



# CITY OF MOBILE

## TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS

The Institute of Transportation Engineers defines traffic calming as the combination of measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicles, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. Traffic calming can consist of physical design and other measures put in place on existing roadways to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The following procedures are intended to outline the process by which citizens can request traffic calming measures for residential streets.

STEP

### REQUEST

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING



A citizen can begin the process by contacting the Traffic Engineering Department to discuss concerns and problems with neighborhood traffic issues. The citizen will be asked to complete a Traffic Calming Request Form that outlines the locations of the citizen's concerns.

- Traffic Calming Request form not completed

### INVESTIGATE

TRAFFIC CALMING WARRANT ANALYSIS & EVALUATION



An analysis of the area will be performed to determine if traffic calming measures are warranted. The analysis will include a review of existing traffic volume and speed data, accident history, estimated cut through traffic, street geometry, and identified emergency routes. The results of the analysis will then pass through a cross-departmental evaluation.

- Investigations can take 6-8 weeks.  
- Street in question is classified as a major street or an emergency route.  
- Data does not support the stated issue or does not meet the ITE traffic calming toolbox thresholds.

### PLAN

IDENTIFY TYPE OF MEASURES / AFFECTED AREA



If traffic calming measures are warranted, the Traffic Engineer will then determine the type of measure to implement or install and respond to the inquiry.

### CHECK

NOTICE OF RESULTS & PETITION OF AFFECTED AREA



Once notified of the type of measures and affected area, and if a physical traffic calming measure is warranted, The requesting citizen will be asked to submit a neighborhood petition with signatures from 70% of the households in the "affected area". After a petition is returned, Traffic Engineering will determine if the petition is complete.

- Can't get petition signed by the public.

### DESIGN

DESIGN OF DEVICES, COST ESTIMATE & ALLOCATION OF FUNDING



Once confirmed complete, the petition and type of measure / estimated cost will be forwarded to the City Council Representative for funding consideration.

- Council won't or can't fund - or can't get public-private cost sharing.

### IMPLEMENT

BID PROJECT & OVER-SITE OF CONSTRUCTION



Once funding for the devices is identified and secured, the Traffic Engineering Department will arrange installation.

- Project bidding only occurs once a year (NOV - DEC).

DESCRIPTION

PITFALLS & HANG-UPS