

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION
Traffic Calming Petition Instructions

We, the undersigned, are residents of the area described in this petition. We understand that if this area meets the criteria, a traffic calming measure, either temporarily or permanent, may be placed in our area to address our concerns.

Procedure:

- All households on the affected streets must be contacted by the applicant and advised that a traffic-calming device, such as speed hump/table, is being considered for their street.
- A signed petition must be submitted reflecting the support of 80% of the households on the affected street.
- Support is also required from 80% of the households located on streets or cul-de-sacs whose only access is via the affected street.
- Only one adult signature per household, apartment or business will be considered on the petition.
- Petitions will be considered by the Lower Merion Township Police Traffic Safety Unit using the following criteria.
 - A. Traffic Calming Devices cannot be installed on State roads.
 - B. For the installation of speed hump/table, the legal posted speed limit on the street shall not exceed 25 MPH.
 - C. For the installation of speed humps/table, the minimum length of the street, or portion thereof, measured from the nearest intersecting street, shall be at least 1,000 feet.
 - D. For the installation of speed hump/table, only streets in proximity to Elementary, Middle and High Schools, or Township Parks will be considered.
 - E. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) shall not be less than 1000 or more than 3,500 vehicles per day, which shall be determined by an automated traffic count, for not less than three (3) weekdays, conducted by the police department's Traffic Safety Unit.
 - F. The Average Vehicle Speed (AVS) (based upon the 85th percentile of the speeds recorded during the traffic count) shall not be less than 10 MPH (as required under PA Title 75, Sec. 3368 (a) (4)) over the legally posted speed limit. This will

be determined by a traffic speed survey for a period of not less than three (3) days.

- G. The Traffic Safety Unit will analyze the number of crashes on the affected roadway, over the most recent three (3) year period, to ascertain the extent to which excessive or unsafe speeds were a major contributing factor.
- H. Any Traffic Calming Device installed shall conform to established guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- I. Engineering considerations will include but not be limited to: roadway geometry, curvature, grading and sight lines.

Implementation:

If the area in question meets the initial procedures and criteria, the request will be forwarded to a Traffic Calming Committee for further consideration to determine funding and prioritization of any projects.

This committee will comprise of representatives from Building and Planning, Economic & Community Development, Fire, Parking Services, Police, and the Township Engineer.

This Traffic Calming Committee will then work with affected neighbors in the development of a Traffic Calming Plan. The Committee will submit recommendations to the Township Board of Commissioners for review. The Board of Commissioners will determine whether a plan will be approved and determine the appropriate funding source.