

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Lawrence is taking a fresh approach to addressing traffic-related concerns within residential areas throughout the city. This pilot program aims to improve the quality of life by reducing speeding and cut-through traffic on local and collector streets. Other concerns related to traffic safety involving pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists may also be addressed with this program.

Managing local traffic to enhance safety can be accomplished through a wide range of strategies including enforcement, education or physical infrastructure changes. Tools to involve in these strategies include automated speed radar signs, curb extensions/neckdowns, chicanes, speed cushions, traffic circles or mini roundabouts, raised pedestrian crosswalks, signage, and more. Each of these strategies and tools are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and will consider type of street, surrounding land use, and existing traffic volumes of all modes.

APPLY

The City of Lawrence is accepting applications from neighborhoods wishing to participate in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Pilot Program and assist in improving the quality of life by calming traffic and increasing safety. For the 2021 Pilot Program, it is anticipated that the City of Lawrence will select one project study area for implementation and evaluation. Guidelines include:

- Applications for consideration are to be submitted to the City of Lawrence Municipal Services & Operations (MSO) Department by June 1, 2021. Using a variety of sources, including but not limited to information provided by the applicant, traffic data, and input from the general public, City staff will prioritize and select the candidate project for implementation.
- As part of the evaluation process, City staff will determine whether the implementation of traffic calming or traffic control (signs) devices may have an impact on surrounding streets or intersections. If so, these potentially impacted streets and intersections will be included in the study area and evaluation process. As part of the application, the applicant is strongly encouraged to provide a suggested study area to include other streets that could be impacted (positively or negatively) from the implemented project.
- A minimum of 5 sponsors are required per application. Example sponsors include neighborhood residents (only a single person per address will be counted), homeowner association (signed by a minimum of 2 Board members), a business association (signed by a minimum of 2 Board members) or group of businesses, local school (signed by school principal), or local church (signed by pastor or Board chair/president). Although the City of Lawrence may host public input opportunities, it is strongly recommended that the applicant provide evidence of broader community support with their application.

PROCESS | The eligibility requirements and the procedure for Lawrence residents seeking to enhance safety along local and collector streets in their community is summarized below. Roles of applicants and City departments are defined.

APPLICATION

1. Prior to June 1, 2021, applications submitted.
2. The City of Lawrence MSO staff evaluates applications in a two-tier process. Tier 1 screening will rely on knowledge of the proposed study area by representatives of various City departments and any readily available traffic data. Tier 2 screening and final project selection will consider, in part, criteria such as traffic volume, safety, vehicle speed, proximity to pedestrian generators and crossings, social equity, and public input. For the 2021 pilot program, it is anticipated that a single project (application) will be selected for implementation and evaluation.
3. MSO staff notifies all applicants, providing results of the evaluation process and identification of the application selected for implementation.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION

4. The neighborhood selected will identify 2-3 representatives to work with the City on the implementation plan. City staff will work with these representatives to fully identify issues and develop strategies to address them.
5. Using an inventory of available materials and resources, MSO installs temporary traffic calming/control devices at locations determined to best address the concern(s).
6. After installation has been completed, MSO collects additional traffic data for an established time period and evaluates the effectiveness of the project in addressing the concerns expressed in the application. Additional feedback from the neighborhood will be gathered.
7. If permanent infrastructure is recommended, MSO will develop a plan for consideration of Program funding.
8. MSO staff monitor conditions and implement changes.

QUESTIONS? | Contact City of Lawrence Municipal Services & Operations at (785) 832-7800.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND RETURN TO DUSMITH@LAWRENCEKS.ORG.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Contact Name(s):

Sponsor names/organizations: (minimum of 5 required; letters of support shall be attached to this application)

Email:

1:

2:

Mailing Address:

3:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

4:

5:

PROBLEM LOCATION

Please describe the exact location(s) of concern within your community. The location should primarily be a residential street address, or range of addresses, intersection, or pedestrian crossing. To assist, you may include a map identifying the location(s), area(s) of concern, major streets within the area of concern, and any nearby schools, parks, community centers, churches, hospitals, etc. Please also include in your description other area streets that may be impacted (positively or negatively) by the installation of traffic calming devices at the location of your specific concern. **Note: The Neighborhood Traffic Management Pilot Program is intended for streets classified as "local" or "collector" only. Applications for "arterial" streets will not be considered for this program. Arterial streets are shown on this [map](#) in blue, red and green.**

Location Description:

Please check this box if a map has been included with your application.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

Please describe your issues and concerns, providing as much specificity as possible regarding the nature of your concern (i.e., is it a concern of cars driving too fast? Too much traffic? Difficulty for pedestrians to cross the street? Drivers not yielding to pedestrians? Drivers not obeying traffic signs?) Please also provide details such as: what days and times of the day most frequently experience these issues.

Issues/Concerns:

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CONTACT/APPLICATION INFORMATION

Date: Primary Applicant Name(s): Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Zip Code: Email:

AFTER COMPLETING THIS FORM, RETURN TO DUSMITH@LAWRENCEKS.ORG ALONG WITH COMPLETED SUPPORTER SIGNATURE FORMS.

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I support a neighborhood traffic management project in: *(insert a description of the area of concern)*

Signature:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email: