



CALM STREET

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A Calm Street is a residential street transformed to reduce speeding and provide safety for all travelers. The concept being presented adds speed humps, curb extensions, traffic circles, and rain gardens to one mile of Louisiana Ave. between Gravois Ave. and Meramec St. to calm the street. Tested by Marquette Park in 2016, motorists slowed down by over 10 mph reducing the fatality rate when a car strikes a pedestrian from 45% to 5%. The concept for Louisiana aspires to reduce speeding, improve safety, connect to desired destination, reduce stormwater impacts, and add beauty to the neighborhood.

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The Louisiana Calm Street Concept

A Calm Street is a residential street transformed to provide safety for everyone traveling there by reducing speeding. The concept is to add speed humps, curb extensions, traffic circles, and rain gardens to a one-mile section of Louisiana Ave. between Gravois Ave. (north) and Meramec Street (south) to reduce speeding and improve safety. Project elements were tested as a pop-up next to Marquette park in November 2016 **people driving slowed down by over 10 miles per hour.**

Benefits

- **Calm Streets reduce speeding**

By using traffic calming elements such as speed humps, curb extensions, and traffic circles people drive at slower speeds.

- **Calm Streets improve safety**

The City of St. Louis is now at a five-year high for traffic deaths. Our high rate of pedestrian injuries and fatalities have made us a Federal Highway Administration pedestrian focus city since 2011. By slowing traffic, we can save lives and lessen stress for people biking and walking.

- **Calm Streets connect us to the places we go**

Because they are on residential streets, Calm Streets make it easier to get to our parks, schools, and other places in our neighborhoods.

- **Calm Streets add visual appeal and help water quality and quantity**

Calm Streets often include rain gardens planted with native landscaping that add green infrastructure, help reduce street flooding and improve water quality.

About the project

Since 2014, the City of St. Louis and partners are working to create a network of Calm Streets to implement the City's Sustainability Plan and Complete Streets policy. 2016-2017 the city conducted a traffic study of the corridor and recommended it to be the pilot project for calm streets in St. Louis. Early 2018 the City was awarded federal funding (as a match) to do the project. The project design has reached the end of the conceptual design phase and we would like your input as we move into preliminary design.

Open house objective

Gather feedback on the concept plan and components developed for the Louisiana Calm Street project in order to refine the plan to prepare preliminary design plans that will be used to construct the project.

Project partners

Ward 20 Alderwoman Cara Spencer; Ward 25 Alderman Shane Cohn; Ward 9 Alderman Dan Guenther; City of St. Louis Street Department, Board of Public Service, and Health Department; City of St. Louis Sustainability Initiative; Metropolitan Sewer District; Missouri Department of Conservation; Missouri Department of Transportation.

Project consultants

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