



TO: Members of the City Council and
Members of the Public

FROM: Carroll Fife, District 3

SUBJECT: Resolution regarding Community Safety
Traffic Safety Permit Program

DATE: June 13, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR
DESIGNEE, IN COLLABORATION WITH IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS,
TO:**

**1) WORK WITH COUNCIL OFFICES AND RESIDENTS TO SELECT
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN EAST AND WEST OAKLAND TO
RESPOND TO COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS
ON THE HIGH INJURY NETWORK, IN HIGH EQUITY PRIORITY
NEIGHBORHOODS, OR THAT IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS INCLUDING CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE
OF ANY REMAINING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR
2023 – 2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
APPROVED TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECTS; AND**

**2) UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE DEMONSTRATION
PROJECTS, PUBLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR STANDARD PLANS, FOR A
COMMUNITY-LED TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM, ALLOWING
BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO APPLY FOR
PERMITS TO INSTALL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SAFETY
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE HIGH INJURY NETWORK
AND OR SERVING LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS AND VULNERABLE
POPULATIONS ON CITY STREETS BY APRIL 1 2025, INCLUDING
RECOMMENDED DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL
PLANS AND BEGIN ACCEPTING AND PROCESSING PERMITS FOR SAID
PROJECTS WITH A TARGET DATE OF JULY 1 2025**



The proposed resolution for establishing community traffic safety permits aims to expedite the implementation of temporary traffic calming measures in high-injury network corridors and near schools, community centers, or businesses serving low-income neighborhoods. The goal is to enhance road safety for vulnerable populations.

Residents within High Injury Networks are particularly susceptible to road-based traffic violence, often resulting in serious or fatal incidents. This program will enable rapid deployment of quick-build traffic calming projects and empower community-based organizations to lead proactive road safety efforts. For detailed information, see Attachment B for the agenda report published in November 2023 and the resolution passed by the Oakland City Council requesting an information report from the Department of Transportation (OakDOT).

Since the information report was presented to the Public Works and Transportation Committee on April 23, 2024, District 3 staff, OakDOT, and members of Transport Oakland have worked together to address equity and staffing concerns, incorporating input from advocates to develop a path forward for the City of Oakland.

This resolution will establish a permit program allowing temporary demonstration projects until permanent improvements can be made by OakDOT. Permit applicants will collaborate directly with OakDOT and Public Works.

The program will include two trial demonstration projects implemented by OakDOT, in collaboration with community stakeholders in East and West Oakland. OakDOT, with consultation from District 3 staff and Transport Oakland members, will select demonstration projects linked to approved capital improvement projects, focusing on serving low-income, Black, and Brown residents in high-injury networks. With approval from the Councilmember of the respective district, applicants may use remaining discretionary funds allocated for traffic safety or identify existing OakDOT programs to cover costs without returning to the council.

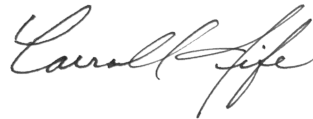
Upon completion of the trial projects, OakDOT, with community input, will develop a framework and toolkit for the permit program by April 1, 2025. This framework will include application requirements, guidelines for traffic control plans, approved project types, and necessary supplies and equipment.



The District 3 Office thanks OakDOT staff, Transport Oakland members, and Oakland residents for their collaborative efforts. This is an iterative process, and further work is required, but we look forward to continued partnerships for successful implementation of this innovative permit program.

Thank you for your consideration. For questions regarding this report or legislation, please contact Tonya Love, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Fife, at tlove@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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