

Traffic Calming Policy

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Welcome

The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations. The First Peoples have been here since time immemorial and their history in this area is long and rich.

Why create a Traffic Calming policy?

1. Improve **livability** in neighbourhoods
2. Increase **active transportation**
3. Improve **safety** and the perception of safety for people travelling by all modes
4. Establish an **equitable and transparent** approach to traffic calming
5. **Align driver behaviour** with surrounding land uses



What is Traffic Calming?

- Infrastructure that:

- Reinforces appropriate **driver behaviour**
- Supports the creation of **safer streets**
- Discourages **speeding**
- Reduces **traffic volumes**
- Addresses **short-cutting**



- May also include communications, enforcement and other non-infrastructure approaches.



Examples of Traffic Calming



Traffic circle



Curb extension



Pinch point

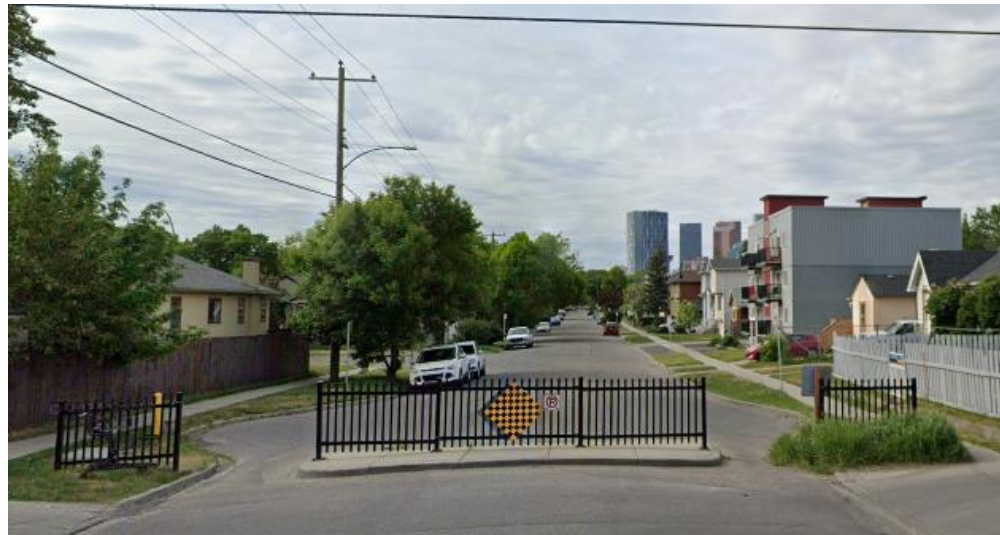
Examples of Traffic Calming



Neighbourhood Bikeway



Directional Closure



Full Closure

Examples of Traffic Calming



Speed Hump



Raised Crosswalk



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What's included in the policy?

- Goal and purpose
- Methods of identifying projects
- Pre-screening metrics
- Prioritization criteria
- Process for decision and implementation




Purpose of the Policy

Outline a process for two types of projects:

1. Individual Residential roads and roads that will be designed as Neighbourhood Bikeways, inside the Urban Containment Boundary.
2. Special Project Areas, which are projects that:
 - are proposed for a Collector road or Major road;
 - include two or more roads; or
 - are Residential roads outside the Urban Containment boundary.



