



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Resolution Approving the 2026 Traffic Calming Projects for the City of Winston-Salem
City Council Committee	Public Works Committee
Meeting Date	June 9, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Reid Hutchins, Transportation Operations Manager
Department Head	Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation
City Manager/ACM	Aaron King, ACM

Agenda Item Summary

Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options	I Move Approval of the Resolution for the Installation of the 2026 Qualifying Traffic Calming Projects.
Strategic Focus Area	Livable Community
Strategic Plan Objective	LC1: Enhancing Residents' Sense of Safety and Reducing Crime
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

Each year, the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation (WSDOT) administers the traffic calming process for eligible neighborhood petitions across the city. This cycle, six of the fifteen active petitions achieved the required 70% neighborhood approval, qualifying them for consideration by the City Council.

In addition to verifying petition compliance, WSDOT staff conducted a comprehensive technical analysis for each location. This work included evaluating speeding patterns, roadway geometry, crash history, pedestrian activity, and sight-distance constraints. Staff also facilitated extensive engagement with residents and community stakeholders to ensure that proposed measures reflected neighborhood priorities while remaining consistent with engineering best practices and the adopted traffic calming policy.

Following this analysis, WSDOT developed conceptual and final designs for each project. These designs incorporate traffic calming tools authorized under the City of Winston-Salem's Traffic Calming Policy—including speed cushions, all-way stop controls, and lane markings—selected based on their effectiveness, feasibility, and compatibility with emergency response needs and roadway function.

Residents along the affected corridors have completed all procedural requirements outlined in the policy, and staff have confirmed that each project meets the technical criteria for implementation. Accordingly, WSDOT recommends approval and installation of the six projects using the capital program allocated for traffic calming.

A list of the approved projects and their limits is provided below, and the associated design plans are attached for Council review.

- Exhibit A: Forest Park Neighborhood (Francis Street, Bertha Street, Milford Street, Junia Avenue) – speed cushions
- Exhibit B: Haywood Street between Thurmond Street and 11th Street – speed cushions
- Exhibit C: Palmer Lane from Clemmons Road to Old Lexington Road – speed cushions
- Exhibit D: Pine Valley Road from Yorkshire Road to Barnesdale Road – all-way stop controls, additional warning signage
- Exhibit E: Westview Drive from Greenwich Road to Country Club Road – all-way stop controls
- Exhibit F: Winona Street, Bluebird Lane, Maverick Street – speed cushions, lane markings

Analysis of Fiscal Impact

The City of Winston-Salem’s capital plan establishes a capital program from the motor vehicle privilege tax for traffic calming projects. These funds are specifically set aside to fund qualifying traffic calming projects upon approval by City Council. These six projects meet the qualifications, each of which has an expected cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000. Sufficient funds are available in the traffic calming program to support these projects.

Attachments

- Resolution
- Exhibits A -F – Traffic Calming Plans

Committee Action	PW 6/9/2026
For:	Against:
Remarks: n Unanimous Approved	

