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CITY TO HOLD WORKSHOPS ON TRAFFIC CALMING AND DOWNTOWN PARKING

Workshops are set for November 10 and 17

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The City of Temple City wants to hear your ideas to create safer streets and improve downtown parking.

Two workshops are scheduled:

Thursday, November 10, 7 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, November 17, 6 to 8 p.m.

Both workshops will be held at the Temple City Historical Society Hall, 9704 Woodruff Ave. Chinese translation and free child care will be provided.

The November 10 workshop will address resident concerns about traffic safety and speeding in residential neighborhoods. Input gathered from the meeting will identify ways to reduce speeding, mostly through traffic calming devices at various locations citywide.

Such devices include traffic circles, speed humps, intersection pop outs and re-striping. The identified recommendations will culminate in a traffic calming master plan by March, providing the city a funding vehicle to pursue the improvements.

“The city has an aggressive and successful approach for securing grant funds,” said Temple City Mayor Tom Chavez. “The improvements identified in the master plan will allow us to confidently pursue millions in grant funds for street safety improvements, which could be funded and realized starting next year.”

The city, over the past year and a half, has captured nearly \$6 million in competitive grant funds.

In the case for downtown parking, the November 17 workshop will address current parking demands and restrictions. “New restaurants and businesses are coming to Las Tunas (downtown), and we (the City Council) want to make sure that parking meets demand while fostering (economic) vitality,” said Chavez.

The downtown area, or Las Tunas corridor, currently has 373 businesses and 2,191 public parking stalls.

Input received from the workshop will result in a downtown parking master plan that recommends immediate to longer-term priorities. Possible solutions could include updated parking and time restrictions, new parking lots or a parking structure, shared parking arrangements between businesses, and the creation of a downtown shuttle.

The city will address the recommendations once the plan is completed in April.

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“These workshops are not merely planning exercises,” said Chavez. “They’re marching orders for what the city will do to improve neighborhood safety and foster a vibrant downtown.”

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