

NTMP – Speed Control Program

The purpose of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) is to improve neighborhood quality of life by implementing “Traffic Calming” measures to reduce excessive vehicular speeds and cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets. “Traffic Calming” refers to modifying streets in such a manner as to enhance the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on designated residential streets.

The Speed Control Program is part of the NTMP that addresses neighborhood traffic speeding by the use of speed cushions and to ensure property owners and residents are involved in the process.

The program consists of the NTMP staff working with applicants to develop a concept traffic calming plan and seeking review and approval from the Houston Fire Department for all NTMP projects.

A Public Notice for the installation of speed cushions is distributed to property owners and residents for a 14-day comment period.

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An application to the NTMP may be made by one or more property owners, residents with evidence of support within the project area or by an authorized representative of a neighborhood association.

Complete applications are reviewed by the Houston Public Works (HPW) to determine eligibility. An application form can be obtained at:

<https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/tdo-documents>

Traffic Calming Tool

Traffic calming device that can be used to address excessive vehicular speeding problems is speed cushions, which may be either asphalt or rubber cushions.

Public Participation

The goal of the program is to address speeding by developing a Concept Plan which entails proposed locations of speed cushions. The process requires as much involvement of public participation (comments) as possible. Residents may submit comments regarding the proposed speed cushion locations and speeding issues within a project area.

The program requires a Public Notice and a minimum 14-day comment period. *If requested*, a public meeting will be held to present the Concept Plan and the NTMP process.

- A Public Notice is to provide notice about the Concept Plan that was developed for the project area.
- The notice is mailed to all property owners, residents within a 0.5 mile radius of the locations where installation of the speed cushions is proposed.
- Public comments regarding a project area are recorded and are accepted during its 14-day comment period.

Concept Plan

HPW Department will develop a Concept Traffic Calming Plan. If necessary, traffic volumes and speed data may be collected to facilitate the plan development. The Concept Plan must be approved by the City's Fire and Houston Public Works Departments.

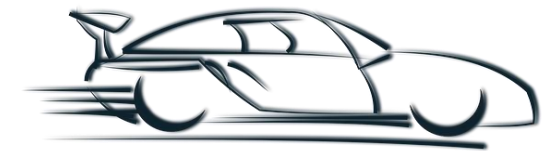
NTMP Approval

Following the close of the 14-day comment period, the HPW Department Director reviews the Concept Plan, contributing data, and public comments, and either supports or rejects the plan. The review considers public support for the proposed devices and potential unintended shift in traffic.

Council Approval

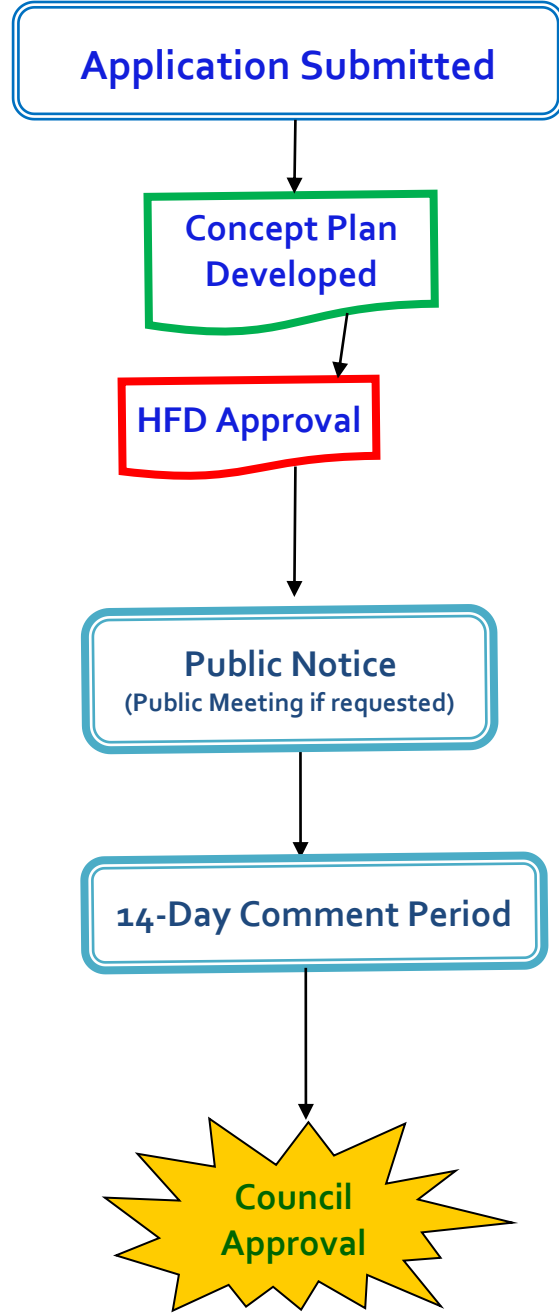
All recommended Concept Plans will be sent to City Council for final approval. The decision by City Council will be final and not subject to further appeal or rehearing. The Department notifies the applicant in writing of Council's action.

If a project is not approved, the applicant is not permitted to file a new application for the same or similar project area for a period of three years.



For further information on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) please visit our website at:
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Speed Control Process

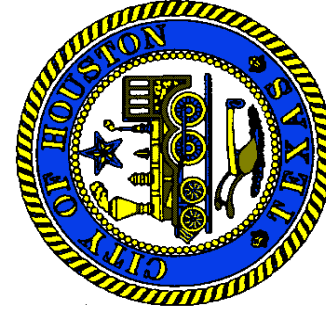


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