

NTCP Policy Revisions

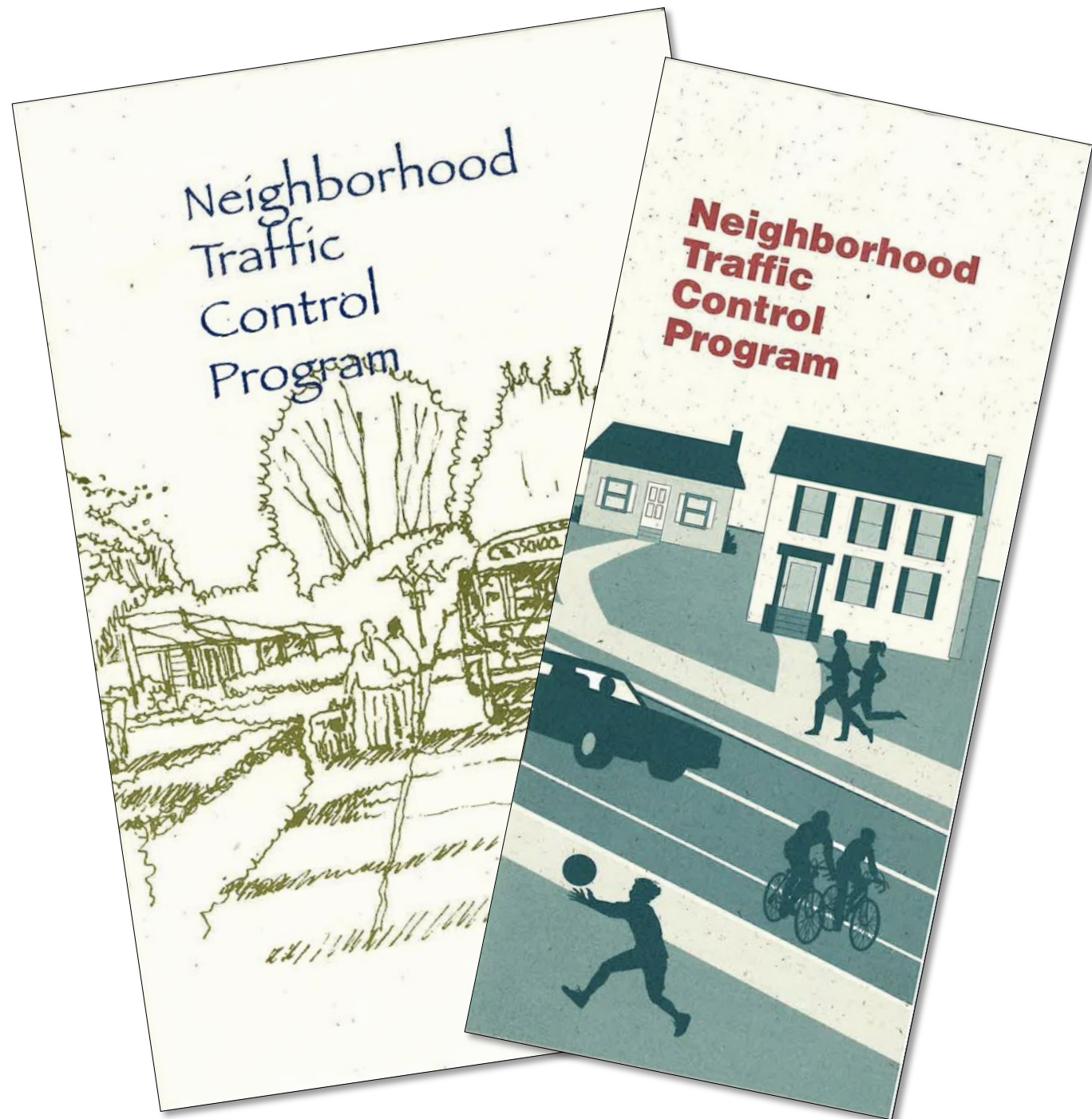
Neighborhood Traffic Control Program

Transportation Commission Briefing

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History

- Established 1993 for residential traffic volume and speed concerns
- Discontinued 2009 due to Great Recession
- 2011 City Annexation of Finn Hill, North Juanita, Kingsgate
- 2012 Streets Levy Voter-Approved
- 2014 NTCP Coordinator Hired, Pilot of Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP)
- 2020 NTCP Coordinator Retires, Program Suspended
- June 2022 Adoption of Vizion Zero Action Plan
- December 2022 Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC NEWS

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER!


