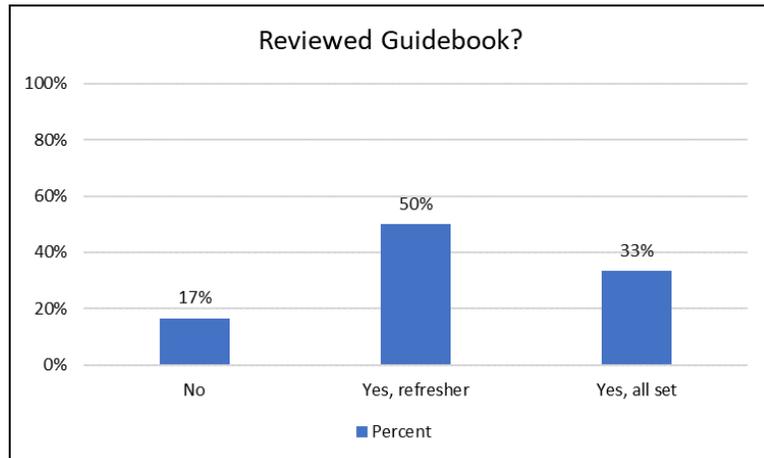
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## Appendix B: Meeting #1 Polling Results

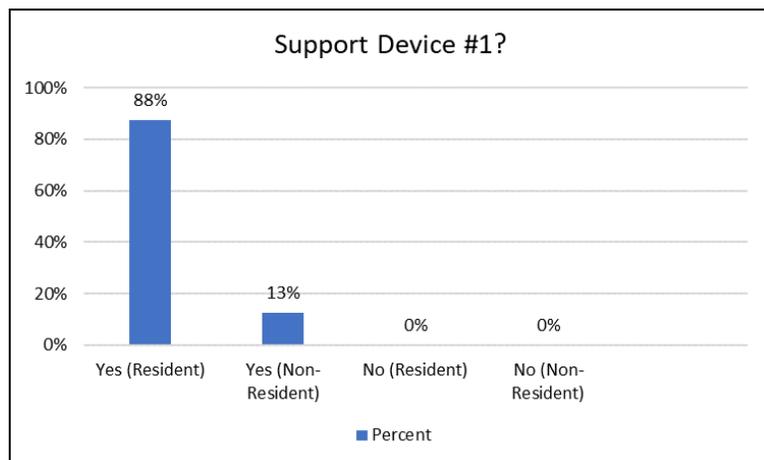
1. Do you live in the designated project area? (Multiple Choice)		
Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	100%	5
No	0%	0
Totals	100%	5



2. Have you reviewed the Traffic Calming Guidebook? (Multiple Choice)		
Responses		
	Percent	Count
No	17%	1
Yes, refresher	50%	3
Yes, all set	33%	2
Totals	100%	6



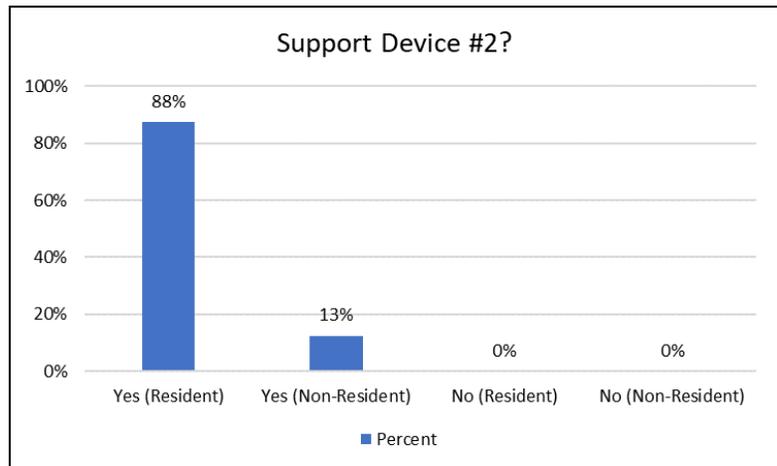
3. Do you support Device #1, Speed Hump? (Multiple Choice)		
Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes (Resident)	88%	7
Yes (Non-Resident)	13%	1
No (Resident)	0%	0
No (Non-Resident)	0%	0
Totals	100%	8



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4. Do you support Device #2, Speed Hump? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes (Resident)	88%	7
Yes (Non-Resident)	13%	1
No (Resident)	0%	0
No (Non-Resident)	0%	0
Totals	100%	8



5. Do you support an additional device, Curb Extension at NE corner of Worden and Jackson PI? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes (Resident)	88%	7
Yes (Non-Resident)	13%	1
No (Resident)	0%	0
No (Non-Resident)	0%	0
Totals	100%	8

