



CITYWIDE KICKOFF MEETING SUMMARY

The District kickoff meetings presented an overview of the new traffic calming program. Participants had an opportunity to share innovative traffic calming ideas and imagine what they want their neighborhoods to look like in 8-10 years. The presentation that was shared is available on the [Traffic Calming webpage](#).

During the presentation participants were asked to *share examples of imaginative or effective traffic calming tools or projects they had seen*. Each participant was given the opportunity to share two examples, shared below. Similar answers were captured with an extra mark to show additional support for the same idea. The list below are the examples shared. The strategies fall roughly into several categories: **traffic management, improved signage access Improvements, narrower and slower streets, increased enforcement, more Right-of-Way (ROW) planting, and guiding values.**

Traffic Management

- Elevated sidewalks
- Rumble strips
- Roundabouts
- Painted medians
- Speed dips
- Speed humps
- Painted speed humps
- Hawk (flashing) lights
- Street murals
- Railroad barriers
- Permanent speed radar installations
- Physical barriers deterring traffic
- Lagging left turn lanes for pedestrian crossing safety
- Change traffic light timing & standardize timing

Improved Signage

- More/better traffic signage
- Stop signs & yield signs
- Pedestrian signs
- Posted residential speed limit signs
- Traffic signs painted directly on the street

Access Improvements

- Prioritize transit
- Pedestrian only streets

- Pedestrian priority travel
- More painted and protected bike lanes
- Creative painted protected bike lanes
- Full sidewalk & bike lane infill

Narrower & Slower Streets

- Narrowing of streets – various methods
- Slow streets – for all users
- 20 mph residential speeds

Increased Enforcement

- Better traffic enforcement
- More speed cameras
- Tube counters to collect data

More Planting in the Right-of-Way

- Sustainable planting
- More ROW greenery (including edibles)

Guiding Values

- Safe for children
- A livable community
- Volunteer infrastructure (project) builders
- Residential streets used for residents – arterials for daily traffic
- More street lights
- ROW education

The second question asked of participants was “*What do you want your neighborhood to look like in 10 years?*”? Answers varied from concrete improvements to broader community vision. The answers below were gathered from all participants in attendance.

The themes that emerged were ***access improvements, narrower and slower streets, improved signage, connected and livable neighborhoods, 15-minute neighborhoods, traffic management, and sustainable ROW planting***

Access Improvements

- Safe bike and pedestrian crossings
- Safer walking and biking
- Safe for pedestrians and cyclists
- More bike lanes and painted, and connected routes
- Protected pedestrian crossings
- Accessible for all users
- Implement pedestrian plans
- Full sidewalk build out near each schools
- Safe painted paths to walk to schools
- Infill sidewalks on both sides of street
- Fewer cars and more transit
- Prioritize non-motorized traffic
- Safety improvements to alleys
- Snow removal storage space on sidewalks

Narrower & Slower Streets

- Narrowing of the streets
- Slower streets overall
- Slower residential speed limits
- Slower and more courteous traffic
- Anything that slows traffic
- More traffic enforcement
- Permanent speed signs both directions
- Suspended crosswalk signs
- Murals at large intersections

Improved Signage

- Better traffic signage
- More stops signs in residential areas
- Stop signs on every corner of parks

Connected & Livable Neighborhoods

- More north-south connections
- Connections to trails
- Connected neighborhoods
- More connectivity across arterial streets
- Livable neighborhoods
- More neighborhood interaction

- Respectful neighbors
- Educated residents
- Safe community gathering spaces
- Less cut-through traffic
- Noise calming system
- Walkable kid-friendly streets
- Coffee shops and bakeries
- Cameras and lights around elementary schools

15-Minute Neighborhoods

- A community center
- Neighborhood planning
- 15-minute City, walkable
- More walkable neighborhoods
- Activated vacant lots
- Mixed uses
- More services and shops
- Easier access to businesses
- More activated spaces

Traffic Management

- Safe intersections
- Speed Humps
- More crosswalks
- More speed tables
- Decrease curb radius
- Painted crosswalks
- Painted curb extensions
- Redirected traffic
- Traffic diverters and greenways adjacent to arterials

Sustainable ROW Planting

- More trees
- Planters
- Sustainable R planting
- Treed boulevards neighborhood
- Snow removal storage space on sidewalks
- A sustainable, renewable green community