Neighborhood Enforcement

Volunteer Speed Watch

South Rose Hill residents concerned about speeding traffic have organized a group of volunteers that have been (or will be) trained by the Kirkland Police Department in operating portable radar equipment. The Speed Watch volunteers will circulate throughout your neighborhood with a visible radar display board to encourage drivers to slow down. They cannot issue citations however the police department will be informed of drivers caught speeding in excess of 10 mph over the speed limit. A letter will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle letting them know that their vehicle was seen speeding in the neighborhood.

Citizen Speed Watch Program


Volunteers are now being trained to operate radar equipment. If you are interested in joining them please contact your neighborhood's Speed Watch Coordinator listed in the contact section of this newsletter or contact Sgt. Michael Ursino at 425-587-3409. You can help make your neighborhood safer. **Get Involved!**



Citizen Speed Watch: Pete Quarre

Speeding Traffic

The City's radar trailer displays the speed of approaching vehicles. If you would like to see the radar trailer on your street please call the City's Neighborhood Traffic Control Program Coordinator listed in the contact section of this newsletter. Drivers who exceed the speed limit have been a source of concern for both residents and City officials. Often most of the offenders are residents who live in the neighborhood.



mph over speed limit	traffic fine amount
1-5	\$91.00
6-10	\$101.00
11-15	\$132.00
16-20	\$173.00
21-25	\$224.00
26-30	\$276.00


In school zones speeding fines double when children are present.

Respect Your Neighbors – Drive 25 mph

Neighborhood traffic safety is everyone's concern and we can all contribute to the solution. As a driver, do you always drive 25mph in your neighborhood? If so you can help others to remember to slow down by displaying an "I Drive 25 mph" magnetic bumper sticker. Stop by City Hall to sign a pledge and pick one up!

Drive 25mph or pay big fines!

****Recent traffic studies conducted in your neighborhood show 15% of motorists on 122nd Ave NE between NE 80th St and NE 85th St are traveling at 31.1 mph or faster.**



Phased Approach to Traffic Calming

Phase 1

- Portable speed radar sign
- Enforcement
- Signage
- Roadway striping and pavement markings



Phase 2

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- Permanent radar speed signs



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- Traffic circles
- Curb bulbs
- Speed cushions
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Phase Three Engagement

Roadway Pre-Approved Plans Policy R-20: NTCP Traffic Planning and Community Acceptance

- Broad group of stakeholders
 - Residents who live on the street
 - Residents on local streets that feed into the street in question.
 - Nearby residents that would likely use the street to reach other destinations...
 - Other stakeholders: HOAs, neighborhood associations, KPD, KFD, schools, transit agencies, businesses
- “Empower” level of engagement
 - Neighborhood task force
 - Commitment up to a year or longer
- High threshold of community acceptance
 - ≥70% Ballot approval

NORKIRK NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PLAN BALLOT



VOTE NOW ON THE NORKIRK NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PLAN

MAIL-IN BALLOT ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE

Now is your opportunity to vote on the Norkirk Neighborhood Traffic Plan. In July, we asked you to comment on what you liked and didn't like in the draft plan. We've made some changes, and now it's time for a neighborhood vote. In this mailing, you will find a mail-in ballot along with a summary of the proposal.

This plan is the product of a partnership between the City and the Norkirk Neighborhood Association. Over the past nine months, we've worked together to craft solutions to the traffic issues that you experience in your neighborhood every day. The plan is designed to reduce cut-through traffic and speeding within the neighborhood through the placement of a series of traffic calming measures, including traffic circles, medians, and curb extensions.

If you have any questions, you can contact Tracy Burrows, Neighborhood Traffic Control Coordinator at (425) 828-2238 or . Also, feel free to contact any member of the Norkirk Traffic Task Force to get insight into the plan from a neighbor's perspective.

