

Traffic Calming Series Introduction

A variety of traffic calming measures and design strategies are available to help protect our communities from careless driving habits, automobile accidents and environmental damage. This series includes photos of several different traffic calming strategies. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future traffic calming devices within your community.

Traffic Calming Definition:

A concept fundamentally concerned with reducing the adverse impact of motor vehicles on built-up areas. Usually involves reducing vehicle speeds, providing more space for pedestrians and cyclists, and improving the local environment. (*University of Leeds, Institute for Transportation, UK*)

Keywords:

bike lanes, chicanes, chokers, improve environment, landscaped islands, pedestrian refuge, raised crosswalks, reduction of noise and air pollution, roundabouts, safer routes for bicyclists and pedestrians, sidewalks, slow down or reduce traffic, speed bumps, street buffers, streetscape, tree-lined streets, vegetation