

VISION ZERO



The Department of Transportation and Engineering's (DOT) FY22 Vision Zero program focuses on improving safety for Cincinnati's most vulnerable street users – pedestrians.

DOT uses crash data to identify and track pedestrian crash hotspots throughout the city. Working in collaboration with the Cincinnati Police Department, Cincinnati Public Schools, and community councils, these hotspots are targeted for: traffic calming, street redesign, speed limit reduction, and speed enforcement.

Traffic Calming

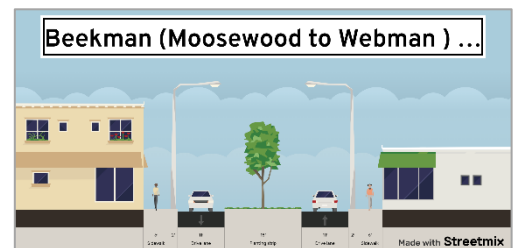
Two primary tools are used to calm traffic in these priority areas: curb extensions and speed cushions. A curb extension (or bump out) extends the sidewalk into the parking lane where 24-hour parking is present. The curb extension visually and physically narrows the roadway, which can result in slower driving speeds.



A speed cushion is similar to a speed hump, but has wheel cut outs to allow emergency vehicles to pass through unimpeded. Regular-sized cars and trucks however must reduce their speed to the speed limit in order to drive over the speed cushion comfortably.

Street Redesign

Redesigning our streets is one of the most effective things we can do to reduce speeding and increase the safety and comfort of all street users. Major street redesigns typically cost several million dollars, and grant money is necessary in order to implement these large-scale projects. DOT prioritizes street redesign projects based on crash data and community input, and submits several funding grant applications annually.



Speed Limit Reduction



The Ohio Revised Code establishes statutory speed limits, and DOT does not have the ability to lower speed limits without approval from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). DOT works with community councils to prioritize streets for speed studies and request approval from ODOT to reduce the posted speed limit. The program targets improvements around schools, recreation areas, and neighborhood business districts.

Speed Enforcement

DOT meets monthly with the Cincinnati Police Department to coordinate targeted speed enforcement blitzes based on crash data and community feedback.