



City of Hyattsville

Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Hal Metzler, Senior Deputy Director of Public Works; Taylor Robey, Transportation Manager
CC: Tracey Douglas, City Administrator; Lesley Riddle, Director of Public Works
Date: May 9, 2025
Re: 4000 Block Nicholson Street Traffic Calming Petition Staff Recommendation
Attachments: Traffic Calming Petition PPT 20241007 FINAL; [Hyattsville Multimodal Toolkit](#)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with an update on the alternative recommendations regarding the Traffic Petition for the 4000 block of Nicholson Street.

Background and Previous Council Review

On October 7, 2024, City staff presented the results of the staff evaluation of the traffic petition and their respective recommendations. Initial staff recommendations are shown below:

Petition	Request	Staff Recommendation
4000 Block Nicholson St	Install Speed hump(s)	Deny Request

On October 21, 2024, City Council authorized City staff to evaluate whether traffic calming measures other than speed humps could be feasible for the petition location.

On December 2, 2024 staff recommended that yield street conditions be formalized to address traffic calming concerns. Staff provided background on why a yield street is preferred at this location and the benefits they provide. The motion was tabled in order to give staff additional time for residential outreach regarding the alternative recommendation.

On March 20, 2025 staff and petitioners met to discuss alternative recommendations and how a yield street would address resident concerns on this block. There was additional discussion around evaluating the effectiveness of traffic calming installations and challenges with the existing traffic calming program. Staff and petitioners came to an agreement that a yield street would be installed at this petition location and additional monitoring would occur to determine the effectiveness of the yield street and if more traffic calming is needed.

Next Steps

Implementation of yield street at the Nicholson Street petition location. This will include elements such as bump outs, continental crosswalks, formalized passing zones, travel lanes, and parking lanes as well as appropriate signage indicating a Yield Street. Intersections at Nicholson and 40th Ave and Nicholson and 41st Ave will also be refreshed to include high visibility crosswalks, stop bars, and 30 feet of no parking. Staff will collect additional data post installation to monitor effectiveness of yield street and determine if additional action is needed.