
Slow Streets

a proposal for safer neighborhood roads citywide

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**People drive too fast on
neighborhood streets.**

**Residents feel unsafe and
want cars to slow down
outside their homes.**

It's hard to make that happen.

Why is it “hard to make that happen”?

- MUTCD (rulebook for traffic engineers) says that stop signs are not for traffic calming
- Louisville Metro Speed Hump Policy requires “70% of property owners support the installation”
- No dedicated funding for traffic calming

So ... what can be done?

Detroit, MI

DETROIT – The city of Detroit has released a list of 2,700 more streets that are getting speed humps.

Experts say they will calm traffic on residential streets where some drivers are going way too fast.

If you've requested one of the speed humps, there is an easily searchable list.

More than 2,000-speed humps coming to Detroit due to overwhelming demand

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Detroit, MI

More than 20,000 requests for “traffic calming”

Priority given to 25 mph streets near schools and parks

Criteria also includes crash data and speeding tickets

Cincinnati, OH

Last year in Cincinnati, there were more than 300 crashes involving pedestrians, city data shows.

A new initiative proposed co-sponsored by Councilman Mark Jeffreys and Mayor Aftab Pureval would use new ideas and technology to calm traffic in the city.

"This truly touches all 52 neighborhoods," Jeffreys said.

Cincinnati's \$1 million pedestrian safety measure would use new ideas to slow traffic



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Cincinnati, OH

\$500,000 allocated in FY22 budget

200+ pedestrian safety projects in 37 neighborhoods

\$1.25m proposed for FY23 budget

“Safer Streets Now” campaign - 4 types of traffic calming

Focus on “speed cushions” - allow for better emergency vehicle access

Slow Streets for Louisville

How do you create a Slow Street?

Two Strategies:

- Traffic Calming
 - Speed humps
 - Speed cushions
 - Bumpouts
 - Raised crosswalks
- Volume Management
 - Traffic diverters
 - Partial closures

Traffic Calming



Volume Management



What is a “neighborhood street”?

Examples of the Kinds of Streets We’re Not Talking About:

- Lexington Road (14,000 ADT)
- Southern Parkway (9,700)
- Third Street (7,500)
- Norris Place (6,600)
- Stilz Avenue (6,500)
- 22nd Street (5,500)
- Portland Avenue (4,300)

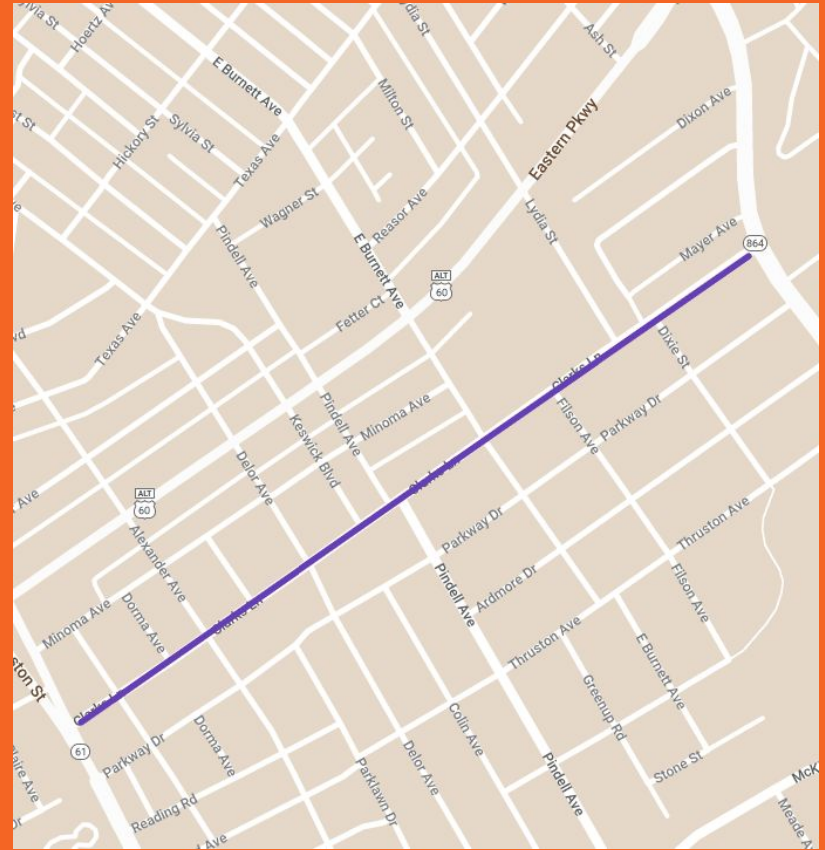
What is a “neighborhood street”?

