



Burlington's Updated Traffic Calming Program

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Why the changes?

- Neighborhood **petitions create inequities** for residents struggling with time, language, or other barriers
- Traffic calming **requests take years** to complete, moving first-in / first-out
- Streets with speeding trouble, traffic crashes, or heavy truck traffic can't see substantial improvement for years





How is this this different?

- **Data-driven** program based on speeds, crashes, and truck volumes
- Advances street design toward **design speeds** established in planBTV Walk Bike and the Burlington Transportation Plan
- **Prioritizes traffic safety** improvements
- **Streamlines the community process**, making it equitable for every neighborhood
- **Focuses solely on redesigning streets**, shifting neighborhood enhancement into other existing programs



A New How-to-Guide to Traffic Calming in Burlington

1. Contact DPW about traffic concerns on your street
2. DPW will review crash history and traffic data for speed conditions and % heavy truck traffic
3. If data exceeds the thresholds from the Traffic Calming Manual, DPW will develop a traffic calming improvement plan based on the context of your street
 - a. Improvement plans will be shared with the neighborhood but will not require a neighborhood vote
4. If data doesn't exceed the traffic calming thresholds, a resource list will be shared for other Neighborhood Enhancements to pursue separately