



Above: Raised crosswalk with textured pattern on Maryland Road reminds drivers to drive with care.

Below: Curb bulge at Cedar Street and 11th Avenue requires increased driver attention for turns.



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# Traffic Calming

Making neighbourhoods more livable



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Above: Textured crosswalk at Cedar Street and 10th Avenue is an example of traffic calming.

Middle and right: Traffic circles and speed humps are common traffic calming devices.



## How can we calm traffic?

Some traffic calming devices and methods:

- Raised crosswalks
- Raised intersection
- Speed humps
- Textured crosswalk
- Curb bulges
- Curb radius reduction
- On street parking
- Raised median island
- Traffic circle
- Gateway median
- Partial closure
- Diagonal diverter
- Intersection channelization
- Raised median through an intersection
- Right-in /right-out island
- Traffic calmed neighbourhood sign

Traffic calming options depend on neighbourhood consultation and the needs of all road users, including emergency services, Transit and garbage collection.

## Does the City support traffic calming?

The City adopted the *Neighbourhood Traffic Management Policy* and the *Neighbourhood Traffic Management Procedures* in July 2009.

These two documents establish:

- The goals of traffic calming
- The principles of traffic calming
- A process for traffic calming
- A toolbox of traffic calming measures

## What steps are taken for traffic calming my neighbourhood?

In response to neighbourhood traffic calming requests, the City will:

- Prioritize the request
- Initiate a study
- Identify / quantify the problem
- Develop a plan
- Implement the plan

## What is traffic calming?

Traffic calming slows or reduces vehicle traffic to improve safety for pedestrians and bicycles and to enhance the living environment for residents. Traffic calming can involve physical changes such as road re-alignment.

## Where does traffic calming work?

Traffic calming applies to local and collector roads. Traffic problems on arterial roads are managed through different processes.

### Benefits of traffic calming:

- Reduces vehicle speeds
- Discourages “through” traffic
- Minimizes conflicts between street users
- Improves neighbourhood environment