

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



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| Agenda Date:     | January 21, 2025                                                                  |
| Action Required: | None                                                                              |
| Presenter:       | Ben Chambers, Transportation Planning Manager, Brennen Duncan, Traffic Engineer   |
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| Title:           | <b>Report on Urgent Infrastructure Projects</b>                                   |

**Background**

Following a fatal pedestrian crash at 1st & Elliot on October 3rd, City staff took action to identify and implement a set of quick build safety improvements. The City Manager then directed staff to identify more permanent safety improvements for this location as well as safety improvements for locations throughout the City, identified as an urgent infrastructure project list.

**Discussion**

Following the direction to identify more opportunities to make urgent permanent improvements, staff both worked to identify specific project locations, but also opportunities to merge this effort with other existing projects and planning efforts. These include commitments to conduct testing of traffic calming devices, to lower speed limits on City streets, and to develop a new generation of citywide transportation plans that would update priorities for new projects throughout the transportation network. These programs, along with existing projects and the new investment in urgent transportation improvements at intersections, are the basis of a more comprehensive Safer Streets strategy. This strategy employs a variety of temporary and permanent-concrete interventions, planning processes, public engagements, and policy updates over the course of the next five years to allow the City and its residents to work together to make significant change happen in this community.

Staff will present this overall Safer Streets strategy with examples of projects.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan**

Aligns with Transportation Strategic Outcome Area

**Community Engagement**

Each program described under the Safer Streets strategy, including the deployment of "urgent transportation improvements" at intersections, will include opportunities to engage the community to receive feedback. Successful execution of the strategy will depend on providing clear and regular

communications to the community through both existing and new venues and outlets for information sharing.

### **Budgetary Impact**

The initial phase of this Safer Streets strategy includes existing, funded projects and programs, as well as those recommended to the City Manager for budgetary consideration as "urgent transportation improvements". Future phases and their associated projects/programs are not currently funded as identified and would be submitted to the City Manager as items for consideration in the development of future budgets.

### **Recommendation**

### **Alternatives**

### **Attachments**

None