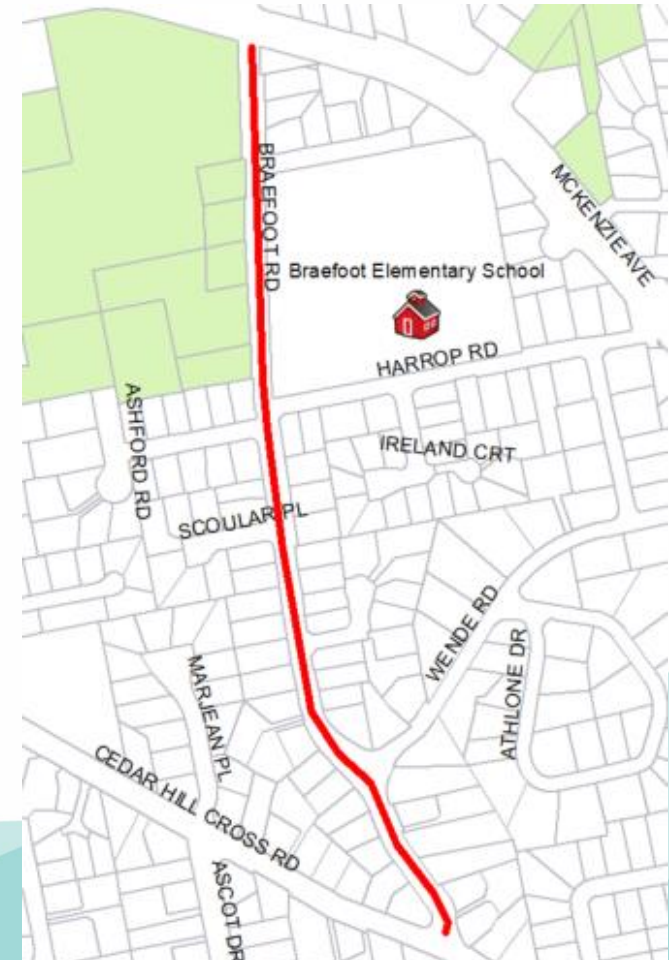
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- Special Project Area example

Special Project Area example:



Single Road example
(Neighbourhood Bikeway):



Methods of Identifying Projects

- Through **stakeholder inquiry**
- In **coordination** with a capital or development project
- Referencing a **Saanich plan**
- Informal **observation**
- **Data** collection
- **Safety** review



Pre-screening Metrics for prioritization list

Residential road/Neighbourhood bikeway:

- Traffic volume – 1000 vehicles/day
- Vehicle speed – 85th percentile $>$ or $=$ 40km/h
- Crashes – serious collision within the past 5 years

Special Project Area:

- Added straight to the list

Prioritization List

- The projects on the list will be prioritized according to criteria such as those that follow

