

# SOULARD TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

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#### SOULARD SBD INVOLVEMENT

- Approved By Voters In 1994 As A "Special Taxing District"
- Funded 100% By Property Taxes In The District
- Established Specifically To "Enhance Security And Protection Of Residents And Property Owners Of The District"
- Role In Soulard Traffic Calming
  - Increase Pedestrian Safety
  - Slow Vehicular Traffic Speeds
  - Improve Vehicular Roadway Compliance
  - Reduce Vehicular Cut-through And Commercial Truck Traffic

#### SOULARD CID INVOLVEMENT

- Approved By Voters In 2019 As A "Community Improvement District"
- Funded By 1% Retail Sales Tax In The District
- Established To Fund A Broad Variety Of Services And Projects To Improve The District (e.g, ,Public Improvements, Infrastructure, Clean-Up/Maintenance, Transportation & Parking Solutions, Marketing & Branding And Others.
- Role In Soulard Traffic Calming
  - Infrastructure Improvement
  - Enhance Historical Character Of The Neighborhood
  - Marketing And Branding
  - Beautification





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PROJECT
BACKGROUND
AND GOALS





# PROJECT GOAL

Develop traffic calming recommendations for the Soulard neighborhood to increase safety on the streets for users of all modes of transportation, regardless of age or ability.





# **OPPORTUNITIES**

Traditional intersection traffic calming (bumpouts, crosswalks, etc.)

Enhance pedestrian safety

Traffic calming with placemaking/gateway

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Mid block traffic calming

Open Streets events 5

Curb management

#### WHY THIS MATTERS

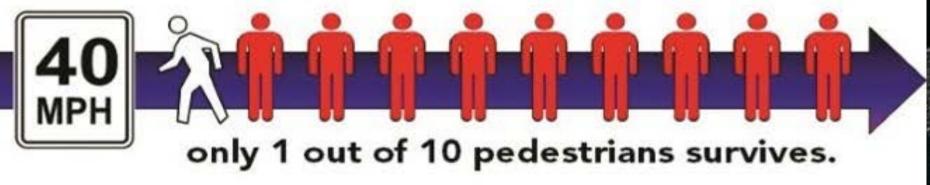
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20 MPH 9 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at



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# STUDY PROCESS



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# PROJECT TIMELINE



\*\*All recommendations seen tonight are in the concept phase. Final design and implementation per funding and additional neighborhood coordination.



### DATA COLLECTION PLAN

- Traffic Counts (turning movements, peds, bikes)
  - Russell & 7th
  - O Russell & 12th
  - 9th & Geyer
  - 7th & Lafayette
  - 7th & Sidney
- Traffic Speeds
  - 12th (Victor & Sidney)
  - 12th (Ann & Shenandoah)
  - 12th (Russell & Allen)
  - 9th (Victor & Barton)
  - 9th (Allen & Russell
- Existing traffic control
  - Stop signs
  - Traffic Signals
- Bike facilities
  - Bike lanes
  - Bike parking
  - Bike wayfinding

- 9th (Soulard & Emmett)
- Russell (11th & Menard)
- Russell (9th & 7th)
- Geyer (10th & 9th)
- Lafayette (9th & 8th)
- Pedestrian facilities
  - Sidewalks
  - Crosswalks
  - Beautification elements (benches, planters, trashcans, etc.)
- Transit facilities
  - Metrobus facilities
  - Micromobility services

#### PRIORITY FOCUS CORRIDORS

- 9th (Carroll to Sidney
- 12th (Geyer to Sidney)
- Geyer (7th to 12th)
- Russell (7th to Gravois)
- Lafayette (7th to 10th)



# STUDY AREA

#### PRIORITY FOCUS CORRIDORS

- 9th (Carroll to Sidney)
  12th (Geyer to Sidney)
  Geyer (7th to 12th)
  Russell (7th to Gravois)
  Lafayette (7th to 10th)



### WHAT WE FOUND: SPEEDS



#### Lafayette

- 85th % 33mph
- 10% 70% travelling over 30pm from Midnight - 8am

#### Geyer

• 85th % - 25mph

#### Russell

- 85th percentile
  35mph (11th & Menard)
  37 mph (9th & 8th)
- 20% 30% travelling over 40mph between 2 and 5am

