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RE: Manchester Road (Buckingham Road – Needham Road): Results of Final Polling

Dear Manchester Road Residents and Owners,

Thank you for your interest in Traffic Calming on Manchester Road. Following an initial questionnaire, orientation meeting, and self-guided tour meeting, a final poll was conducted to determine support for traffic calming within the project area.

The program guidelines specify that, “greater than 50% of returned final polls must indicate support (‘yes’) for the final plan”. This letter is to inform you that the results have been officially tallied and **the project has received enough support to move forward**. The breakdown of the final poll results are as follows:

- 26 Addresses in project area
- 15 Final poll responses received
- 9 Final polls supporting the final plan
- 60.0% Percent of final polls received support the final plan as shown.

This project has met the required criteria to be considered for construction at these upcoming, electronic, public meetings; public comment opportunities are available:

- **September 2023** – Transportation Commission to consider a recommendation; details: a2gov.org/TransportationCommission
- **October 2023** – City Council to consider a resolution for construction approval; details: a2gov.org

If approved by City Council, construction is tentatively planned to be completed during the 2023-2024 construction season based on available funding. The outcome of the Transportation Commission and City Council meetings will be posted on the project website, a2gov.org/TCManchester.

We have enjoyed working with the Manchester Road neighborhood and appreciate your involvement in the Traffic Calming Program. If you have any questions, please contact a team member at 734-794-6429 or by email at TrafficCalming@a2gov.org.

Best regards,

Your Traffic Calming Team

C: Andrea Wright, Chris Cespedes, Raymond Hess, Luke Liu, Kristy Thullen, Lori Pawlik

All persons are encouraged to participate in public meetings. Accommodations, including sign language interpreters, may be arranged by contacting the City Clerk's office at 734.794.6140; via email to: cityclerk@a2gov.org; or by written request addressed and mailed or delivered to: City Clerk's Office 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Requests made with less than two business days' notice may not be able to be accommodated.

Manchester Road (Buckingham Road – Needham Road) Traffic Calming Final Poll Response Summary

Project area addresses: 26

Questionnaire responses received: 15

This summary is a direct transcription of the Final Poll results and comments.

Do you support the proposed plan, as presented in the ‘Final Plan’?	
YES, I support the entire proposed plan, as presented in the ‘Final Plan’	9
NO, I do not support the ‘Final Plan’	6
Not indicated	0
Comments received:	
<p>As I indicated in an email sent to Ms. Thullen this project is ill conceived as it is as far as the placement of the speed hump goes. The speed hump should be BEFORE the intersection of Needham and Manchester if anywhere. Also, consider the curve there with bad visibility. The proposed plan and the placement of the speed hump does not make any sense and is ill conceived. It is not for the benefit of the people living there and certainly not for slowing down the traffic. The traffic should be slowed down between Independence and Needham before it reaches the intersection. There is also a curve on the street where visibility is poor. The way you are proposing it is throwing taxpayers money out. Please reconsider this whole issue. I am very concerned.</p>	
<p>I think Kristy and her team did a very good job on this project. The Zoom meeting was informative, helpful, and efforts were made to include all residents. I’m happy to see the final plan does not include device 3, which I believe would actually cause more problems than it would solve. Even so, I don’t believe any plan is necessary for Manchester Rd. Upon close observation since this study started, I believe most all traffic is reasonably paced and appropriately cautious – probably aided by the fact that parked cars require a slower speed on Manchester.</p>	
<p>I do not support the installation of a speed hump which is the cause of my household vote if [sic] “No” to the proposed plan.</p>	
<p>We appreciate the effort to make our neighborhood safer, but speed humps will not achieve that goal. I’m concerned for two reasons: 1) noise and 2) winter travel. Prior to living on Manchester we lived near speed humps on King George. It is loud. The speed humps are not meant for 25 mph traffic. They are far too big and people constantly hit parts of their cars by going over them. This will impede upon our peace and enjoyment by having to listen to cars hitting oversized speed humps. Second, cars struggle to get up the hill on Manchester all winter. Each year, we help 5-10 people who get stuck going up the hill. It is dangerous. This will undoubtedly make matters worse and hinder snow removal on our street, which is already inadequate. We would be fine with a stop sign at Manchester and Nottingham or any other street on Manchester.</p>	
<p>This area already has traffic calming installed on Medford near Dorchester and Independence near Manchester. The residents who requested these existing installations may no longer live in the area. Traffic is already avoiding two areas within a few blocks of this proposal. Eliminating the two existing traffic calming installations would be a better solution.</p>	
<p>Thank you for your effort and thoughtful consideration on our Manchester traffic project :)</p>	
<p>Hope this works! Outreach hasn’t been the best..,</p>	
<p>Would prefer the 3 device plan.</p>	
<p>Not supporting due to the lack of drive-around calming measures.</p>	
<p>Very well done</p>	
<p>Thank you.</p>	