



Traffic Calming Improvements on Cotswold Way

HOMEOWNER PETITION - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Important information for all Cotswolds homeowners and properties within the City-identified affected area

Dear Homeowners,

We are pleased to provide an update regarding the proposed traffic calming improvements on Cotswold Way. The project has now advanced to the homeowner petition phase of the City of Auburn's traffic calming process.

Earlier this year, after receiving concerns from numerous homeowners regarding increased traffic and vehicle speeds, the Cotswolds HOA Board requested that the City of Auburn conduct a professional traffic study on Cotswold Way, Snowhill Lane, and Heywood Street. The City's study determined that Cotswold Way exceeded the threshold for traffic calming measures, and the City subsequently recommended two traffic calming devices along Cotswold Way.

Affected homeowners will now be asked to consider and sign the City's petition. The following Q&A explains the proposed improvements, the petition process, and what happens next.

Why is the City proposing traffic calming devices?

The City of Auburn collected vehicle speed and traffic-volume data on Cotswold Way, Snowhill Lane, and Heywood Street. The results showed that Snowhill Lane and Heywood Street were within the City's acceptable thresholds, while Cotswold Way exceeded the threshold for traffic calming measures. Based on this engineering data, the City recommended two traffic calming devices on Cotswold Way.

What type of traffic calming device is proposed?

The City is proposing landscaped median islands with pedestrian crosswalks instead of traditional speed humps. The design narrows the travel lanes, naturally encouraging lower vehicle speeds while improving pedestrian safety.



Concept rendering of the proposed landscaped median island with pedestrian crosswalk.

Who will maintain the landscaped medians?

The HOA has elected to pursue landscaped medians rather than concrete medians because the Board believes the landscaped design is more consistent with the appearance and character of the neighborhood. If the project moves forward, the Cotswolds HOA will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the landscaping within the medians.

Why not install speed humps now?

The City's policy is to first install median islands and then monitor traffic speeds. If future data shows additional traffic calming is necessary, the City may evaluate whether speed humps or other measures should be added.

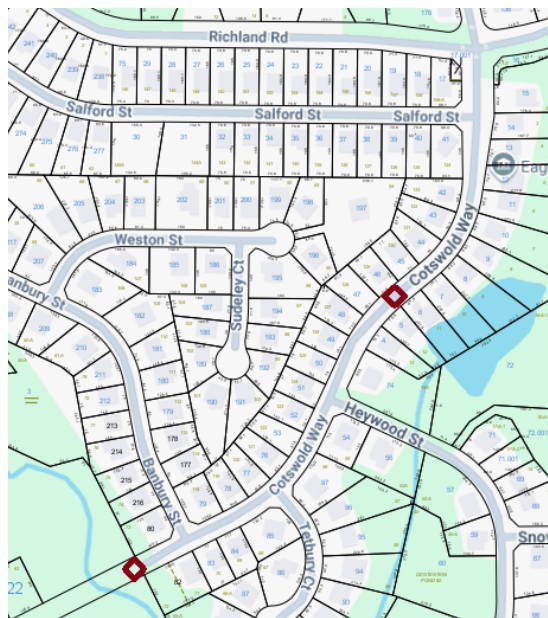
What about Snowhill Lane, Heywood Street, or Banbury?

The City's traffic study found that speeds on Snowhill Lane and Heywood Street did not exceed the engineering thresholds for traffic calming. The HOA will continue working with the City to monitor these roadways and pursue future improvements if conditions change.

Where will the devices be located?

The City of Auburn Traffic Engineer surveyed Cotswold Way and identified two proposed locations based on roadway conditions, available space, and engineering considerations:

- **Between the areas of 721/733 and 728/734 Cotswold Way**
- **Near 660 Cotswold Way**



Map showing the approximate proposed traffic calming locations.

Why am I being asked to sign a petition?

The City of Auburn requires approval from at least 66% of the homeowners within the affected area before the proposed traffic calming project can move forward. If your property is within the affected area identified by the City, you will be asked to indicate whether you approve the proposed traffic calming improvements on Cotswold Way. Signing the petition indicates your support for allowing the City to move forward with the proposed project. Reaching the 66% approval requirement does not mean construction will begin immediately. Once the petition requirement has been satisfied and submitted to the City, the City will advise the HOA regarding the remaining steps and anticipated construction schedule.

Why is my home included in the affected area?

The affected area is determined as part of the City of Auburn's traffic calming petition process. The HOA is working with the City to ensure that the appropriate homeowners are contacted and provided with the information necessary to make an informed decision.



Affected homeowner petition area.

What happens if the petition does not receive 66% approval?

The City requires at least 66% approval from the affected homeowners for the project to move forward. We are seeking clarification from the City regarding the specific next steps if that threshold is not reached and will communicate that information to homeowners once confirmed.

What happens after the petition?

If the petition receives the required 66% approval, it will be returned to the City of Auburn. The City will then advise the HOA regarding the next steps and anticipated timeline for the project. As additional information becomes available - including final plans, scheduling, and construction details - the HOA will communicate those updates to homeowners.

Keeping Homeowners Informed

This information is being provided to keep homeowners informed as the project moves through the City's petition and review process. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

The Cotswolds HOA Board is committed to keeping homeowners informed throughout this process and appreciates your participation as we work together to improve neighborhood safety.

Questions or Concerns?

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