



Los Alamos County Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

Goal

The goal of the Los Alamos County Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (Program) is to address neighborhood livability concerns resulting from traffic patterns in residential areas.

Objectives

1. Encourage appropriate driver behavior in residential neighborhoods;
2. Improve neighborhood livability by encouraging adherence to the speed limit;
3. Reduce high speeds on neighborhood streets safely;
4. Integrate education, engineering, enforcement, and enhancement;
5. Provide a process that includes a clear opportunity for residents of the affected community to participate in the development of a neighborhood plan;
6. Effectively balance the public safety interests of traffic mitigation and emergency response; and,
7. Maintain capacity on collector and arterial streets.

Planning Process

A two level planning process has been developed. Level 1 is the first response, which consists of education and enforcement. Level 2 is a more costly and time consuming process that consists of development of a Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. A Level 1 process must be completed before a Level 2 process can be initiated.

Level 1 Planning Process

- Neighborhood Application – *requires signatures from ten neighborhood residents*
- Initial Date and Field Review
- Determine Neighborhood Priority
- Field Investigations & Review Existing Data
- Meet with Neighbors to Determine Strategy
- Implement Measures
- Evaluation
- Meet with Residents to Determine Effectiveness
- Neighborhood Satisfied with Results?
 - ✓ If yes, no further action;
 - ✓ If no, Level 2 Application.

Level 2 Planning Process

- Level 2 Application - *requires signatures from 50% of the neighborhood households or at least 100 households in the case of a large neighborhood*
- Determine Neighborhood Priority
- Determine Eligibility for County Funds
- Field Studies
- Survey Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Planning Process
- 67% Petition in Support of Project
- Transportation Board Review
- County Council Approval
- Establish County Improvement District
- Implementation of Plan
- Evaluation of Plan

Level 2 Funding

The policy of the Program is to share the funding of devices with property owners to allow limited funds to assist more neighborhoods and to involve property owners as partners in the planning and implementation process. Neighborhood traffic management applications that enhance the livability of the neighborhood are to the benefit of the property owners as well as the community.

Funding for neighborhood traffic management installation and maintenance will be shared between the County and affected property owners. Property owners will be assessed 50 percent of the cost of installation and ongoing maintenance for projects that meet eligibility for neighborhood traffic management. Neighborhoods that do not meet eligibility can still work with the County to develop a neighborhood traffic management plan; however, the cost of installing and maintaining devices in these neighborhoods will be funded 100 percent by the property owners.

Funds that are the responsibility of the neighborhood will be collected through a County Improvement District. The County will establish a County Improvement District through a vote of the affected property owners. The County will fund the initial construction and landscaping costs with reimbursement from the neighborhood over a predetermined timeframe.

Toolkit

The County's toolkit includes the following:

Level 1 Tools

- Targeted Speed Enforcement
- Speed Monitoring Trailer
- Neighborhood Speed Watch
- Neighborhood Speed Awareness Letter
- Speed Limit Signs

Level 2 Tools

- Level 1 Tools
- Median
- Neighborhood Entry Island
- Neckdown or Curb Extension
- Choker
- Speed Hump
- Raised Crosswalk or Speed Table
- Curvilinear Street
- Realigned Intersection
- Traffic Circle
- Restricted Movement Barrier
- Entrance Barrier

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Traffic Division at 505.662.8113, or by sending an email to lacpw@lacnm.us.