



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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**DATE:** October 11, 2023

**TO:** Chair Kampschroer and Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation (CACT)

**FROM:** Jenna Brummond, Planner

**SUBJECT:** Neighborhood Traffic Calming (NTC) & Residential Permit Parking Program Updates for October 2023

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## Active Cases

The following are active NTC or Residential Permit Parking projects. To speed up project execution, staff prioritizes work on active cases before work on other cases. The ongoing Greenway Downs case (7+ streets) has been in the works for over a year, and so with the onboarding of new staff members to assist with the NTC program, staff is in the process of un-pausing a limited number of cases further down the queue.

## Greenways Downs Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Project

### - Recent Milestones:

- o 07/18/2022 – Receipt of 30% plans from consultant.
- o 08/07/2022 – Distribution of 30% plans to Working Groups.
- o 08/18/2022 - Submission of 30% plans to VDOT.
- o 08/10/2022 – Review of 30% plans by CACT.
- o 08/22/2022 - Receipt of [VDOT comments](#).
- o 12/5/2022 – Receipt of survey and [bus turning movements](#).
- o 01/25/2023 – Receipt of updated intersection plans from the consultant.
- o 03/07/2023 – Public Meeting hosted by staff.
- o 04/28 – 05/19/2023 - Vote conducted via with both mailed and online ballots. Staff installed yard signs and painted on proposed speed humps prior to vote.
- o 5/10/2023 – CACT approved 30% plans.
- o 06/14/2023 – Results of neighborhood vote shared with CACT in meeting packet and with voters via email. Votes for all 7 streets passed with a wide margin.
- o 09/21/2023 - Receipt of [60% plans](#) from consultant and submission of 60% plans to VDOT.

### - Upcoming Milestones:

- o October/November 2023 – City staff or consultant to paint on measures following submittal of 60% plans.
- o Fall 2023 – VDOT to approve 60% plans.

- Early Spring 2023 - Consultant to develop Final Project Design and submit plans and cost estimates to VDOT.
- Early Spring/ Summer 2024 - VDOT to approve 100% plans.
- Summer 2024 - Construction advertisement to run.
- Fall 2024 - Contract to be awarded.
- Fall 2024 - Construction to begin.
- Spring 2025 - Construction to end.

## East Columbia Street - N Washington St to N Cherry St Traffic Calming

### - Recent Milestones

- September 2022 - Receipt of completed petition of interest signed by 100 percent of residents in study area.
- August 2022 - Data collection completed and risk assessment completed per NTC Handbook, showing a “medium” priority.
- 10/12/2022 – CACT selects case for light solutions.
- Nov/Dec 2022 – Speed Trailer deployed by Police Department.
- April 2023 – Staff reached out to Sheriff to request increased deployment of the speed trailer.
- 7/26/2023 - E Columbia Street Meeting held with Neighborhood Working Group. (*NTC Handbook: Step 3.2*)
- 8/17/2023 – Staff produced sketch with locations of light solutions to Neighborhood Working Group.
- 9/13/2023 – CACT voted to move ahead with heavy solutions in place of speed radar displays due to feedback from the Neighborhood Working Group. All other light solutions will be also installed.

### - Ongoing Activity

- Planning, Sheriff’s Office, and Police working on a longer deployment of the Speed Trailer and coordinating increased police presence and enforcement in the area.

### - Upcoming Milestones

- September/October 2023 – Staff to review potential speed hump locations.

## Falls Avenue Permit Parking

### - Recent Milestones

- 6/8/2023 - Request for permit parking received.
- 6/22/2023 - Staff provided petition of interest to requester.
- 8/3/2023 - Completed petition received.
- 9/1/2023 – Staff completed field traffic surveys. Falls Ave meets criteria for installation of residential permit parking, Offutt Drive does not.

## Paused Cases

### East Jefferson Street- North Washington St to N Cherry St

- July 2022 – Request for traffic calming received.
- 08/15/2022 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor.

- December 2022 – Completed petition received.
- January 2023 - Data collection completed.
- July 2023 - Risk assessment completed per NTC Handbook, showing a “low” priority for 117 E Jefferson St and “low” for 403 E Jefferson St. *(NTC Handbook: Step 2)*
- 8/9/2023 – CACT voted to pause the case until the end of 2023 to allow Staff to proceed with other cases in queue due to “low” priority result.

## Cases Pending CACT Prioritization

Per the City’s adopted NTC Program Handbook (page 6), *“Because City staff typically receives more requests for traffic calming than it can process, a prioritization system is needed to respond to cases with the greatest need first. The methodology is intended to be valid ..., meaningful ..., and equitable ... Based on the prioritization methodology, the CACT will assign a queue order to the case. Additionally, the CACT will determine whether the case should be addressed with light solutions or heavy solutions.”*

- **No cases are currently pending prioritization**

## Cases in the Petition or Data Collection Phases

### Jackson Street, 600 Block

- March 2022 - Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding and increased vehicle volume. Request for speed bumps. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 8/17/2023 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*

### Poplar Drive

- March 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding, pedestrian safety, and through-traffic volume. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 8/21/2023 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*
- 9/13/2023 – CACT voted to gather new signatures and to reconfirm previous signatures for Poplar Drive petition.

### Gundry Drive and Annandale Road

- May 2022 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included crosswalk safety at intersection, and little observed improvement from prior traffic calming solutions. Request for raised crosswalks and speed humps. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- September 2023 - Staff developing study area map and coordinating discussion with Winter Hill HOA. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.5)*

### North Tuckahoe Street – Roosevelt St to 16th St

- September 2022 – Request for traffic calming received.
- 9/1/2023 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*

## South West Street

- June 2022 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding. Request for speed humps or new signage. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 8/25/2023 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*
- 9/28/2023 – Completed petition received.

## Hillwood Avenue – Larry Graves Park

- July 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding and lack of crosswalk safety at Larry Graves Park. Request for rapid flashing beacon at crosswalk. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- September 2023 – Staff to review placement of possible rapid flashing beacons and other solutions.

## East Columbia Street – Van Buren St to Sycamore St

- July 2023 - Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding, high vehicle volume and lack of pedestrian safety. Request for speed bump and safer pedestrian crossings. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 9/22/2023 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*

## South Maple Avenue – S Washington St to Wallace St

- July 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding and pedestrian safety. Request for speed humps. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- October 2023 – Staff to review for possible traffic calming administrative solutions.

## Madison Lane, 900 Block

- July 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding and ineffectiveness of traffic island. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 9/26/2023 – Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*

## Spruce Street

- August 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included increase in traffic speeds and volume. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 10/04/2023 - Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*

## Fowler Street

- September 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included speeding and pedestrian safety. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*
- 10/03/2023 - Staff provided petition of interest to requestor. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.6)*

## N Roosevelt Street

- October 2023 – Request for traffic calming received. Concerns included unsafe pedestrian conditions, high volume of vehicles, and speeding concerns. *(NTC Handbook: Step 1.2)*.