

# **TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD TRAFFIC CALMING NEEDS STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE**

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The Township of Maplewood recognizes the importance of having safe roads throughout the community. An efficient roadway system is important to the quality of life desired by citizens and insures continued economic vitality. Our goal is to ensure that drivers adhere to local laws and regulations to create a safe environment for automobile passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Township is conducting a survey to identify locations in need of traffic calming measures and/or traffic safety improvements. The purpose of traffic calming is to reduce the speed and volume of traffic to “acceptable” levels, based on standards of normal use, while maintaining an overall efficient transportation system. The intent of this survey is to obtain input from residents and civic groups to assist in the identification of these locations, the extent of the concerns and possible corrective measures.

The key objectives of this study are:

- Identify locations, along with their respective deficiencies, within the Township in need of traffic calming measures and/or traffic safety improvements.
- Identify possible corrective measures to address the identified deficiencies.
- Involve community stakeholders in the identification of deficiencies and possible corrective measures and throughout the entire study, design and construction process.
- Provide corrective measures that are pedestrian and bicyclist friendly.
- Provide corrective measures that are appropriately scaled and contribute to the quality of life and the sense of place.
- Coordinate with other municipal departments such as fire, police, emergency and parks and non-municipal agencies such as NJ Transit to allow for the proper access and circulation of their vehicles.
- Avoid relocating the traffic problem to another street or section of the Township.
- Ensure that the plan is compatible with other plans within the Township.
- Develop a plan that is cost effective and results in minimal physical impact to the surrounding areas.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please comment on safety, intersections, streets, and property access within the Township that are unsafe and/or problematic. Try to be as specific as possible to the **exact location, time(s) of day, day(s) of the week**. Comments should encompass all types of transportation, including **automobile, truck, bus, pedestrian and bicyclist**, as applicable. Parking issues will not be considered in this study. The list of questions that follows each of the items is meant only to assist you in developing your comments. You do not need to answer all of the questions. Please return the completed questionnaire by **March 24, 2006** via mail or fax to:

Richard Calbi Jr. P.E.  
Township Engineer

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## ***SAFETY***

- Are there any locations in town that you consider unsafe from a traffic perspective?
- If the issue is pedestrian related, are there particular age groups of pedestrians that face these problems?
- What is the nature of the problem?
- What improvements would you recommend?

## ***INTERSECTIONS***

- Do you use an alternate route to avoid any intersections?
- Are there any intersections, with or without traffic lights at which you experience excessive delays?
- Are there any intersections where you witness motorists turning with unacceptable gaps in oncoming traffic?
- Are there any traffic signals that are difficult to see or are unexpected?
- Are there intersections where the interactions between vehicular and pedestrian/bicyclist are unsafe?
- What improvements would you recommend?

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***STREETS***

- Do you avoid any streets? Which 'short-cuts' do you use in the town?
- Are there any streets with excessive delay?
- Where do you experience 'bottlenecks'?
- Are there any streets where you notice a significant difference between posted speed and the travel speed?
- What improvements would you recommend?

***ACCESS***

- Are there any residential or commercial properties that are difficult to enter or exit?
- Do you avoid any properties because of difficulty with entering or exiting?
- Are there any streets where you think traffic is impacted because of an adjoining property?
- What improvements would you recommend?

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