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Kate Borg
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RE: Study Results – NORTH SUPERIOR AVE

Dear Kate Borg:


DeKalb County Traffic Calming Program performed a traffic study(ies) on NORTH SUPERIOR AVE. The result of the study(ies) is as follows:

- **YOUR STREET(S) DID QUALIFY TO CONTINUE IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM**

The next step is for you, the contact person, is to call our office to schedule a meeting with a Traffic Calming Engineer. The meeting will be to discuss problem areas and design solutions on your street with you and other interested participants.

We are enclosing a brochure explaining the Traffic Calming procedures. If you have any questions regarding the information provided, you may contact the Traffic Calming Program at (770) 492-5298. Thank you for your interest in the Traffic Calming Program.

Sincerely,

for 
John Gurbal, ADPW
Transportation Division

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cc: Traffic Calming File

Frequently Asked Questions

TRAFFIC CALMING:

A COMMUNITY'S CHOICE



1. Where are speed tables and alternative traffic calming measures installed?

DeKalb County will only consider installation of speed humps and alternative traffic calming measures on streets classified as local, residential streets, with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less.

2. What is considered speeding?

Traffic studies must find that a speeding problem exists based on standard 85th percentile of at least 11 mph over posted speed limit.

3. What is the 85th Percentile?

The speed at or below which 85 percent of the motorized vehicles travel (MUTCD 2000).

4. Who will pay for the traffic calming measures?

The cost of construction of the traffic calming measures will be funded with monies appropriated in the Transportation operating and or Capital Improvement Projects budgets. The cost for maintenance of the measures will be paid by the property owners within the area requesting them via property tax assessment.

5. What will be the cost of maintenance?

The current cost is \$25.00/year/property owner.

6. When will the County remove traffic calming measures?

The County will remove traffic calming measures if:

- a. 65% of the property owners, via "formal" petition, request their removal and,
- b. The measures/ devices have been in place at least a year
- c. The homeowners are made aware that speeds may again increase

7. Why can't we have stop signs?

Stop signs are only used to control an intersection. This is mandated by federal guidelines. Call 770-492-5200 to request a study for an intersection.

8. Why can't we have sidewalks?

For information about the sidewalk program, please call 770-492-5200.

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TRAFFIC CALMING HISTORY

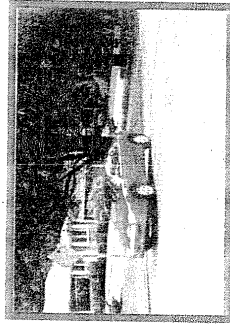
The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners created traffic calming for several reasons:

1. The police do not have the personnel to allocate to monitoring traffic on all residential streets in DeKalb County.
2. The Board of Commissioners wanted to give the citizens more input into the safety of their neighborhood.
3. Current traffic control devices were ineffective in curtailing the traffic problems on residential streets.

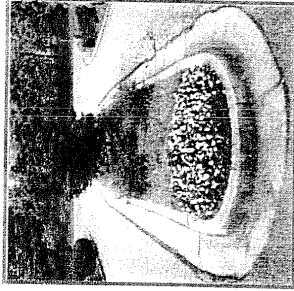
TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AVAILABLE

These measures are used to reduce speeding problems.

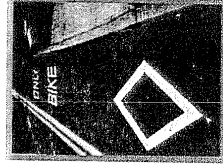
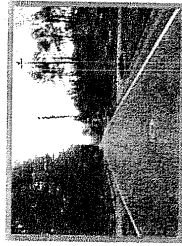
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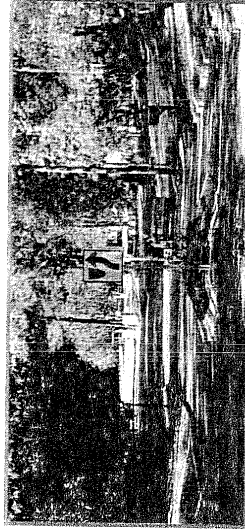
2. Center Traffic Islands



3. Striping and Bike Lane



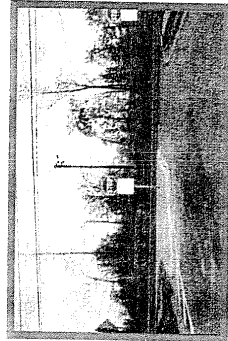
4. Splitter Traffic Islands



5. Traffic Circles (not in picture)

These measures are used to reduce cut-thru traffic.

1. Restrictive Islands



TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS

DeKalb County recently adopted a traffic calming ordinance that changes the process by which a community can petition for Traffic Calming measures to be installed in their neighborhood. The Traffic Calming Section conducts traffic calming studies for concerned communities and would like to inform you of some changes in the Traffic Calming Process.

Here's how the process works:

- A resident/petitioner on the street calls in the name of the street to the Traffic Calming Section. An initial interest petition is sent out to the petitioner.
- If at least twenty percent of the real property owners (or renters) on the street are in favor of having a traffic calming study, then a traffic study is completed to determine the 85th percentile speed and volume.
- If the study meets the speed or cut-thru criteria on the street of concern then the study passes.
- Our staff along with the neighborhood will discuss the concerns and develop design measures for the area. This process will take no longer than twelve (12) months.
- Once a consensus is met, the Board of Commissioners will review and approve the final plan to go out to the community. Petitions will be issued and the residents will have 90 days to get 65% of the property owners of the parcels in the affected area to vote for approval of measures.
- If the 65% approval is attained, the construction will be scheduled through the Roads and Drainage Division of Public Works.
- A \$25.00 maintenance fee is added to each parcel of land in the affected area as long as the measures are installed.