

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-091-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FY 24/25 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT, TRANSFERRING \$90,000 FROM CITYWIDE TRAFFIC CALMING TO LEONIE STREET AREA TRAFFIC CALMING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government has adopted, by Resolution No. R-039-2008, the Policies and Procedures for Traffic Calming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leonie Street resident committee has submitted to the Traffic, Roads, and Bridges Traffic Engineering Division a petition listing signatures which represents approval of the plan by 66% of the neighborhood residences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

**SECTION 1:** All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** The FY 24/25 operating and capital budgets of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government are hereby amended, approving the transfer of funds.

**SECTION 3:** The Lafayette City Council hereby authorizes the Lafayette Mayor-President, or her designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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## Leonie Street Area Traffic Calming Report

### Background:

The residents of Leonie Street area brought their concern of perceived speeding to the attention of the Traffic Calming Staff. Our staff responded by initiating a traffic calming project. The boundaries of the study area were delineated by the Traffic and Transportation Staff and can be found in Exhibit 1.

Staff have been working with residents from Leonie Street and Felicie Drive area to develop and implement a traffic calming plan. Staff met with a representative of the steering committee on June 5, 2023 and conducted an Introduction to Traffic Calming Meeting. At this meeting the representative was given the 50% Petition to Initiate Traffic Calming, which was completed and returned to this office on May 30, 2024.

### Analysis:

When our staff received the completed 50% petition, it was determined the steering committee was able to get 2 more signatures than the required 49. Forty-Nine signatures were needed to be greater than 50% of the 96 residents in the area. After getting the required number of signatures, our staff conducted speed studies. Three speed studies were conducted on each Leonie St, Marie Antionette St., and Felicie Dr. for at least a week.

### Findings:

Speed and volume data was collected on Leonie St, Marie Antionette St., and Felicie Dr. The posted speed limit on Leonie St, Marie Antionette St., and Felicie Dr. are 25mph. In order for an area to qualify for traffic calming based on the speed of the vehicles, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed must be calculated. The vehicles must exceed 7 miles per hour over the posted speed limit during a given hour for four different hours within a 24 hour period. There also must be more than 34 cars within each of the four hours traveling along the roadway. One of the speed studies on Leonie St. had daily 85<sup>th</sup> percentiles of 33 in 9 hours. Two of the studies on Marie Antoinette had daily 85<sup>th</sup> percentiles 34 in 11 hours. Three of the speed studies on Felicie Dr. had 85<sup>th</sup> percentiles of 34 in 13 hours Exhibit 2 shows the days that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds were greater than 33 mph on Leonie St, Marie Antionette St., and Felicie Dr. The exhibits shows that several days had seven or more hours had more than 34 vehicles, therefore the criteria was met.

Leonie St, Marie Antionette St., and Felicie Dr. meet the criteria, to move forward with traffic calming. Everyone in the study area was invited to a meeting that was held on December 12, 2024. At this meeting residents came up with a plan for speed lump installation. This plan was then put on the back of the 66% petition and was given to the steering committee to obtain at least 64 signatures. The 66% petition was returned to our office with 6 more than needed signatures Exhibit 3.

**Conclusion:**

All steps in the policies and procedure manual were met in order to proceed

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends 9 speed lumps shown in Exhibit 4.

## Internal Memorandum

**Traffic, Roads, & Bridges Department**  
Office of the Director (5102)

**TO:** Rachel Godeaux **DATE:** July 9, 2025  
**FROM:** Warren Abadie  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Ordinance  
*Agenda Item*

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In accordance with Resolution R-039-2008, The Policies and Procedures for Traffic Calming, staff has determined speed lumps should be installed on Leonie St., Felicie Dr., and Marie Antoinette St.

The necessary data collection, neighborhood coordination, and petition process has been completed. The study area obtained 66% approval for a plan to install 3 speed lumps on each of the following Leonie St., Felicie Dr., and Marie Antoinette St. for a total of 9 speed lumps in the area.

The attached Ordinance transfers \$90,000.00 within the Traffic, Roads, and Bridges Department for the installation of these nine Traffic Calming Devices.

The attached is being submitted as a City Ordinance as the locations are located within the City limits. If you concur, please place this on the City Council agenda to be introduced on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

  
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**Warren Abadie, P.E.**  
*Director of Traffic, Roads, & Bridges*

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LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council amending the FY 24/25 operating and capital budgets of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, transferring \$90,000 from Citywide Traffic Calming to Leonie Street Area Traffic Calming.

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of ordinance

3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:**

A) **INTRODUCTION:** August 5, 2025

B) **FINAL ADOPTION:** August 19, 2025

4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Cover Memo from Director (1 page)

B) Submittal Item Justification Form (1 page)

C) Ordinance (1 page)

D) Budget Revision (1 page)

E) Report (2 pages) Exhibits available upon request

5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal Impact (Explain)

No Fiscal Impact

**RECOMMENDED BY:**



Director of Traffic, Roads, & Bridges

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

  
Chief Administrative Officer