

Traffic Calming

Engineering Division

- Purpose:** Some residents may be concerned with the amount of traffic and speed of traffic on residential streets. This policy is to describe the general issues, goals, and resources required for implementing Neighborhood Traffic Control Programs. Traffic calming includes traffic humps or bumps, chokers, bulb-outs, and/or diverters.
- Applicability:** These guidelines apply to the City Traffic Engineer of the Engineering Division.
- Effective Date:** October 24, 2005
- Background:** Studies or reviews will be done on a request basis or at the discretion of the City Traffic Engineer.
- Procedure:** Criteria to qualify for Neighborhood Traffic Control Programs:
- Local or collector with less than 1000 ADT.
 - To qualify for speed reduction techniques, the 85th percentile speed must be at least 10 MPH over the posted speed limit and the posted speed limits is 30 MPH.
 - The street must not be on a transit route.
 - The street must not have more than one lane of moving traffic in each direction.
 - If the grades are too excessive the street will not be considered for traffic-calming devices.
 - Streets with curves or other obstacles inhibiting sight distance will not be considered for traffic-calming devices.

Funding is typically by the Neighborhood.

75% of the households affected, one block from the location to receive the traffic-calming device must sign a petition requesting the device.

The Topeka Fire Department, Topeka Police Department and the local ambulance service provider will be kept involved with the development of Neighborhood Traffic Control Programs.