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Norkirk Task Force

Task Force members who attended a meeting on August 15, 2001 voted unanimously to support the proposed traffic calming plan. If you would like to talk to a neighborhood representative about the plan, please feel free to call one of the Task Force members listed here.

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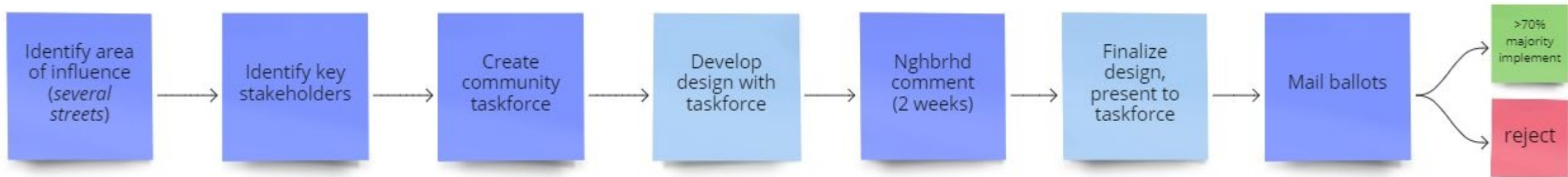
Proposed Changes to Roadway Pre-Approved Plans Policy R-20:

- **Focused** group of stakeholders
 - Residents who live on the street
 - Residents on local streets that feed into the street in question.
 - Businesses on the street or local streets that feed into the street in question.
- **“Consult”** level of engagement
 - City-led design with neighborhood input
 - Direct outreach to immediately affected, mailer for broader reach
- **No ballot process**
 - Engineering criteria validates need for traffic calming - safety improvement



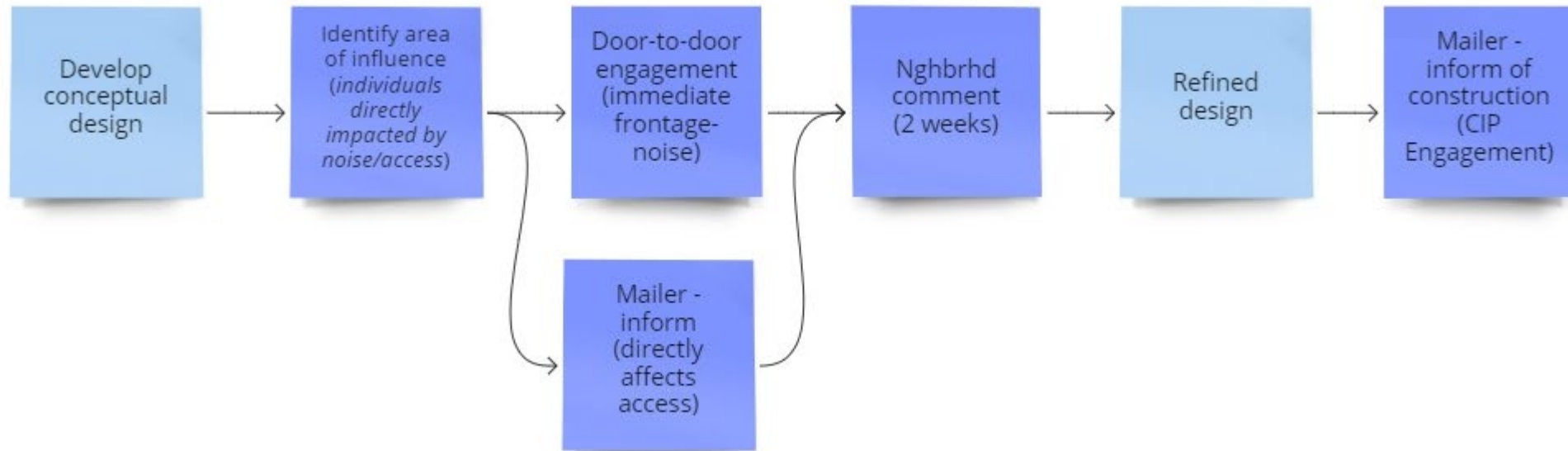
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Current NTCP Community Engagement Process