### WHAT WE FOUND: SPEEDS



#### 12th Street

- 85th percentile
  - 33mph (Allen & Russell)
  - 30mph (Ann & Shenandoah)
  - 30mph (Victor & Sidney)
- 10% 25% travelling over
  35pm from 10am 5am

#### 9th Street

- 85th percentile
  - 30mph (Emmett & Soulard)
  - 27mph (Allen & Russell)
  - 27mph (Victor & Barton)
- No excessive speeds overnight

# WHAT WE FOUND

- Want to have a safe place to walk
- Concerns at specific intersections
- mid-block crossing needs
- How to slow down motorists as they enter the neighborhood
- Interested in speed humps
- Metrobus routes important transit connections for neighborhood residents
- Special events are important, and what are ways to better control these



# WHAT IS TRAFFIC CALMING

Traffic Calming is the use of speed and volume management strategies to promote safer streets for people walking, biking, and connecting to public transit. Through a series of design interventions, motorist behavior and awareness can be improved.

Examples of traffic calming treatments include curb bumpouts, high visibility crosswalks, speed humps, branding & placemaking, as well as many other treatments





# **OPPORTUNITIES**

traditional traffic calming 1

traffic calming with gateways/placemaking 2

open streets events 3

curb management 4

NEXT SLIDE

#### **WHAT:**

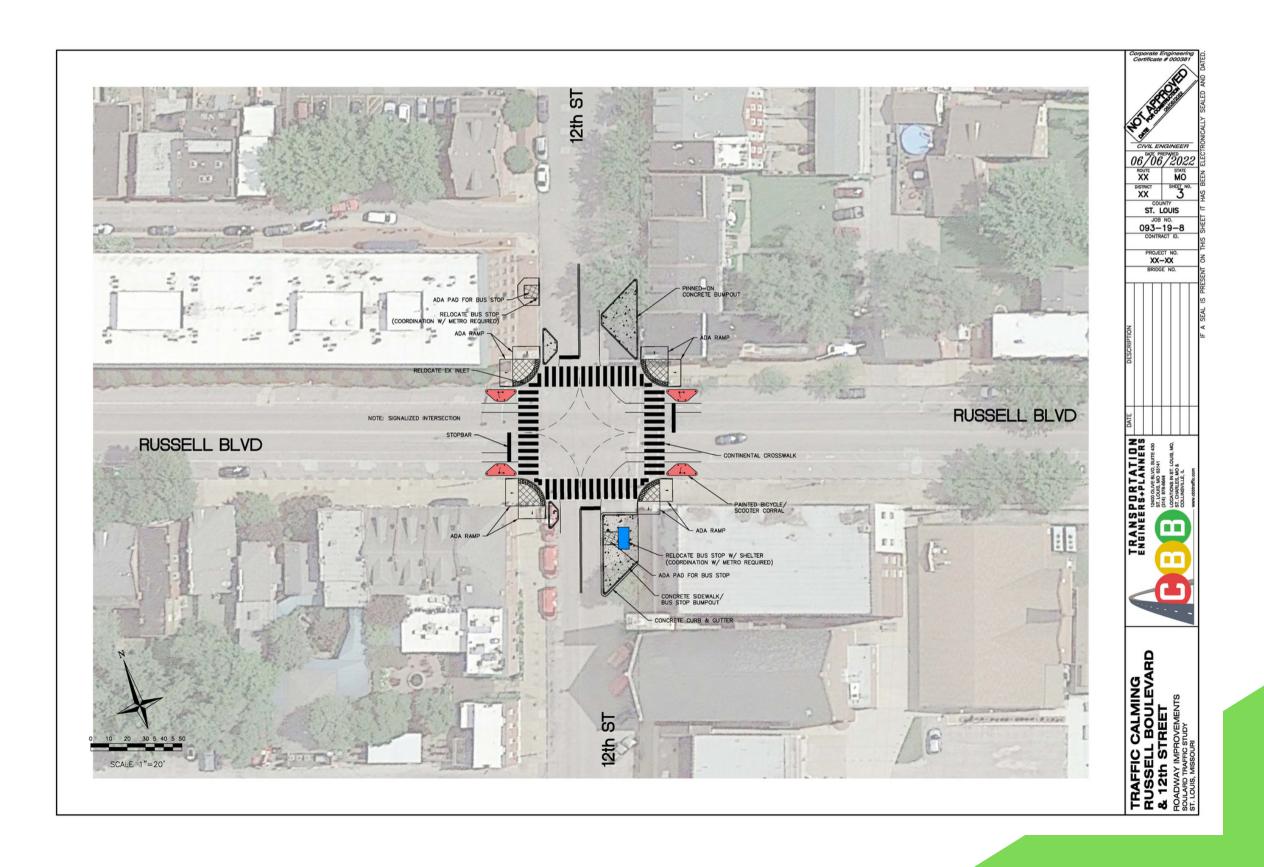
• The combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior & improve conditions for non-motorized street users (Institute of Transportation Engineers)

