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# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
## TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____R-20-104_____     ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Adopting The 2020 Update Of The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Manual (Davis, Benton)

ADOPTING THE 2020 UPDATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MANUAL.

WHEREAS, since the mid-1990s the City of Albuquerque has provided a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) to identify solutions to address traffic safety and nuisance issues on neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, NTMP projects are executed as a partnership between the City of Albuquerque's Traffic Engineering Division and the residents that reside within the project area; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood traffic calming through consensus is a recent field of practice in the United States and is still an evolving endeavor.
The City has updated the NTMP Manual approximately every six years to stay current with the state of the practice of neighborhood traffic calming and to employ lessons learned from the implementation of projects in Albuquerque's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, to adapt and improve the NTMP program, the City Council and the Traffic Engineering Division of the Department of Municipal Development, in cooperation with a team of City residents and staff from multiple City agencies, updated the 2015 manual by creating a 2020 NTMP Manual. The significant modifications of the update include:

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1.      The NTMP will have two tracks, an expedited track for applicants requesting speed humps to address speeding issues, and a standard track for streets where street geometry and location preclude the use of speed humps, or the traffic issues involve cut-through traffic and frequent traffic crashes,

2.      When qualifying a project, the speed hump track will consider a wide variety of contributing causes for speeding that were not considered in previous NTMP Manuals, and

3.      The petitioning process, (which is used to determine if a consensus of the residents to start an NTMP project or to determine if they agree on a chosen traffic solution to resolve a traffic issue), has been reorganized to make it less burdensome on the petitioners while still gathering the needed signatures that represent a consensus; and

WHEREAS, policies of the 2020 manual provide for a robust NTMP Program that will require extra resources and funding, in addition to those currently assigned to the program. The funding for these additional resources had been provided through Resolution-20-47. The Resolution funding enables the development of a traffic count program to be operated by City staff. This is to accommodate for the increased number of traffic counts that will be required through the expanded program provided for in the updated document and to reduce the costs for the counts; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2020 update, furthers a recent renaissance in urban road and traffic management policies and ordinances that the City has implemented. These policies include the Complete Streets Ordinance, the Vision Zero Program, the development of Bike Boulevards, the Active Streets Policy, the adoption of the "PROWAG" ADA standards, and the updating of the Development Process Manual and the ABC Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1.  The Manual Titled "City of Albuquerque Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP): A Summary of Traffic Calming Policy and Neighborhood Traffic Management Strategies, October 2020" is adopted as the City of Albuquerque's program for traffic calming on neighborhood local and collector streets.

Section 2.  The Administration is to proceed to acquire additional staff for the NTMP Program and procure the necessary equipment to conduct traffic counts by utilizing the funding passed through Resolution-20-47 assigning $250,000 of Annual Quarter Cent Infrastructure Transportation Tax Revenue to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Section 3.  The Traffic Engineering Division is developing a new NTMP project application.  The completed application will become part of the Updated 2020 NTMP Manual.

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