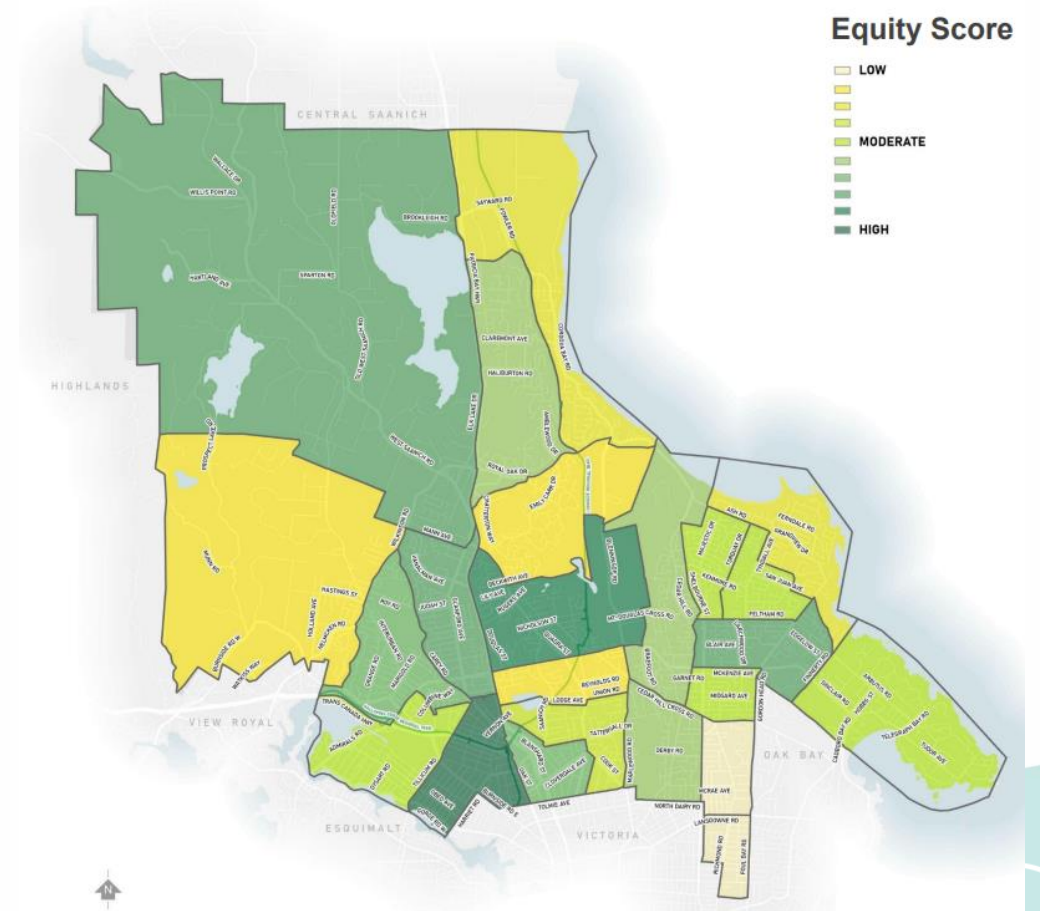
Prioritization Criteria

- Their proximity to or location on a route leading to a sensitive land use



Prioritization Criteria

- A location in an equity-deserving area



Prioritization Criteria

- Timeframe identified through the ATP

FIGURE 27 // LONG-TERM BICYCLE NETWORK (2050)



Prioritization Criteria

- Lack of existing traffic calming or active modes infrastructure



Prioritization Criteria



- Serious collision within the past 5 years

Prioritization Criteria



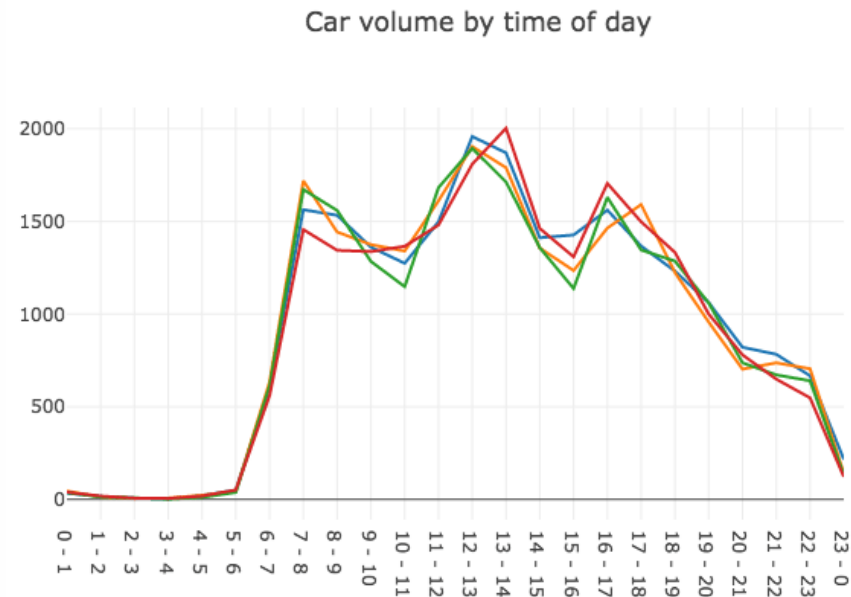
- Based on the opportunity for coordination with other projects

Prioritization Criteria



- Vehicle speeds

Prioritization Criteria



- Vehicle volumes

Prioritization Criteria

- Vulnerable user volumes

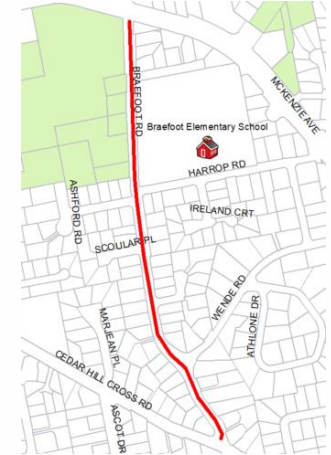


Selection of Projects

Projects to be constructed will be selected according to the processes outlined on the following slides for:

- Single roads
- Special project areas

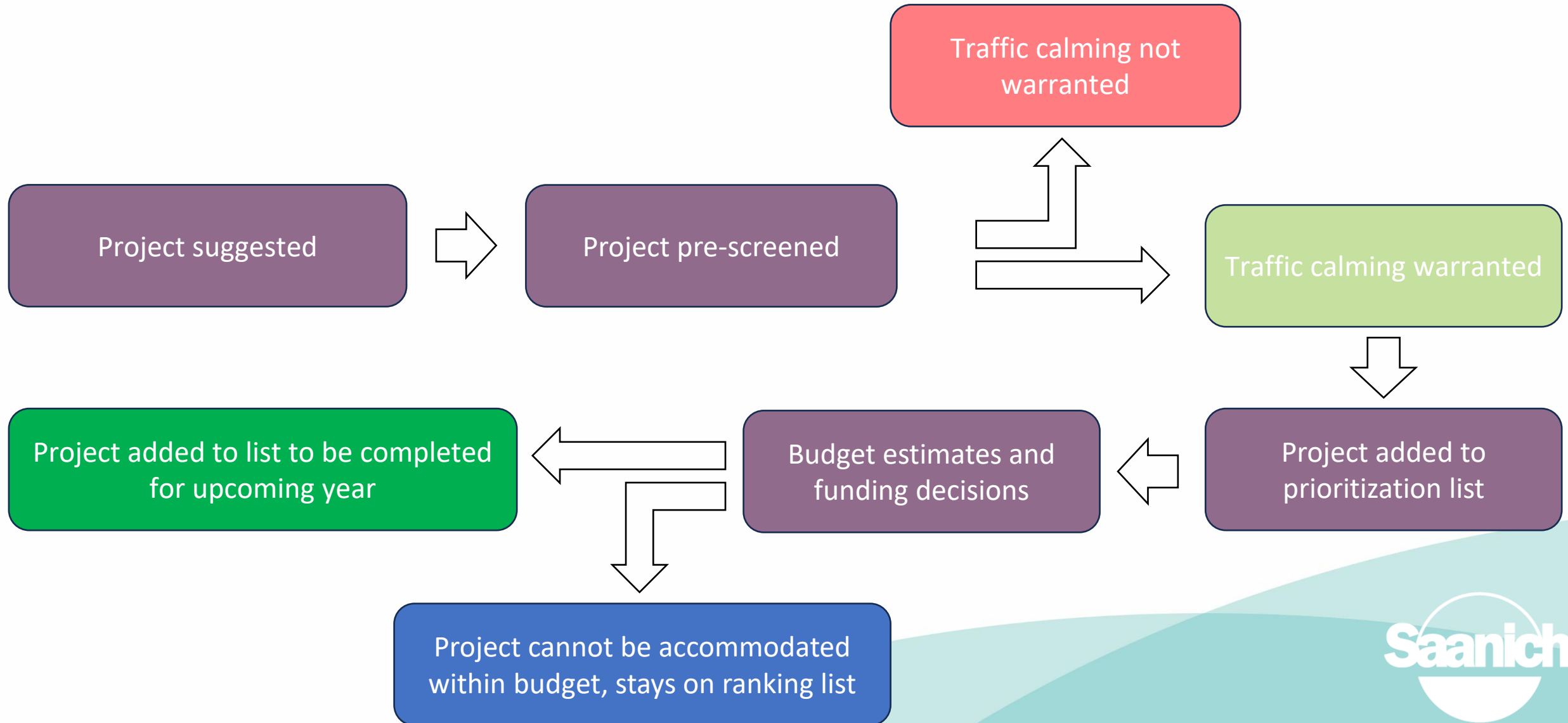
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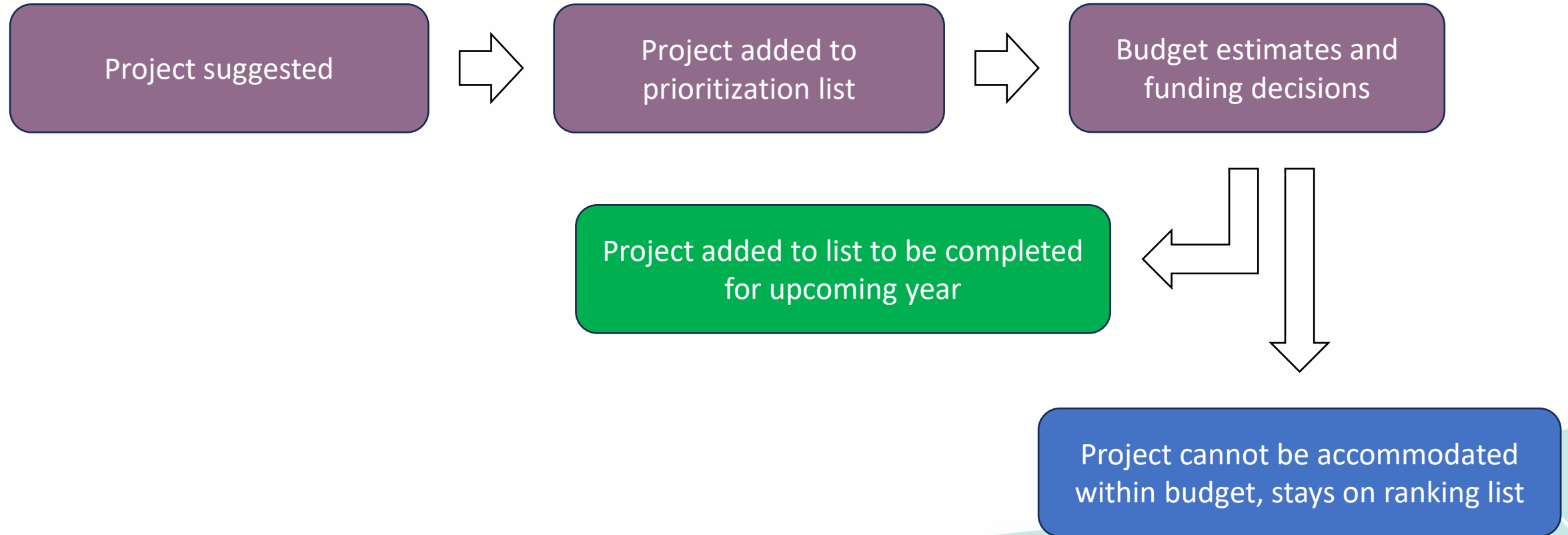
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Process for selection – single road



