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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2021

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Roadway Speed Bumps/Humps – Policy

Residents have approached The City multiple times in recent years requesting the installation of bumps/humps (raised surfaces) within the City roadway, to reduce traffic speeds. The latest request is for bumps/humps on Missel Avenue, which serves as a shortcut from Route 6. However, this correspondence is NOT limited to an evaluation of Missel Avenue request. Rather, it is a discussion on whether the City wants to consider installation of bumps/humps in areas throughout the City.

Cities such as Hartford and West Hartford currently allow bumps/humps. There are a number of factors that should be considered, such as: roadway traffic volumes, road noise, emergency response times, and signage, to list a few. In addition to DPW recommendations, input should be obtained from the Police and Fire Departments. As Director of Public Works, I believe issues associated with drainage and snow plowing can be managed with bumps/humps. However, I strongly believe that if the installation of bumps/humps is pursued there should be a formal policy in place that guides the general location they are allowed and not allowed. In addition, it should be understood, although bumps/humps may be looked on favorably by residents on a particular street, they may not be favored by the general traveling public or adjacent property owners.

In order to assist the City in formulating a Bumps/Humps policy and evaluate the pros and cons of bumps/humps, DPW has solicited a proposal from the traffic engineering firm, VHB Engineering.



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If the BPW wishes to consider the installation of bumps/humps the DPW recommends the following action:

Move to authorize the Department of Public Works to procure the services of VHB Engineering, in the amount of \$2,200, to evaluate the pros and cons of speed bumps/humps, present the findings to the Board of Public Works and provide assistance in preparing a policy, if required.

Please feel free to contact me with any question at 860-584-6113.

CC: Police Dept