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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Dan Clem, City Councilor – Ward 8  
Subject: Traffic Calming Budget for NAs

### Motion:

I move that staff develop (for Council and Budget Committee further consideration) a program for an annual funding allocation to neighborhood association for Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Safety projects. This program could either grant funds to each neighborhood association on an annual basis or could be established as dedicated fund within PW for neighborhood associations to make application to use for Traffic Calming or Pedestrian Safety projects.

### Discussion:

Council and Budget Committee have already approved annual dedicated grant programs to neighborhood associations for parks and for neighborhood communications/outreach. Traffic and pedestrian safety are critical concerns in each neighborhood. While the City's streamlined Traffic Management process relies on NAs, staff, and the CATC Board to discern if and how traffic calming can be best designed, the inability of identifying funding seems to hamper the process. This program may be best handled within a central fund, using an application process alike the Parks Grant Program we currently use. Regardless, with growth and transportation problems increasing, this program could incent more public involvement with neighborhood associations because citizens could have a more direct role in improving the safety of their neighborhoods.