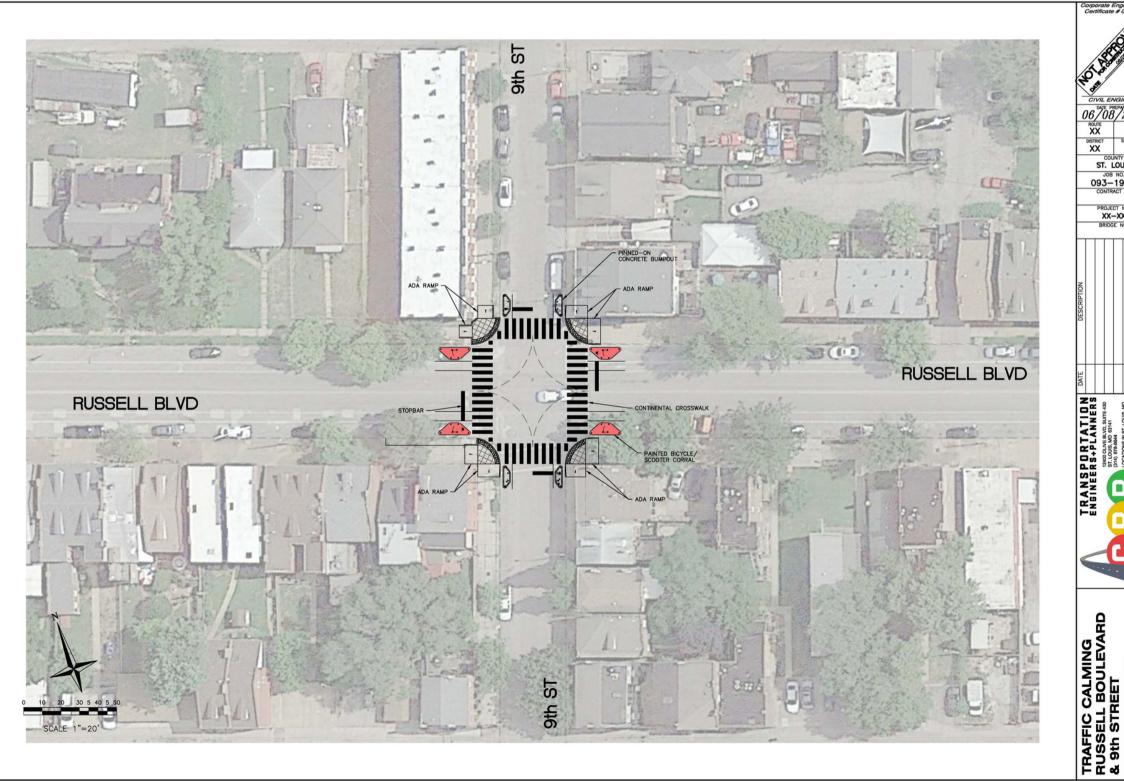
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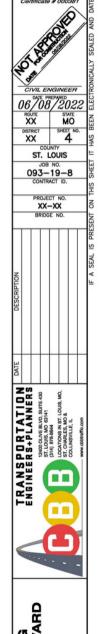
- Speed management
- Volume management
- Vertical and horizontal deflection elements to enhance street safety for all users

#### WHERE:

- Key intersection bumpouts and crosswalks at locations throughout the neighborhood
  - 12th (Victor, Shenandoah, Russell)
  - Menard (Shenandoah, Russell)
  - 9th (Victor, Barton, Shenandoah, Russell, Geyer, Lafayette)
- Speed humps
  - 12th, Lafayette, Broadway & Ann