- Primarily residential
- Traffic volumes < 4,000 vehicles/day
- Close to amenities like schools and parks, as well as ...
 - Churches, mosques, temples, and other houses of worship
 - Community centers
 - Preschools and daycares

Examples & Opportunities

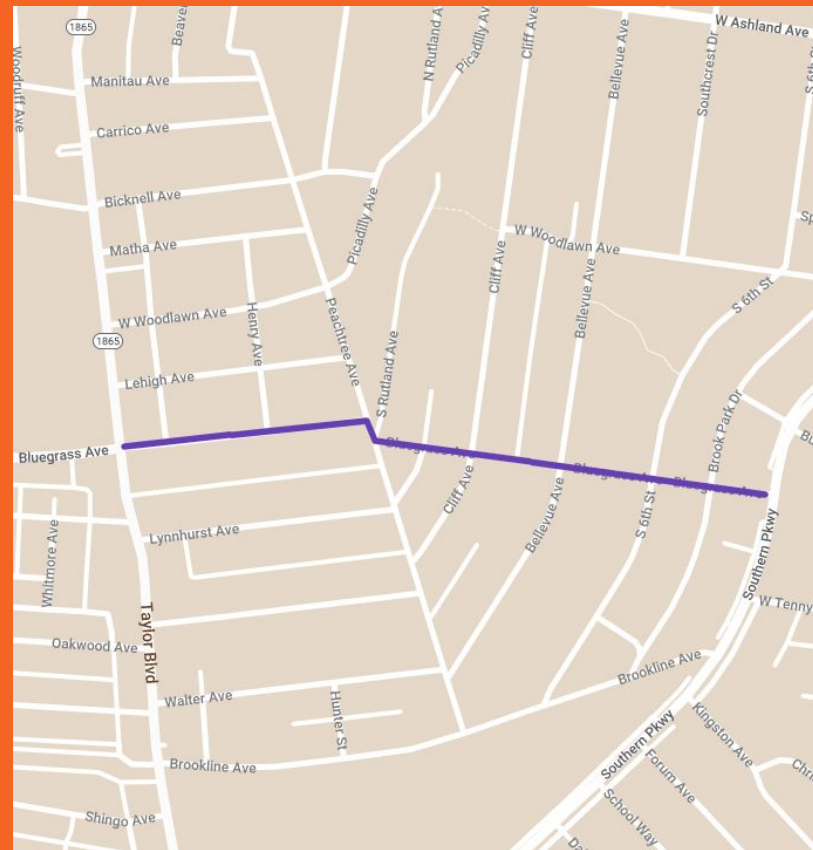
Clarks Lane

Districts 10 + 15



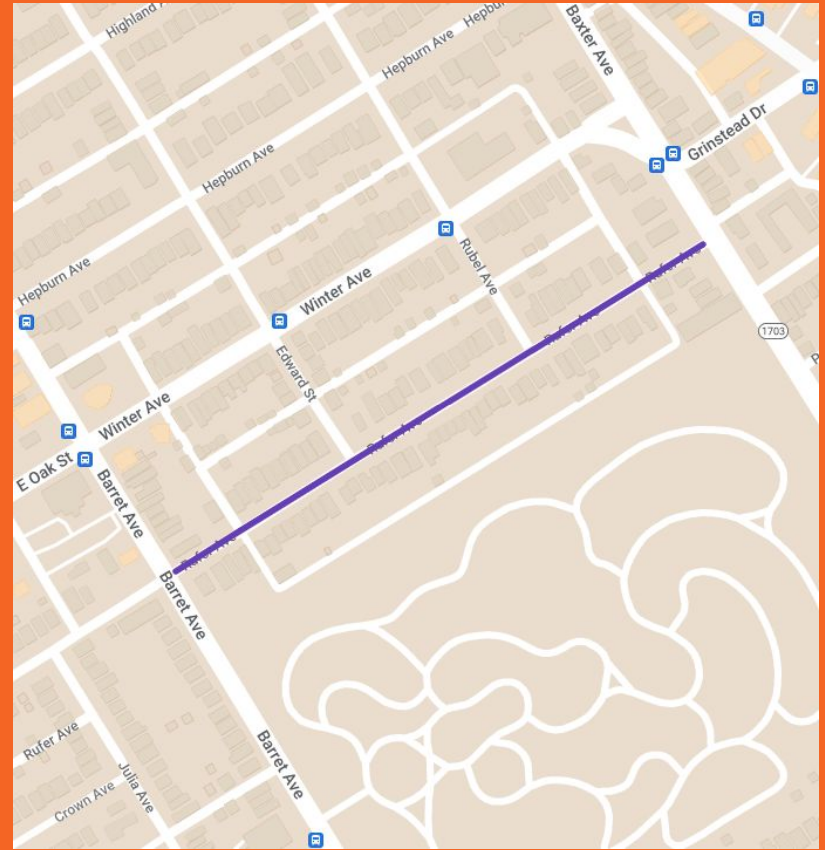
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District 21



