

Neighborhood Guide for Traffic Calming

This guide provides suggestions and opportunities that are available to address traffic concerns in your neighborhood. It provides resources and tips, as well as a Community Engagement Toolbox on the backside, for improving neighborhood livability.

Things You and Your Neighbors Can Do

☐ Talk with your Neighbors

Express your concerns to a neighborhood speeder and make a friendly request that the speeder drive more slowly. Contact Community Mediation Services for low-cost assistance at 360-334-5862 or www.mediationclarkcounty.org. Your Neighborhood Police Officer might also assist with a reminder to neighborhood speeders to obey the speed limit, www.vanpolice.org.

☐ Submit Concerns through Vancouver Police Department's Traffic Complaint Hotline/Form

Consider submitting a traffic complaint directly to the Vancouver Police Department. You may submit your concerns online or by calling the Traffic Complaint Hotline. Both are maintained by the Vancouver Police Department and allow residents to record information regarding specific traffic concerns. In your message, provide the location of the problem, date and time (include 30 min. to 1 hour window when issue occurs).

- Call the Traffic Complaint Hotline: 360-487-7402
- Submit a form online:
www.cityofvancouver.us/police/webform/traffic-complaint-form

☐ Participate in your Neighborhood Association

Work with your Neighborhood Association to identify problem areas and concerns. It is important to document this in an official Neighborhood Action Plan. You might also find that other neighbors have similar concerns or possible solutions. Contact Vancouver's Office of Neighborhoods at 360-487-8608 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us/neighborhoods.

☐ Place a Traffic Calming Yard Sign

Get free neighborhood "slow down" yard signs to place on private property, within front and side yards, and help remind passing motorists to obey the posted speed limit. Signs are available to be picked up at Vancouver City Hall, 415 West 6th Street. The lobby is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Check in at the security desk for your free signs.

☐ Work with Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance

The Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA) is a group of community volunteers from Vancouver neighborhoods who advocate for traffic safety throughout the community. Vancouver residents can participate in the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance to learn more about traffic safety and become more involved in making the city a safer place to live.






☐ Apply for Neighborhood Traffic Calming Funding

The City of Vancouver, in partnership with the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance, offers the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program to help community members apply for funding through a competitive process to help slow neighborhood traffic. The program encourages residents to take the initiative when seeking traffic calming solutions for their neighborhoods.

This program is the process through which neighbors with traffic concerns can champion a project (like speed cushions or speed radar feedback signs) to evaluate traffic conditions at their location and then work with city staff to determine the appropriate design or community solution to address issues. Learn more about the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program here:

www.cityofvancouver.us/TrafficCalmingProgram

Community Engagement Traffic Calming Toolbox

Tool	Example	Description	Implementation	Conceptual Cost
Pace Car		Pledge program that provides stickers and information on driving the speed limit.		\$0 - \$200
Placemaking		Opportunities for residents to promote community socialization. Can include block parties, community gathering areas, and more active use of the neighborhood and streets.	For larger events it may require a permit from the City.	\$0 - \$1,000
Public Awareness/ Traffic Watch		Campaigns typically organized by agency and neighbors. Can include speed watch programs and educational materials to be distributed to residents.		\$0 - \$500
Signs		Yard signs that are typically used as part of a public awareness or education campaign.		\$100 - \$500
Street Mural		Provides residents the opportunity to paint murals and designs on local streets at intersections. (Example: Arnada, Shumway Neighborhoods)	Requires street use permit from the City and coordination with Public Works department.	\$500 - \$1,500
Street Reclaiming		Simple ways residents can work toward slowing traffic. This can include moving activities closer to the street, waving and recognizing motorists and placing creative items in yards.		\$0 - \$500
Walking School Bus/ Safe Routes to School Programs		Program to promote walking and bicycling to school to improve safety for students and reduce school-related vehicular traffic. (Example: Washington Elem. School)		\$0 - \$2,000

For more information or to request other formats:

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