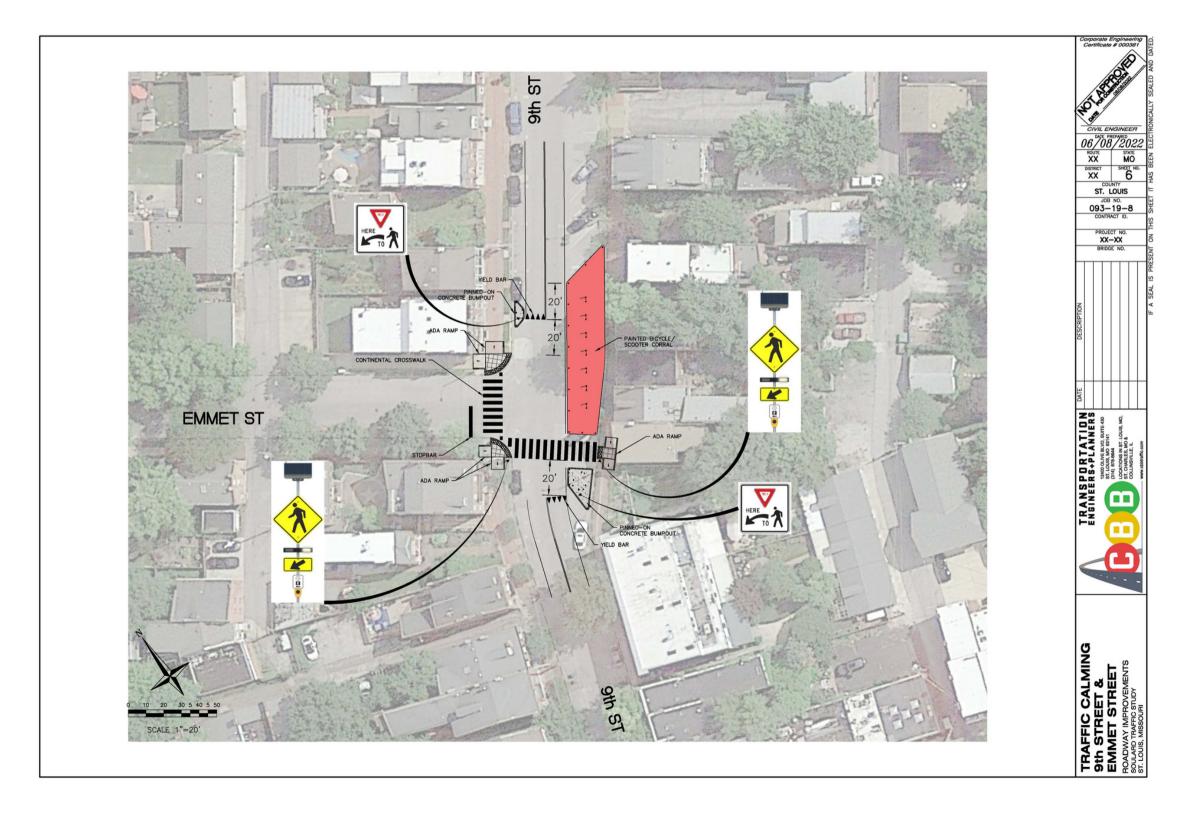


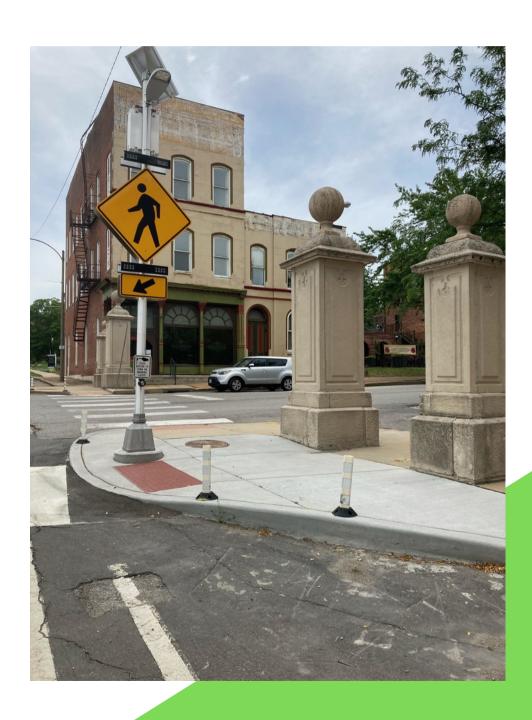


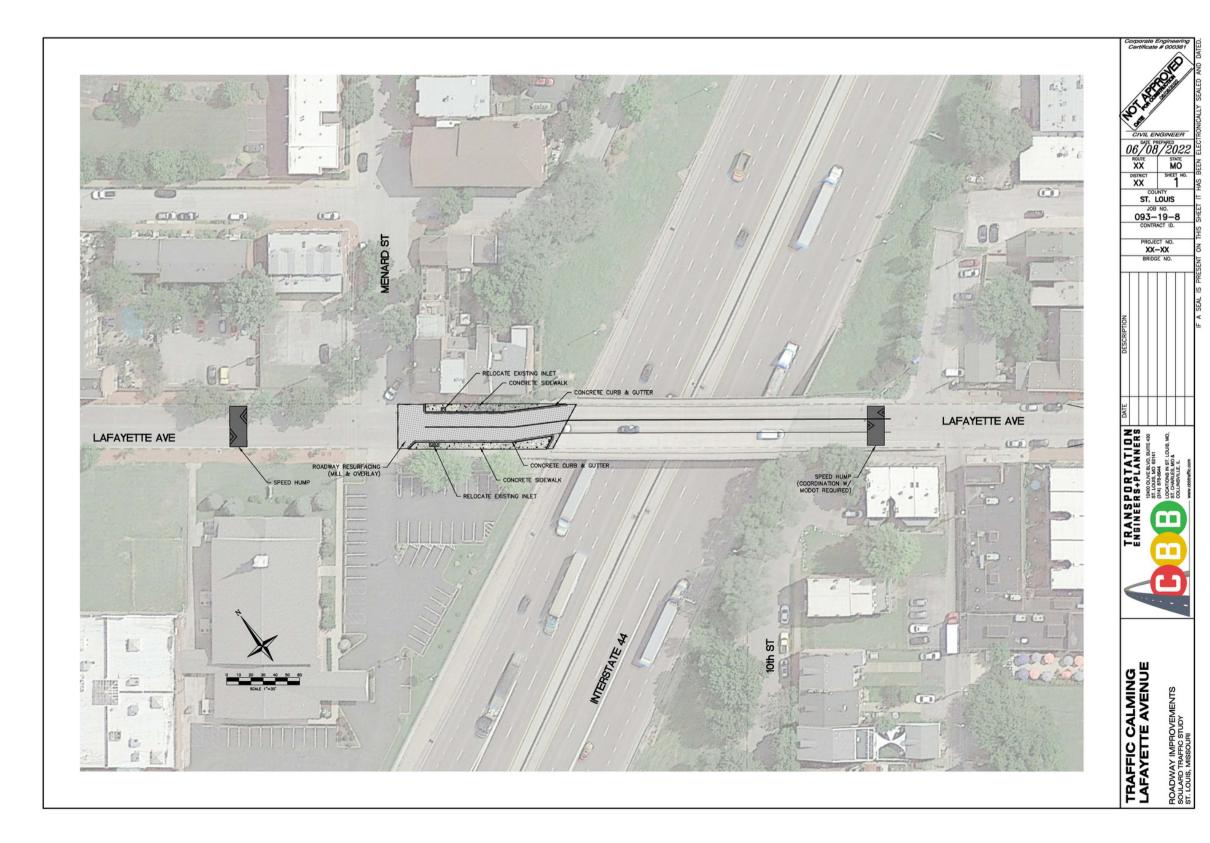