Process for selection – Special Project Area

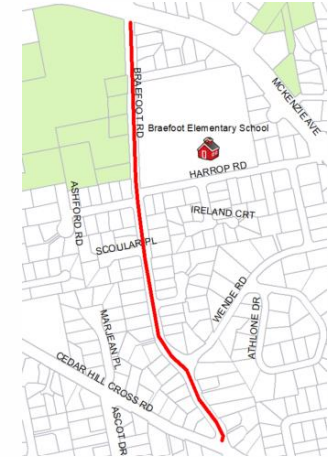


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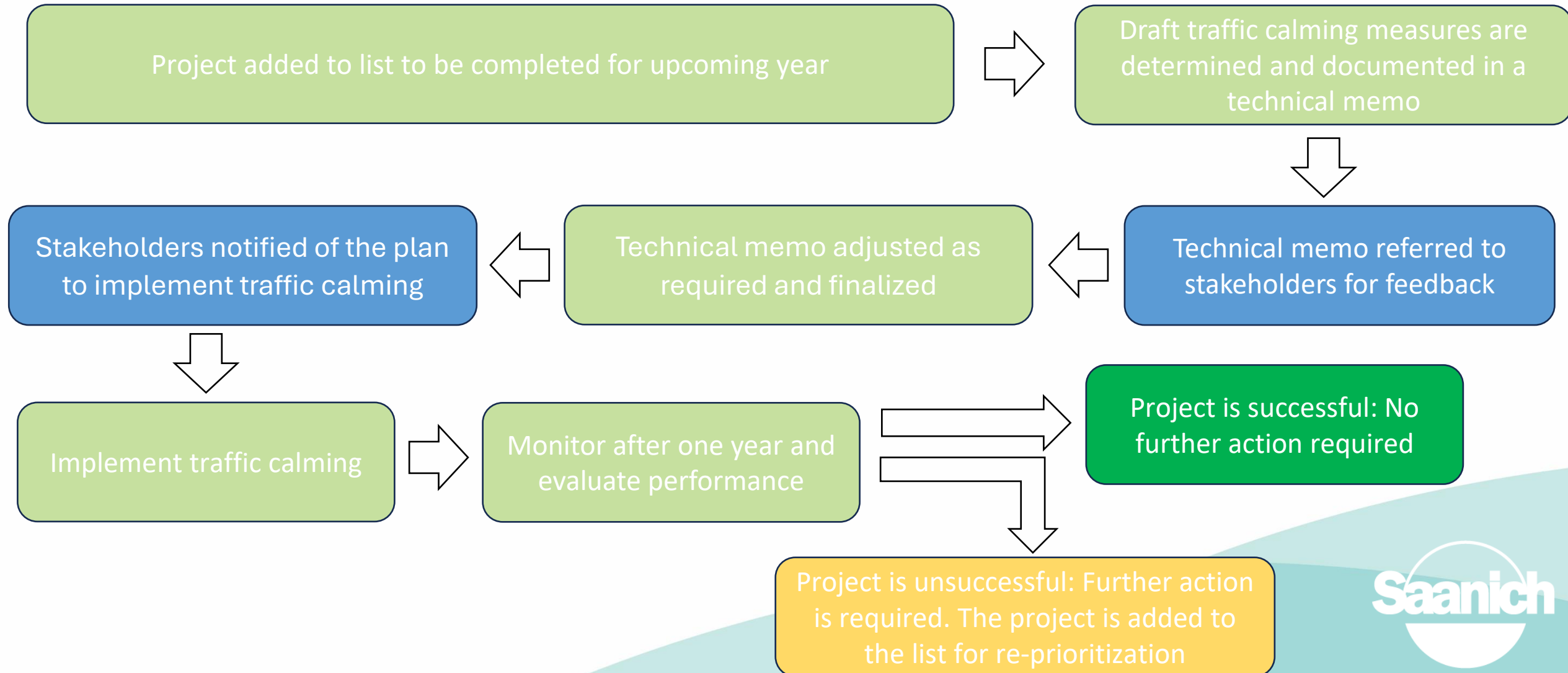
