Neighborhood Traffic Calming & Creative Placemaking

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Background

Smart Growth America: Safe Streets Academy
Near Northwest Neighborhood
Main Project Site – Riverside & Hudson
Placemaking
Public Process

Used various methods to gather feedback on speeding issues:

- Neighborhood Traffic Service Requests
- Traditional neighborhood meetings
- Pop-up meetings
- Online Neighborhood Input Map
Additional Traffic Calming Sites
Traffic Calming Installation
Riverside & Hudson - Traffic Circle
Additional Traffic Calming Installations

Riverside Dr. & California Ave. – Bump-out & Pavement Reduction

Lindsay Ave. – Chicanes

Cottage Grove Ave. & Van Buren St. – Traffic Circle
Placemaking: Engaging Local Artist
Challenges and Lessons Learned

- Coordination of City & County departments, outside agencies
- Maintenance and Removal Plans
- Plan rain date implementation
- Ability to modify layout throughout installation based on material selection
- Duration and durability of materials used
  - Straw logs
  - Rubber curbing
  - Traffic cones
  - Traffic paint
Challenges and Lessons Learned

• Traffic Calming Measures
  • Temporary demonstration projects = great way to test new ideas
  • Trust with community goes both ways
Working Toward Permanent Solution

• Shift center circle to SW
• Reconfigure curb bump outs

• Hybrid design
• Permanent installation – Construct in 2019
Additional Traffic Calming

Speedhump #1 - Between 1083 & 1091 N. Riverside Drive

Speedhump #2 - 1055 N. Riverside Drive
Thank You!

South Bend, IN Case Study
https://smartgrowthamerica.org/south-bend-in-demonstration-project-neighborhood-traffic-calming/

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