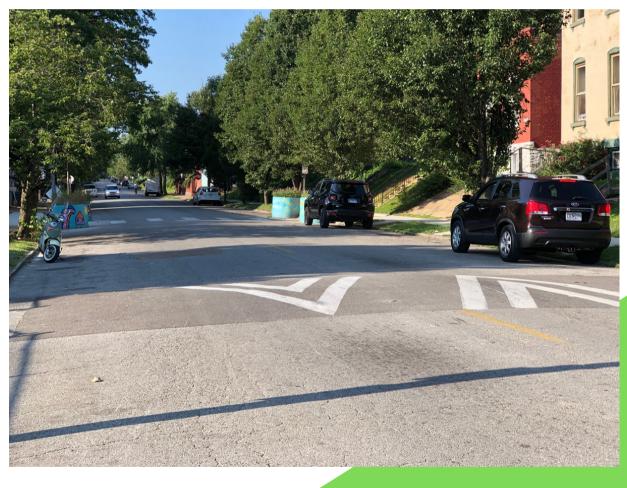


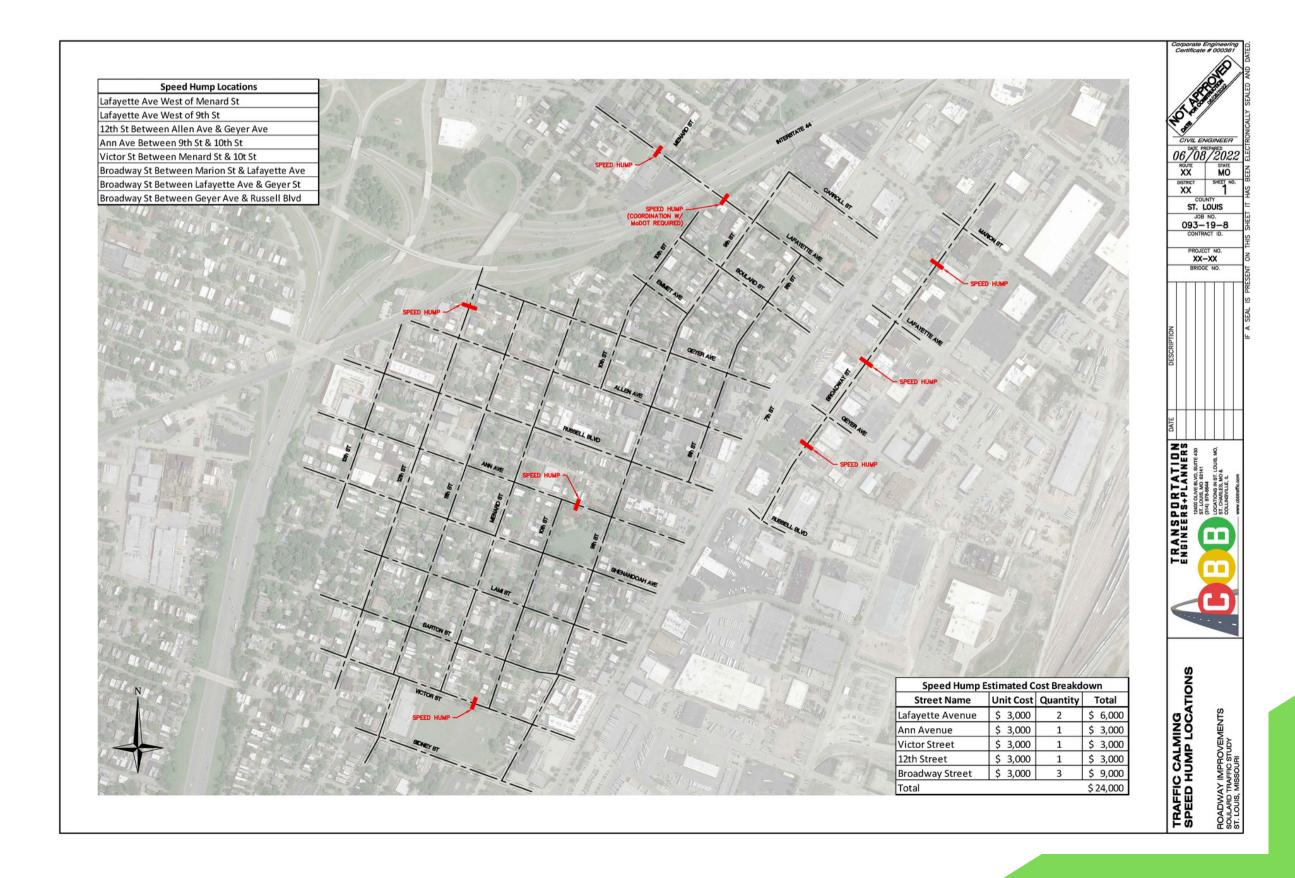












# GATEWAY/PLACEMAKING TRAFFIC CALMING

#### **WHAT:**

 Enhance the sense of place within the neighborhood as a visual cue to motorists for the high level of street activity for all users