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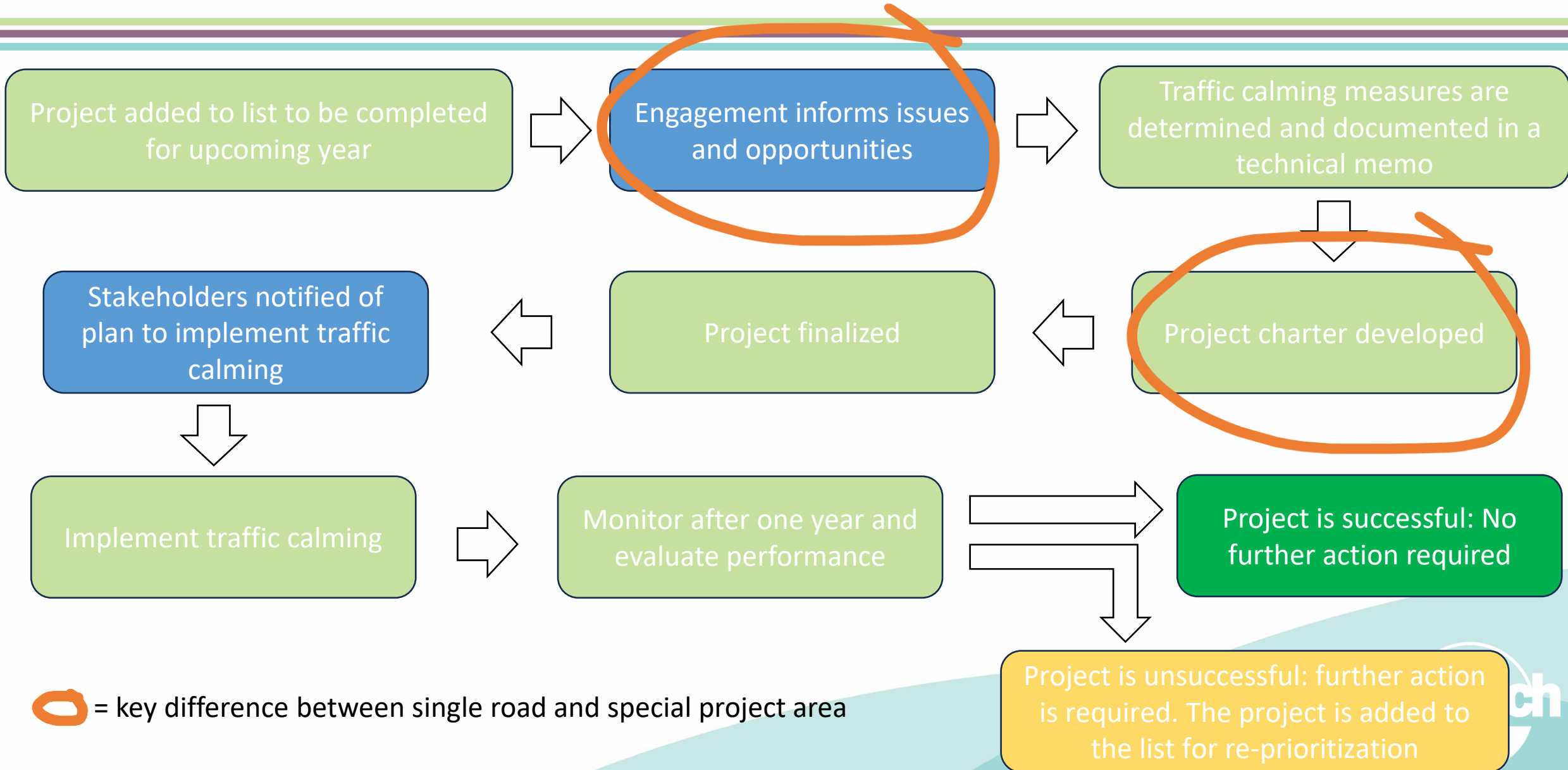
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Process for implementation – single road



