

# GUIDE TO SAFER STREETS NEAR SCHOOLS



Understanding Your Policy Options  
in the City of Toronto



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## Traditional Traffic Calming Treatments

Traffic calming can take a variety of forms. The most common type in Toronto are speed humps.

However, there are many other types of traffic calming that may be appropriate for your street. These include traffic circles, curb extensions, or other measures.

We recommend keeping an open mind. Councillors and City staff will have experience with a number of traffic calming solutions and can advise what will work best on certain streets. Examples of specific traffic calming treatments are included below<sup>12</sup>:



Speed hump



Curb extension

## APPENDIX A

### Worksheet: Writing a Vision, Defining the Problems, Considering Options

**Vision:** What does a 'safe neighbourhood' mean to you? What do the streets look like? Who is using them and when? Talk about your ideas as a group, and take notes on a scrap piece of paper. Which ideas do you all agree on? Put them together and write your vision below. For some vision ideas and language, check out [activeneighbourhoods.tcat.ca](http://activeneighbourhoods.tcat.ca) or [Chapter 1 of Toronto's Official Plan](#).

**Problems and Options:** In your school neighbourhood, which streets, street segments, or intersections do not look or feel like the streets in your vision? List the ones you are most concerned about here, and what the main issues are on those streets. [Find out what road class each street is](#) (Local, Collector, Minor Arterial, Major Arterial). Compare the issues and road classes to the paths in *Figure 1* in the Guide and the measures in Chapter 2 to see your options moving forward. We also recommend taking pictures of the issues.

Street (Name, number range, intersection)	Issues (Be specific, list all)	Road class (Local, collector, etc.)	Options (Traffic calming, speed limit, crosswalk, etc.)



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