#### **HOW:**

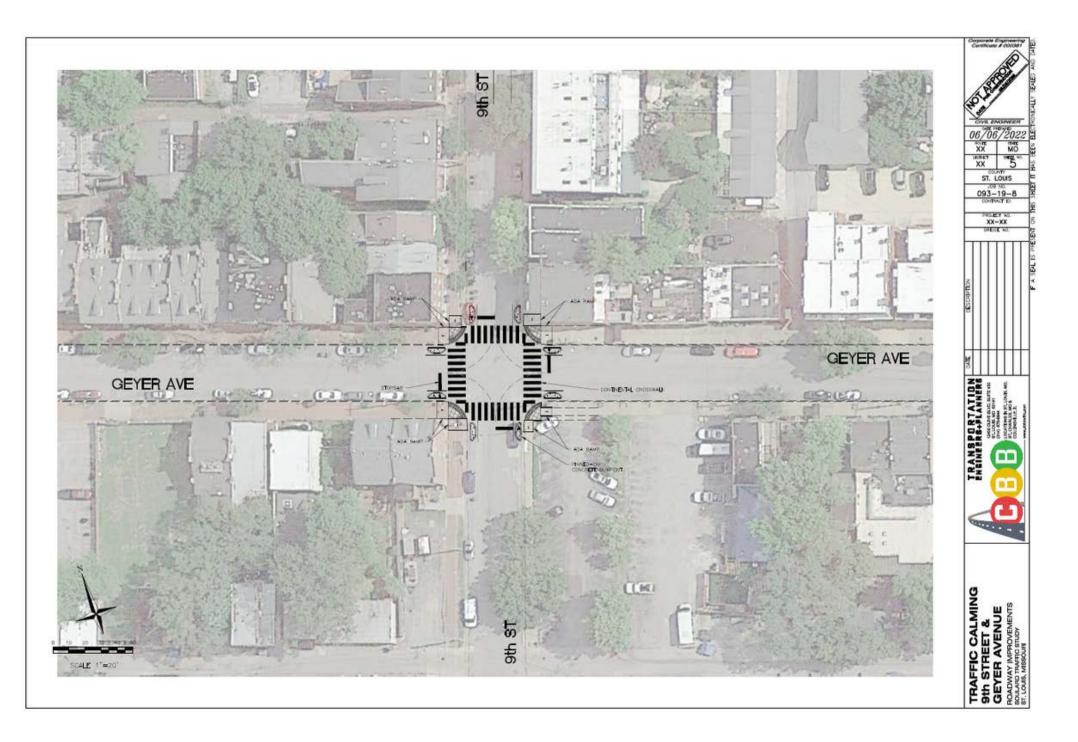
Painting, benches, planters, etc.

#### **WHERE:**

- Key intersections throughout the neighborhood where additional pedestrian enhancements provide gateway treatments and placemaking opportunities
- The use of planters and gateway treatments throughout the neighborhood



# GATEWAY/PLACEMAKING TRAFFIC CALMING





# **OPEN STREETS EVENTS**

#### **WHAT:**

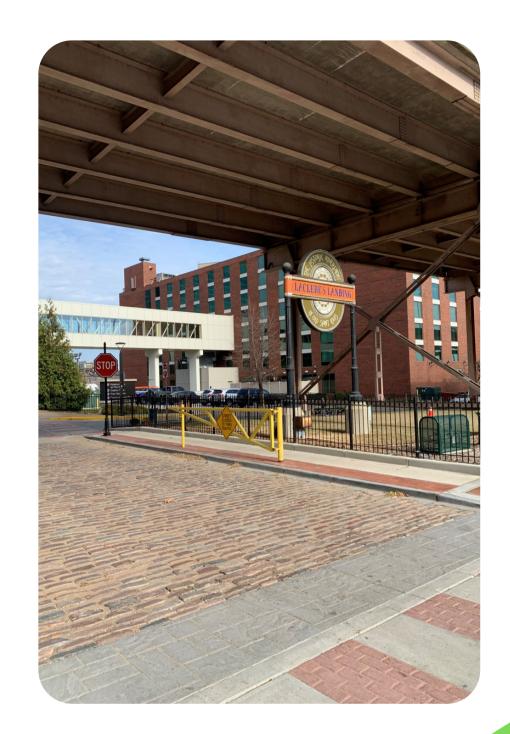
- Open streets to people and close to motorists during peak weekend and evening times for additional dining, drinking & recreation opportunities
- These are special events and will happen only periodically on an agreed-upon schedule

#### **HOW:**

- Traffic control plans and residential/business information for procedures
- Set days of the month and times
- Build off of initial event and support for more events in the future

#### WHERE:

• Geyer from 9th to 8th



# CURB MANAGEMENT

#### **WHAT:**

- See curb spaces as a valuable asset for space within our cities
- Manage many competing uses to provide room for multiple modes of transportation

