

## **TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**

### **Police Committee**

#### **Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Speed Humps on River Road, Gladwyne (Ward 2)

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- I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:** Authorize engineering to implement traffic calming measures on River Road as recommended in the traffic study prepared by the Traffic Safety Unit.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** The newly adopted Lower Merion Traffic Calming Policy does not currently have an approved budget. The Board would need to approve funding to proceed with this request.
- III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):** The Township requires a traffic study be conducted prior to installation of traffic control devices following the standards established by PennDOT and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The request is consistent with past practice.
- IV. Other Relevant Background Information:** The residents of River Road submitted a Traffic Calming petition to the Traffic Safety Unit specifically requesting the installation of Speed Humps on this roadway. The study determined that this is a qualifying roadway, therefore, it is being submitted to the Board of Commissioners to determine if this petition will be approved and provide funding needed to proceed with this project.
- V. Impact On Township Finances:** A budget for Traffic Calming is not scheduled to go into effect until 2020. To proceed with this request, the Board of Commissioners will have to first approve the recommendation and then determine funding to proceed with an Engineering study, design and installation of the Speed Humps.

The Board of Commissioners could transfer funds from the CIP small infrastructure project to cover the project design costs.

- VI. Staff Recommendation:** The traffic study which was completed by the Traffic Safety Unit indicates that River Road would qualify for the installation of Speed Humps. The residents completed the application process and have submitted a petition with the required percentage of signatures from the affected residents. Based

on these findings we are in support of this request being sent to the Engineer to be properly designed for future installation.