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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 10, 2019

DATE: September 6, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dwayne Smith, P.E., Division Director, Engineering and Capital Projects
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to hold discussion with possible approval of the Washoe County Traffic Calming & Traffic Engineering Request Policy to provide Washoe County residents with a process for requesting traffic calming or traffic engineering / operational measures related to speeding, pedestrian and driver safety, and traffic volumes. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a standardized process to address a range of issues that arise with respect to Washoe County roadways including, but not limited to, speeding complaints, safety concerns, and associated engineering requests. This policy provides residents and Washoe County staff with a process for the receipt, initial determination, investigation and subsequent response to various types of traffic requests that are received by the County. The policy has been crafted to provide consistent application of Washoe County Code and requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) which defines the standards used nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel. The MUTCD is published by the Federal Highway Administration under 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655, Subpart F.

The ultimate goal of this policy is to maintain the highest levels of safety for the various users of Washoe County roads and rights-of-way and to provide a standardized process to address the range of requests for safety and traffic impacts from new development.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

There has been no previous action regarding this item.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

In April 2019, Washoe County contracted with Headway Transportation, LLC to assist in the development of a standard process to respond to various traffic, pedestrian and issues/complaints associated with Washoe County roadways in primary response to speeding and pedestrian safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this policy document.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners hold discussion with possible approval of the Washoe County Traffic Calming & Traffic Engineering Request Policy to provide Washoe County residents with a process for requesting traffic calming or traffic engineering / operational measures related to speeding, pedestrian and driver safety, and traffic volumes.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:
"Move to approve the Washoe County Traffic Calming & Traffic Engineering Request Policy to provide Washoe County residents with a process for requesting traffic calming or traffic engineering / operational measures related to speeding, pedestrian and driver safety, and traffic volumes."