#### HOW:

- Dedicated spaces at the curb for various uses (shared mobility, micromobility, short term parking, etc.)
- Signage and educational campaign

#### WHERE:

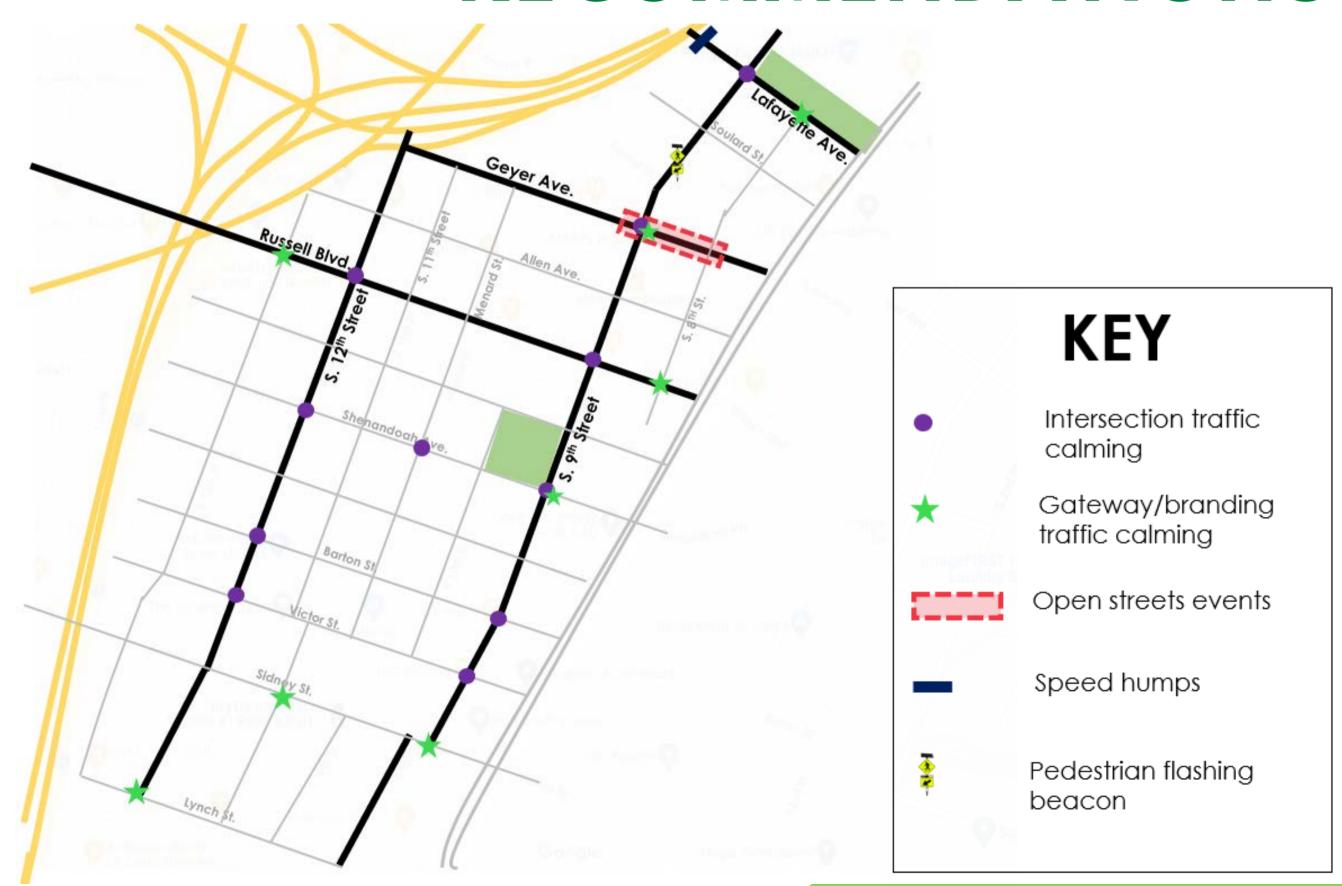
• TBD following further resident engagement





# NEIGHBORHOOD WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Neighborhood wide recommendations do not indicate priority level for implementation. All recommendations are at the conceptual and planning phase. Final design and implementation per funding and additional neighborhood coordination.



# QUESTION & ANSWER



# THANK YOU!

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