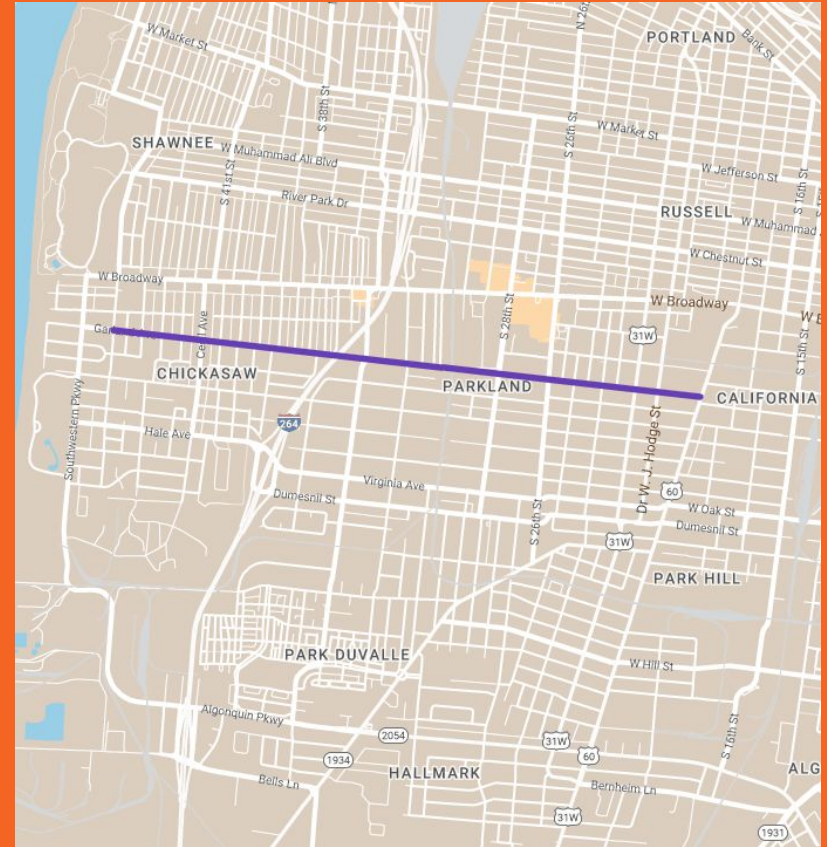
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District 8



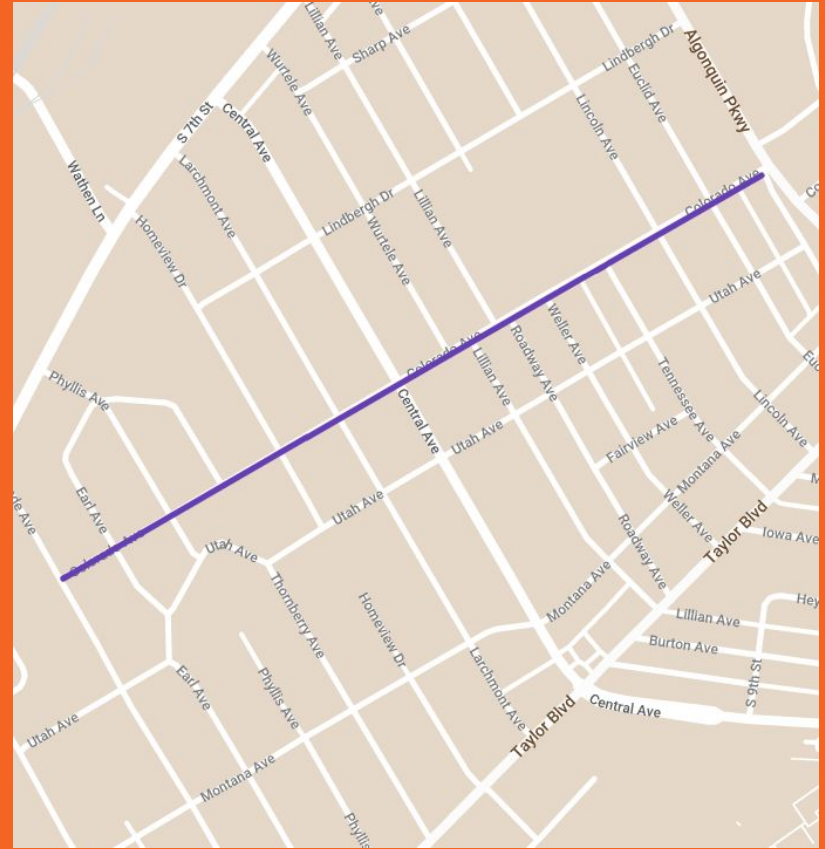
Garland Ave

Districts 4 + 5



Colorado Ave

Districts 3 + 6



Proposal for Louisville, KY

Dedicated funding (\$500k - \$1m) per year

MPW creates list of prioritized streets based on transparent criteria (parks, schools, etc.)

Adopt a new speed hump/cushion policy