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TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE:

April 28, 2004

SUBJECT:

Armview-Pryor-Jubilee Short-Cutting

ORIGIN

After the conclusion of a successful trial of short-cutting measures under the Neighbourhood Short-Cutting Policy, the Policy requires Council approval to make the measures permanent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approves finalizing the permanent installation of speed humps and a speed table in the Armview-Pryor-Jubilee corridor at an estimated cost of \$15,000 from Capital Account No. CTR00423, Traffic Calming.

BACKGROUND

As a trial, six speed humps were installed in the Armview-Pryor-Jubilee corridor in 2002. An already existing speed table at the intersection of Tupper Grove and Armview Avenue was retained for the trial.

DISCUSSION

The speed humps and speed table replaced a number of chicanes which were part of a previous trial. The traffic volumes in the Armview-Pryor-Jubilee corridor remained essentially the same with the speed humps as with the chicanes, and continued to be significantly lower than before the trials began. In addition, in the immediate vicinity of the speed humps, most drivers choose to slow their vehicles.

The speed humps as installed have settled somewhat over the course of the trial. If Council approves making the speed humps permanent, any humps which are too low will be reconstructed to meet the proper standard.

In an earlier trial as part of this corridor study, Bloomingdale Terrace had turn restrictions put in place at the intersection of Bloomingdale and Quinpool Road. The turn restrictions were removed in November, 2001. When the speed humps replaced the chicanes, there was no change made for Bloomingdale Terrace. Traffic volumes and speeds increased on Bloomingdale. Discussions with some of the residents of Bloomingdale Terrace, in consultation with Councillor Uteck, have led to the commitment to install two speed humps on Bloomingdale to try to restrain speeds and volumes on Bloomingdale whenever the other installation was made permanent. If Council agrees with the permanent installation, these speed humps would be installed at the same time.

Halifax Regional Municipality Fire and Emergency Services have agreed with the installation of the permanent speed humps in the Armview-Pryor-Jubilee corridor including Bloomingdale Terrace.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funds in the estimated amount of \$15,000 are available for making the speed humps permanent in the Armview-Pryor-Jubilee corridor and adding two speed humps to Bloomingdale Terrace, which require funds from Capital Account No. CTR00423, Traffic Calming. This has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: <u>Capital Account No. CTR00423, Traffic Calming</u>

Cumulative unspent Budget \$ 85,272 Less:Armview-Pryor-Jubilee Short-cutting 15,000 \$ 70,272

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could direct that the trial be ended and the speed humps and speed table be removed from the Armview-Pryor-Jubilee corridor and no speed humps installed on Bloomingdale.

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