

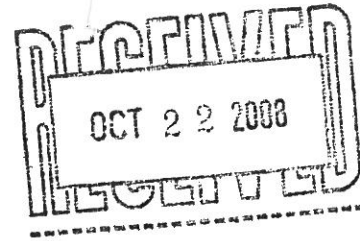


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### **RE: North Wallace Traffic Calming Program Update**

Dear resident and/or property owner:

In February, 2007, a Phase III Petition for Permanent Measures through the City of Bozeman's Traffic Calming Program garnered 25 signatures of 43 property owners (58%) fronting North Wallace between East Lamme and Peach Streets. The process was terminated for lack of neighborhood support. A 70% support rate is required in the Traffic Calming Program to demonstrate the likelihood of a Special Improvement District (SID), the general funding source for traffic calming devices, would be supported by those required to participate in the SID. In September, 2007, 5 additional signatures were added bringing the total to 30 signatures of the 43 property owners (70%).

On Thursday, September 4, 2008 in the Bozeman Public Library's large conference room, the City of Bozeman hosted a public meeting regarding the status of the North Wallace traffic calming project and proposals for proceeding with permanent measures for traffic calming, which included two traffic circles, one at the intersection of Fridley and North Wallace Streets and one at the intersection of Davis and North Wallace Streets, and the estimated costs and timelines. Notice letters were sent to residents and property owners residing and/or owning property facing North Wallace Street between East Lamme and Peach Streets. Sixty-one notices were mailed; eleven residents and/or property owners attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Mr. Andy Kerr from the City's Engineering Department provided updated cost estimates for the installation of two traffic circles and associated curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements. The total project cost estimate is \$111,304.35. There are currently 45 parcels included in the proposed SID. The proposed 10-year re-payment plan, at an estimated 4% rate of interest, would cost each parcel owner in the proposed SID approximately \$2,473.43. Additionally, Mr. Kerr informed the neighbors in attendance that each circle would require approximately 40 feet of open curb space on each side of each street approaching the circles thus eliminating parking on all four corners of each intersection.

Since the September, 2008 public meeting, at least one North Wallace parcel owner, initially shown supporting the traffic circles through the original petition process, has rescinded support of the proposal. The current level of support has now fallen below the 70% threshold necessary to proceed under Phase III of the Traffic Calming Program. **Due to this reduction in neighbor support, the Traffic Calming Program implementation process for North Wallace Avenue has been terminated at Step 12 of Phase III.** In the future, if the property/parcel owners on North Wallace Avenue wish to pursue traffic calming measures, they will be permitted to enter the Traffic Calming Program at Step 12.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the current status of the North Wallace Traffic Calming Program or to aid in the initiation of any new proposals.