



Traffic Calming Policy

Purpose Statement

The purpose of traffic calming is to support the livability and vitality of residential and commercial areas through improvements for safety, mobility, and comfort. These objectives are typically achieved by reducing vehicle speeds or volumes on a single street or a street network, which collectively improve conditions for non-motorized street users. Traffic calming measures consist of horizontal, vertical, lane narrowing, roadside, and other features using self-enforcing physical or behavioral means.

Applicable Standards

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- FHWA Office of Safety. Traffic Calming ePrimer
- American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets. Latest Edition
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Traffic Calming Measures Guide
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO). Urban Street Design Guide

Statement

The Department of Public Works shall utilize the published City of Winooski Traffic Calming Manual to evaluate and implement traffic calming measures within the city.

In addition to the traffic calming treatments identified in the manual, the city reserves to right to implement low-cost temporary treatment alternatives if a traffic calming warrant is met.

Temporary treatments would allow for additional public feedback, data collection and expedited implementation until a permanent treatment could be implemented.

As outlined in the manual, if the warrants are not met for traffic calming, a three-year grace period for re-reporting will be in effect unless noticeable development or traffic patterns change. There is no appeal process if warrants are not met.

References: City of Winooski Traffic Calming Manual (June 2022 or latest revision)

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