

# NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM UPDATE

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# Background

- What is Traffic Calming?
  - Multimodal Facilities
  - Encourages Appropriate Vehicle Speeds
  - Reduces the Risk of Crashes

Numerous Requests Received Annually



# **Existing NTCP Background**

- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP) created in 2001
- Last updated in 2012
- Neighborhood (Local) Streets are eligible
  - Some allowances for Collector Streets
- Neighborhoods recently implemented are Sunset Heights, Portland East, and Old Town



#### **PROGRAM UPDATES**

**PROCESS** 

The number of steps starting from an initial traffic calming request has been significantly reduced

**COMMUNITY EFFORT** 

A new traffic calming request form with no required community petition or neighborhood committee

**THRESHOLDS & CRITERIA** 

Additional scoring criteria than just speed and volume. A street no longer needs to have an 85th percentile of 10mph over the speed limit to be eligible

**EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS** 

Scoring criteria that considers Low Moderate Income and Economic Justice tools as well as whether a street has existing traffic calming

CLARITY ON WHAT WARRANTS TRAFFIC CALMING

New city definitions pertaining to safe streets as well as an under development Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page for traffic calming

### IMPROVED PROCESSES



More opportunities for streets to score and demonstrate traffic calming need



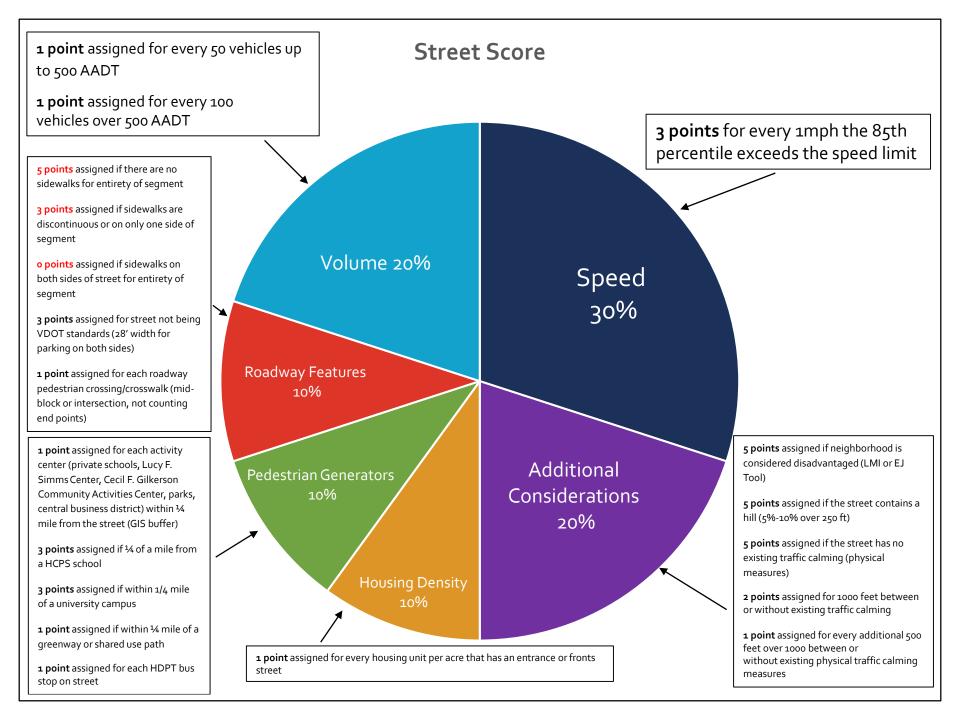
Criteria based street scores help to determine the neighborhood(s) selected for traffic calming each year



Residents will be able to see how various traffic calming needs compare to others in the city



Less steps = More traffic calming



## Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Overview

## <u>Process Initiation</u>

1. A concerned resident or group of residents submit a traffic calming request on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program webpage by the annual August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be eligible for the following fiscal year round

#### <u>Determining</u> <u>Eligibility (Fall)</u>

2. Traffic calming request is screened for initial street eligibility

3. If street is determined eligible, data collection will occur when feasible

OR

 Street determined not eligible. Consider Team Up to Slow Down or enforcement (End)

#### Scoring (Winter)

7. Following TSAC endorsement, selected neighborhoods advance

4. Street is scored

OR

Street scores, staff input, and available funds used to assist neighborhood selection

7. Neighborhoods not selected but with high scoring streets remain eligible for 3 years for

future selection. Consider Team
Up to Slow Down or
enforcement in meantime (End)

**6.** Street scores and neighborhood selection scenario are published on the NTCP webpage

OR

7. Neighborhoods with streets that score <40 must wait 3 years before being eligible for reevaluation. Consider Team Up to Slow Down or enforcement (End)

#### <u>Selected</u> <u>Neighborhoods</u>

**8.** Study Area Limits are defined

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**9.** Community meeting for neighborhood is held

**10**. Further data collection & plan development

**11.** Additional community engagement opportunities

12. Traffic calming implementation (design & construction)

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**13.** Evaluation after **12 months** post implementation

\*Police enforcement and Team Up to Slow Down requests are accepted throughout the year



## Next Steps

- Council Consideration and Adoption July 2025
- Extend First Year Intake Period October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Process and Score Streets Submitted Fall 2025
- Publish Street Scores Early 2026