

Traffic Calming Devices

These devices are already in place in our neighborhood:

- School zone speed limit of 20 mph when kids are present. There are signs with flashing beacons.
- There are advance warning signs for drivers that also remind them that fines double.
- There is a marked crosswalk that alerts drivers to pedestrians.



We propose that these devices be added:

- Another school crossing in the back of the school to ease the crowds at the north crosswalk.
- Speed bump on 66th Avenue to make drivers slow down.
- Curb extensions to reduce crossing distance and increase crossing opportunities by permitting use of shorter gaps in traffic.
- Slow Down! for our Kids banners to alert drivers of school zone.



Portland, Oregon

Traffic Safety in Our Neighborhood

Fifth Grade, Room 18

▶ Project Description

After there was a car accident near our school, the fifth graders in room 18 decided to gather data to find out what kind of traffic problems there were in the neighborhood.



We wanted to make our school safer after a recent car accident in the neighborhood.

We wanted to find out how we could make the neighborhood safer for everyone.

We handed out surveys about how kids get to school. We also counted the different kinds of traffic that we saw during the morning, lunchtime, and after school.

After we gathered the data, groups of students created slide shows. The best one will be presented to the city council.

Traffic Safety Tips

- Drivers should always stay under the speed limit, especially in a school zone where fines are doubled.
- Always remember to wear a safety belt in the car!
- Bikers should always wear helmets and be aware of the car traffic around them.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walkers should use crosswalks and obey pedestrian signals when crossing streets—never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk with a buddy.



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- Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.
- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers *are* required to follow rules of the road



Remember your bike helmet!

