

Neighborhood Traffic Safety

There is no easy solution to addressing speeding and “cut-through” traffic in neighborhoods. The City is devoted to working with residents to improve safety. This brochure outlines:

- ◇ What you and your neighbors can do to make your neighborhood safer for pedestrians, bicycles, and drivers.
- ◇ How the City can support neighborhood efforts to address neighborhood safety.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can we get a speed bump?

We encourage residents to educate neighbors and raise awareness about the issue before considering high-cost traffic calming measures like speed bumps. Traffic speeds and volumes must meet specified criteria to be eligible for these measures. Furthermore neighborhoods must provide a portion of the cost and reach a strong consensus before the City could approve the installation of a speed bump.

Can we add a stop sign?

Stop signs are not used for traffic calming purposes. Traffic studies show that in many cases, drivers speed up between stop signs to “make up to for lost time” and can even ignore unneeded stop signs all together.

Can we reduce the speed limit?

Studies show that most motorists drive at the speed that they consider safe and reasonable. Arbitrarily lowering the speed limit without consistent enforcement will not necessarily cause drivers to slow down.



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*Working together towards
safer neighborhoods*

What you can do to make your neighborhood safer

As a driver...

KNOW AND OBEY THE SPEED LIMITS

The most common concern among neighborhood residents is speeding traffic. Yet the majority of vehicles using local streets are residents that live in the area. So if you and your neighbors commit to slowing down, speeding will be reduced.

WATCH FOR AND YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS

Pedestrians have the right of way in marked and unmarked crosswalks when they have exercised “due-care” for their safety. Slow down and allow pedestrians and bikers to safely cross.



As a parent...

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children learn by watching their parents. Our actions as a driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist should always set an example of safety.

DO NOT ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY IN THE STREET

Encourage children to play in their yard, a neighbors yard, on the sidewalk, or at a nearby park or open space.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY

Make sure your children know how to cross the street safely on foot or on a bike.



As a resident...

TALK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Express your concerns to a neighborhood speeder and make a friendly request to drive more slowly.

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

Raise the issue at neighborhood meetings and among friends to increase awareness and gain support.

REPORT CONCERNS AND TRIM VEGETATION

Report damaged, faded or missing traffic signs to the City (970-350-9355). Help maintain good visibility by trimming landscaping, especially at intersections and corners.

BECOME A SPEED WATCH NEIGHBORHOOD

Submit the signed Neighborhood Traffic Treaty to city staff who will provide additional resources in the form of signage, educational materials, and a temporary speed feedback trailer. The neighborhood will also be listed among other speed watch neighborhoods on the City’s website.

What the City Can Do

- ◇ Provide information.
- ◇ Gather and analyze traffic data for your neighborhood.
- ◇ Use a mobile speed awareness trailer.
- ◇ Review options for traffic calming measures.