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To: Members of the City Council and the Public

From: Councilmember Dan Kalb

RE: July 26<sup>th</sup> Agenda Item – Traffic Calming Infrastructure – Fiscal Year FY 2021-23 Budget

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This memorandum is in reference to proposals by Councilmembers to earmark a portion of the funds from selected special funds (including Funds 2216, 2211) in our budget to specific traffic-related infrastructure projects.

As we know, we have adopted a FY 2021-23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which includes many transportation-related and other infrastructure projects. It would be interesting and helpful to know what is the city council district distribution of *funded* projects in the recently adopted CIP?

Many transportation projects, including smaller projects in our council districts, get queued up from the City's 311 process and/or are derived from priorities in the city's already-adopted plans including, but not limited to, OakDOT's Strategic Plan, Safe Oakland Streets initiative, Pedestrian Plan and Bicycle Plan. The City also has formally and rightfully adopted an equity lens in prioritizing such projects.

I would caution against earmarking most of the \$5 million in restricted transportation project funds for specific projects at this time. The staff time needed to prepare these additional projects would be substantial and could lead to substantial delays in other important funded traffic safety projects. And if most of these funds are earmarked now, then other valuable traffic calming projects that may be in the queue could be delayed for years.

However, IF the Council decides to earmark most of these transportation dollars now, I would respectfully request that some of these funds be directed to a portion (up to \$350,000) of the Idora Park Traffic Calming measures identified in the *unfunded* CIP, and that this be included for consideration today.

I look forward to the discussion on this item at Monday's Council meeting as we work together on enhancing pedestrian safety and traffic calming throughout our city.