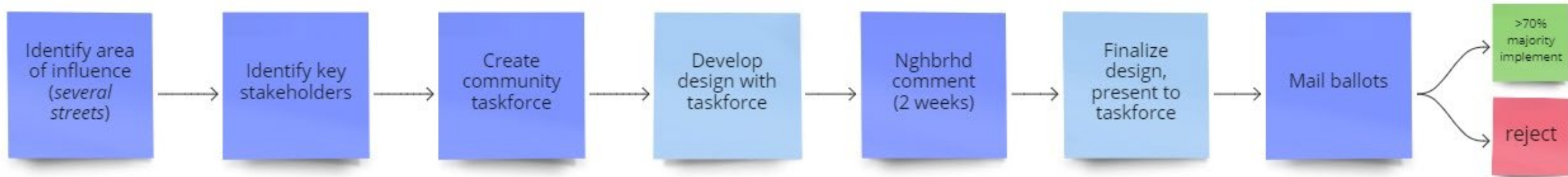
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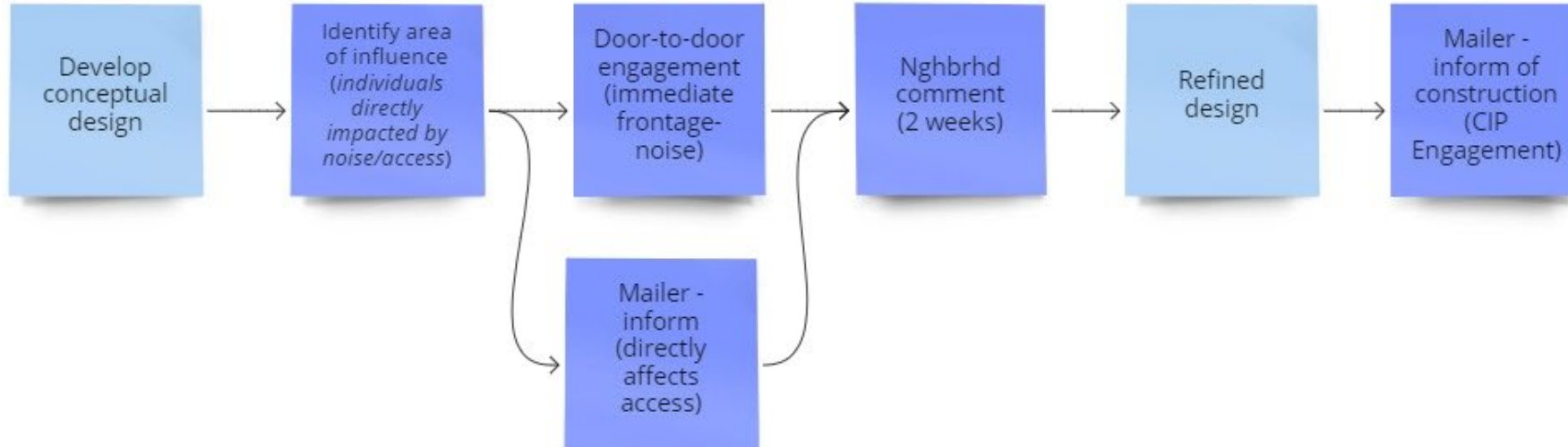


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Proposed NTCP Community Engagement Process



Proposed Engineering Criteria Changes

- Extend traffic calming applicability to **Collector Streets** with residential land use contexts (currently applicable to Local streets only)
- Maximum vehicle volumes of **4000 vehicles per day** (currently 3000 vpd)
- **Phase 1 and 2 measures** (signing and striping) may be considered for streets with at least **5mph speeding** over the posted limit. Phase 3 measures will still require 7mph or greater speeding over the posted limit. (currently 7mph required for any measure)
- **Phase 1 and 2 measures** (signing and striping) may be considered for **emergency vehicle routes, bus routes, or routes with higher volume long wheel-based vehicles** (e.g., trucks, boat trailers) as they do not have physical intrusions into the roadway. (currently not permitted)
- Before and after studies required for Phase Three measures. (clarifying this expectation)
- Phased approach remains – Phase 1 and 2 measures must be implemented prior to consideration of Phase 3

Next Steps

- Council Study Session 2/7/2023
- Website Update: [current link](#)
- Public facing webmap

NTCP Traffic Count Map

