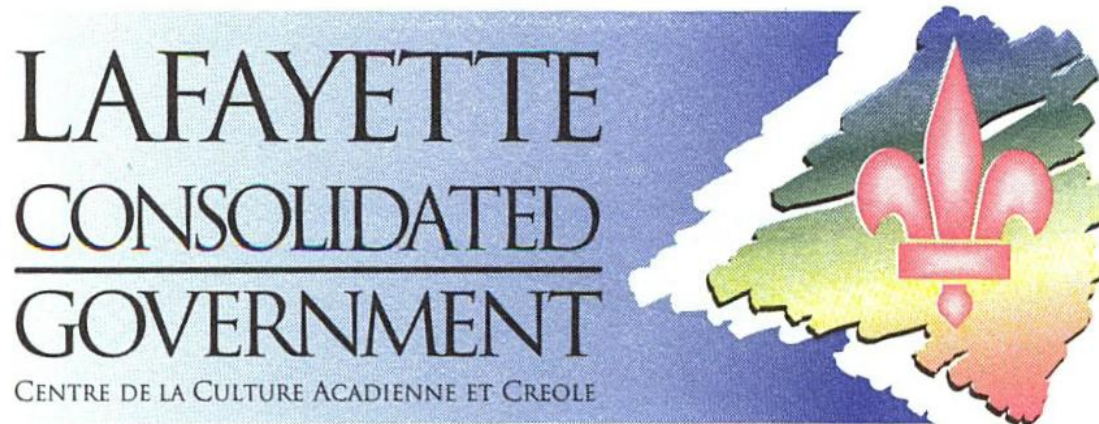


TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION



TRAFFIC CALMING INITIATION PACKET

Thank you for contacting the Traffic and Transportation Department to express concerns regarding traffic conditions in your neighborhood. The Department has developed a Traffic Calming Program which could mitigate traffic conditions which have a negative impact on your neighborhood.

The section below gives a brief description of Traffic Calming, its goals and objectives.

Traffic Calming is the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users.¹

Traffic calming goals include:

- increasing the quality of life;
- incorporating the preferences and requirements of the people using the area (e.g., working, playing, residing) along the street(s), or at an intersection(s);
- creating safe and attractive streets;
- helping to reduce the negative effects of motor vehicles on the environment (e.g., pollution, sprawl); and
- promoting pedestrian, cycle and transit use¹

Traffic calming objectives include:

- achieving slow speeds for motor vehicles,
- reducing traffic crash frequency and severity,
- increasing the safety and perception of safety for non-motorized users of the street(s),
- reducing the need for police enforcement,
- enhancing the street environment (e.g., streetscaping),
- encouraging water infiltration into the ground,
- increasing access for all modes of transportation, and
- reducing non-local motor vehicle traffic.¹

The first step in the Traffic Calming process is to complete the enclosed *Application for Traffic Calming*. This application asks for your address, the name of your neighborhood and the names of the streets in the neighborhood, and a ranking of the area traffic problems. The application also requests the names, addresses and phone numbers of 5 to 10 residents from your neighborhood who will, along with you, form the neighborhood steering committee. These committee members should be from different parts of the neighborhood to more accurately represent the concerns of the neighborhood as a whole. This steering committee will work closely with Traffic and Transportation Department Staff throughout the traffic calming process.

After the application is returned to the Department, please allow 2 to 3 weeks for the application to be processed and for Staff to develop the boundaries of the project. You will then be notified of these boundaries at which time signature collection should proceed. Included in this packet is a *Petition to Initiate Traffic Calming*. This petition is to be signed by residents from more than 50% of the residences within the project boundaries (one signature per residence please) in order for the traffic calming project to proceed. This petition will indicate if the majority of the neighborhood perceives a traffic problem and if they wish to initiate the Traffic Calming Process.

¹Lockwood, Ian. *ITE Traffic Calming Definition*. ITE Journal, July 1997, pg. 22.

APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING

Date: _____

Name of applicant: _____

Address : _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of neighborhood: _____

Names of streets in neighborhood: _____

Please rank the traffic problems in your neighborhood
(1 for greatest concern, 9 for least concern):

_____ Traffic Volume	___ Danger to Pedestrians along streets
_____ Traffic Noise	___ Danger to Pedestrians crossing streets
_____ Speeding	___ Difficulty leaving your driveway/street
_____ Vehicle Crash Problems	___ Other (Please explain in comments sect.)
_____ Parking	

Please provide 5 to 10 neighborhood residents who agree to participate/form the neighborhood steering committee:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Name:	
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Phone:	

APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING

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Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

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Phone:	

Name:	
Address:	
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Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Comments: _____

Please return completed application to:
Traffic Calming Coordinator
Traffic and Transportation Department (591)
1515 East University Avenue
Lafayette, LA 70501
Phone: (337) 291-8549
Fax: (337) 291-5693
Email: beldridge@lafayettegov.net