

Subject: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Information Request

Dear Milwaukee Resident:

Thank you for contacting the City of Milwaukee about your neighborhood traffic safety concerns. Enclosed you will find information on the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). If your neighborhood moves forward with an application to the City's NTMP, there is a two-phased approach to addressing neighborhood traffic safety concerns:

Phase 1 Options – low cost ways to address the neighborhood's concern(s) such as appropriate signs and/or pavement markings, placement of a temporary digital speed trailer on your street, and targeted traffic enforcement.

Phase 2 Options – making physical changes to the roadway to address traffic safety issues that could not be effectively addressed with Phase 1 Options.

To move forward to the next step in having the City conduct the initial traffic study to determine if a problem exists on your street, please return the completed application form and the resident petition sheet. After receiving these required materials, the Traffic Engineering division will conduct a traffic study in the block(s) identified in your application and then work with residents to discuss the best options to address any confirmed issues.

City staff will look at Phase 1 Options before Phase 2 Options are pursued. If your neighborhood moves forward with a traffic calming project using Phase 2 Options, the *construction costs are assessable* to adjacent property owners in the project area. The actual cost to each property owner is determined in compliance with the City's assessment policy for public works improvement projects.

A traffic calming project can only be constructed *if* it is approved by your Alderman *and* the area property owners. The abutting property owners are assessed a portion of the construction cost. The 2016 assessment rate for speed hump construction is \$6.50 per frontage foot of a property (including churches, businesses, and parks), which can be paid as a lump sum on your taxes or spread over 10 years (plus a low rate interest charge for extended payment). For example, if your property frontage is 40 feet wide, then the assessment for a speed hump would be \$260.00. Please note assessment and interest rates can change annually, and this estimate is only an example. As part of the approval process, each property owner will receive an exact assessment for their property mailed to them with a reply card to vote in favor of or against the project.

*If the neighborhood would still like to move forward with speed hump construction, please contact your Alderman or Alderwoman to obtain their support. If your Alderman approves, Public Works staff in the Local Programs Unit can begin the process to determine the assessment for affected property owners' portion of the construction costs and survey the property owners to determine their support or opposition to constructing a speed hump.*

Thank you for your interest in making Milwaukee's neighborhood streets safer. If you have any further questions, please call Mr. Gabe Ikpeme at (414) 286-3667 or [gabriel.ikpeme@milwaukee.gov](mailto:gabriel.ikpeme@milwaukee.gov).