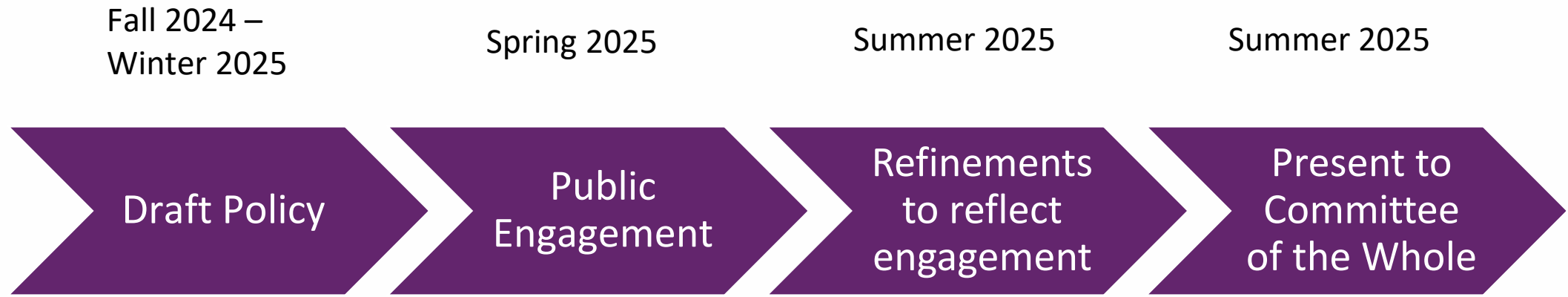
Process for Implementation - Special Project Area



Next steps for the Traffic Calming Policy



Schedule



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Thank you!