

The City takes your traffic concerns **very seriously**, yet the ultimate burden of safety rests on **you**, the motorist in the City of Kent.

Residential Traffic Calming

Program

Traffic conditions on residential streets greatly affect neighborhood livability.

The **Residential Traffic Calming Program** addresses traffic concerns through a two-phase approach. The City partners with residents to identify traffic concerns, develop solutions, and evaluate the effectiveness of these measures in meeting the needs of the community.

All of these steps are crucial to providing safe roadways for all Kent residents.





PHASE I: Changing Driver Behavior

GETTING STARTED

Residents contact city staff via letter, phone, email or the **Resident Request Form**. Residents will be contacted by city staff to gather a description of the problem and to discuss options.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

Data on speeds/volumes/collisions will be collected at key locations in your neighborhood. **This step takes about 6-8 weeks.**

• TRAFFIC REPORT AND CONSENSUS

Engineering staff will meet with neighborhood residents to present initial data and recommendations. Staff and residents will agree on Phase I tools to be implemented. Length of time for this step depends on residents' schedules and availability to participate.

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS



Examples of PHASE I tools:

Residential Speed Watch - Volunteers will use a radar gun to clock speeds and report back to the city. Warning notices will be mailed to speeders



Radar Display Sign - Placed in neighborhoods by residents to remind drivers to slow down



Radar Trailer - Placed in neighborhoods by Police to remind drivers to slow down



Police Enforcement - Speed enforcement emphasis in your neighborhood, when supported by Residential Speed Watch and traffic data

These steps take about 8-12 weeks

• **EVALUATION:** Upon evaluation of Phase I, if studies indicate traffic speeds exceed the posted limit by 10 mph, residents may consider Phase II.

PHASE II: Physically Changing the Roadway

PROJECT COMMUNICATION

The City will communicate with the entire neighborhood by mailing a questionnaire on traffic issues, including a request for volunteers to serve on a Residential Traffic Committee.

WORK WITH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Transportation Engineering staff will work with the Residential Traffic Committee to develop a proposal that meets neighborhood needs.

PRESENT TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN

The City will mail ballots to residents to determine the level of community support. The ballot will describe the proposal included in the plan. Examples of devices that may be included are: traffic circles, speed humps, or entry treatments.

MODIFY AND FINALIZE TRAFFIC PLAN

Design plans and cost estimates will be developed. Depending on available funding, the plan may be adjusted. Residents will be notified of the approved plan and provided details on the anticipated construction schedule.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN IMPLEMENTED

MONITOR AND EVALUATE

Evaluate Traffic Calming Plan for effectiveness at 6 months and 12 months. If traffic conditions are within acceptable limits, the project is complete. If not, other solutions will be considered.

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