

RESOLUTION NO. 200818

Expressing the City's intent to support three traffic calming projects including the Asphalt Art Initiative, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Traffic Calming Project and the Volker Neighborhood Traffic Calming Pilot and directing the City Manager to approve the projects.

WHEREAS, traffic calming is a combination of measures that aim to balance traffic on streets by altering behavior of motor vehicle drivers and improving conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists by utilizing techniques to lessen the impact of motor vehicle traffic by slowing it down or "calming" it; and

WHEREAS, traffic calming strategies often include changes to the streets including speed bumps and lane narrowing; using planters, bollards and other removable barriers; eliminating or adding parking or installing sidewalk extensions or similar structures with temporary materials; and including visual enhancements like painting lines, colors and patterns as well as adding trees, flowers and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City supported the application of the Asphalt Art Initiative grant application to Bloomberg Philanthropies for the creation of art at certain streets in Midtown, which was later determined by the City and KC Midtown Now to be installed at the intersection of Westport Road and Wyandotte Street, that includes the addition of a micromobility hub and planters as well as painting the curb extensions and the center of the intersection and is supportive of traffic calming projects intended to provide safer road conditions within neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Volker Neighborhood have identified the intersection of 38th and Wyoming Street to implement a traffic calming plan which includes relocating a stop sign, painting the curb extensions and adding planters and bollards as well as adding a crosswalk in front of Gordon Parks Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department and the Ronald McDonald House Charities have identified the 2500 block of Cherry Street to implement a traffic calming plan which includes adding a crosswalk and pedestrian yield markers, painting curb extensions and adding a proposed serenity garden and micromobility hub; and

WHEREAS, all three projects are fully funded with the Asphalt Art Initiative being funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the 2500 Block of Cherry being funded by the Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Volker Neighborhood receiving PIAC funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will further support the projects and maintain public safety through ensuring the locations and paint colors selected do not impede with other street markings intended for traffic control and that the additions of planters and other installations are in conformance with City regulations; and

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WHEREAS, the City supports these traffic calming projects as they can improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at intersections; can aid in reducing traffic speed and motor-vehicle collisions; can increase pedestrian and bicycling activity; and adds aesthetic enhancements and improves visibility; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City expresses its intent to support the three traffic calming plans as set forth in each site plan for Westport Road at Wyandotte Street, the 2500 block of Cherry Street, the intersection at 38th and Wyoming Street, and the crosswalk in front of Gordon Parks Elementary.

Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to approve the designs and locations of the projects as long as they do not impede with other street markings, traffic controls or public safety.



Authenticated as Passed


Quinton Lucas, Mayor


Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed