

# NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW ZONE PROGRAM TRAFFIC CALMING TOOLBOX

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## GATEWAY TREATMENTS TIENE SEÑALIZACIÓN Y MARCAS EN EL PAVIMENTO



Above: A gateway installed in the Fairhill Neighborhood Slow Zone.

**Gateways** let people know they are about to enter a Neighborhood Slow Zone. They are made by putting these toolkit tools together:

- Slow Zone signs
- 20 MPH speed limit signs
- 20 MPH speed limit street markings
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Corner clearances with turn wedges

## SPEED CUSHIONS BÁDENES



Above: Speed humps in the Fairhill Neighborhood Slow Zone.

**Speed cushions and speed humps** are made of asphalt. People driving 25 MPH or slower can drive over them with comfort. People driving faster than 25 MPH will be uncomfortable driving over them.

### Benefits:

- Makes it harder for people to drive over 25 MPH in the middle of the block
- Does not take away any parking spaces

### Considerations:

- Can lead to a little more noise on the street
- Cannot prevent all speeding all the time

## CORNER CLEARANCES BOLARDOS EN LA CALLE PARA MANTENER LAS ESQUINAS LIBRES DE CARROS



Above: Corner clearances with a turn wedge in the Fairhill Slow Zone.

**Corner clearances** keep people from parking their cars too close to the corner. Parking too close to a corner can block crosswalks, keep people who can't walk or can't walk easily from using ADA ramps, and make it hard to see if a car is coming around the corner.

### Benefits:

- Keeps crosswalks clear
- Helps people see each other around corners
- Encourages people driving to turn more slowly

### Considerations:

- Might upset neighbors used to parking close to the corner (even though that's already not allowed)

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## PAINTED CURB EXTENSIONS EXTENSIONES DE LA ACERA HECHAS CON PINTURA



*Above:* Painted curb extensions/bump outs in the Fairhill Slow Zone.

A **painted curb extension** uses paint and flexible posts to extend the sidewalk at an intersection.

### Benefits:

- Prevents parked cars from blocking drivers' views
- Encourages drivers to make turns at slower speeds
- Shortens crossing distance for people walking
- Can be modified if needed

### Considerations:

- Residents may be used to parking within 20' of crosswalks (even though it is already illegal)
- Doesn't include upgraded ADA ramps
- Fades over time / requires ongoing maintenance

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CIRCLE PEQUEÑAS ROTONDAS



*Above:* A neighborhood traffic circle in Pittsburgh, PA (Source: Toole Design.)

A **neighborhood traffic circle** uses paint, delineators, and/or curb to direct traffic in slow, predictable movements around an intersection.

### Benefits:

- Prevents speeding and discourages stop sign running
- Encourages drivers to make turns at slower speeds
- Eliminates left turning vehicles, making the intersection safer for everyone

### Considerations:

- Space requirements limit places it can be used

## STREET DIRECTION CHANGES CAMBIO DE CIRCULACIÓN A CALLE DE UN SOLO SENTIDO



*Above:* Street signs at the intersection of 3rd Street and Erie Avenue in North Philadelphia. (Source: Zillow.com)

Changes in street direction can mean reversing the direction of a one-way street or making a two-way street into a one-way street.

### Benefits:

- Can reduce cut-through traffic
- Can make vehicle travel more predictable

### Considerations:

- Can impact access to nearby streets
- Can impact travel distance
- Must be approved by Streets Traffic Engineering

## MEDIAN WITH CORNER CLEARANCE



*Above:* Concrete median in Portland. (Source: Toole Design)

A concrete median adds a raised concrete area before a crosswalk expanding the double yellow line to a wider area and diverting cars towards the edge of the road.

### Benefits:

- Can slow drivers down that are traveling straight or making a turn
- Keeps crosswalks clear

### Considerations:

- Residents may be used to parking within 20' of crosswalks (even though it is already illegal)

## Crashes and safety concerns on your neighborhood streets

The Slow Zone is expected to help address common safety issues such as:

- People in vehicles traveling at **unsafe speeds** on local neighborhood streets.
- **Missing or outdated crosswalks** that make it harder for people walking to safely cross at intersections.
- **Blocked ADA ramps** making it difficult for neighbors with mobility issues (or pushing shopping carts and strollers) to get around.
- Vehicles **parked too close to corners**, making it difficult for people driving, people walking, and people riding bikes to see each other at intersections.

### Between 2019 and 2023:

- **There were 56 crashes** and more than half of them resulted in an injury.
- **Nearly half** of all crashes involved speeding or aggressive driving.
- **Eleven crashes** involved a person walking or biking on a neighborhood street.

### In 2024:

- **There were six crashes** that resulted in an injury.
- **Over half** of the crashes that resulted in an injury **involved a pedestrian**.



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## TREATMENT LEGEND

	Gateway Treatments	
	Crossing Guard Upgrades	
	Speed cushions and/or speed humps	
	Corner clearances	
	Concrete Median with Parking Restriction	
	Existing speed cushion	

