

Let's Get Started. . .

Please fill out the enclosed Citizen Action Request (CAR) form, and be specific when noting the location and times you are experiencing traffic or safety problems. In addition, look over the possible Phase I measures described below and let us know what you feel would be appropriate for your neighborhood. When complete, mail the CAR to us to begin the process.

We look forward to working with you in making your neighborhood streets safer.

POSSIBLE PHASE I MEASURES



Brush Trimming

The trimming or removal of brush by homeowners or City crews to allow better sight distance.

Volunteer Speed Watch Program

This program is run by the Lakewood Police Department Traffic Volunteers, who can do radar enforcement in your area. The registered owners are identified (through the DMV) and sent a warning letter asking them to reduce their speeds. The letters are not violations, but reminders about the posted speed limit and the community's concern for safety. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Volunteer Radar Patrol, please contact the Lakewood Police at 253-830-5000.



Rumble Strips

The installation of 4" raised buttons placed in a design sequence across the roadway, causing a vehicle to vibrate, alerting the motorist to an upcoming situation. These may be used in conjunction with curves, crosswalks, pavement legends, and speed limit signs.

Speed Radar Trailer

A portable trailer equipped with a radar unit which detects the speed of passing vehicles and displays it on a digital reader board. This device shows drivers their "actual" speed versus the posted speed limit and encourages their compliance.



Neighborhood Traffic Safety Campaign

A newsletter is mailed to every address in your community. The newsletter explains volumes and speeds in your area, recommended traffic calming measures, traffic laws, pedestrian safety, and other related issues.

Pavement Markings

The painting of legends upon the pavement. These may include centerlines, fog lines, school crossings, and speed limits.



Target Enforcement

Increased enforcement by the Lakewood Police Department if a speed study shows the need. A speed study is usually done with pneumatic tubes.

When does Phase II begin?

Phase II of the program begins approximately one year from the implementation of the Phase I measures. We again collect data and compare it to the previous year's information. Should the traffic concerns still exist and there is sufficient data to support this, then the location will be reviewed for physical devices.

What types of physical devices are used in Phase II?

There are many types of devices used - some of these devices include:

- Exit / Entrance Chokers
- Forced Turn Channeling
- Chicanes
- Speed Humps
- Traffic Circles
- Medians

What is involved in Phase II of the program?

Each of these devices is unique and specific criteria has been established for when and where they may be used. Their installation is determined by traffic engineering analysis and three main factors:

- Volumes in excess of the level of service standard for your area and the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) which varies depending on the device.
- 15% of vehicles travel in excess of 10 miles per hour over the speed limit or 8 mph over the speed limit for roads adjacent to neighborhood parks or 5 mph over the speed limit in marked school zones.
- Street section features.

Based on the data collected and the topography of the area, a device or combination of devices may be recommended. Of course, any recommended action will be based on sound engineering and planning principles. Safety remains paramount in the decision making process, including access for public safety vehicles.

Should a location proceed to Phase II, neighborhood meetings are held and/or surveys mailed and the support of 70% of residents and 70% of property owners within the vicinity, and 100% of property owners in front of the physical device is required before proceeding with construction.

Why would our neighborhood want to participate?

There could be many reasons. Some of the important ones may include:

- Vehicles traveling faster than posted speed limit.
- Non-local traffic using the neighborhood as a short cut.
- Traffic accidents.
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety.

How do we get started?

- Identify the traffic concerns in your neighborhood.
- Discuss possible solutions with your neighbors from the measures listed in this brochure.
- Fill out the “Citizen Action Request” form, and mail it back to us.

How long until we hear about our recommendations and proposed solutions?

Once the Citizen Action Request form is received, we review your concerns and begin to collect data. We also conduct a field review of the area.

From this information, we compile a Proposed Improvement Plan for the location and inform you of our findings and recommendations of Phase I measures. This review does take approximately six to eight weeks from the date we receive your Citizen Action Request form.

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Neighborhood Traffic Control Program



Helping to make neighborhood streets safer

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Welcome to Lakewood’s Neighborhood Traffic Control Program

Traffic conditions on residential streets can greatly affect neighborhood livability. When our streets are safe and pleasant, the quality of life is enhanced. When traffic problems become a daily occurrence, our sense of community and personal well-being are threatened. With your help and the City’s efforts in education, engineering, enforcement, and encouragement, these concerns can be addressed.

Citizen involvement is an important part of all traffic calming projects. The people who live and work in the project area have the opportunity to become actively involved in the planning and decision-making process.

What is the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program?

The Neighborhood Traffic Control Program addresses neighborhood traffic safety concerns while partnering with citizens and / or community groups to become actively involved in the improvement process. Through active participation by you and your neighbors, we can identify the problem, plan the approach, implement the solutions, and evaluate the effectiveness.

How does the program work?

The program is a two year process. The first year focuses on passive, less-restrictive measures like educational programs, enforcement, pavement legends and signing. Should Phase I actions prove ineffective at reducing excessive speeds or traffic volumes, more restrictive methods may be considered, based on certain threshold criteria.

- First Year - Phase I
Educational, less-restrictive measures
- Second Year - Phase II
Physical devices