"Providing enhanced security & protection for people and property within the district"

Soulard Special Business District

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Soulard Special Business District Neighborhood Safety Forum

Monday, November 9, 2026

Soulard Neighborhood Safety Forum
Agenda

- 6:30 PM Welcome and Introductions
- 6:40 PM Overview of the SSBD (History, Mission & Importance)
- 6:50 PM Finances & Budget
- 7:00 PM Activities (Traffic Calming)
- 7:10 PM Activities (Security Cameras)
- 7:25 PM Activities (Security Patrols)
- 7:45 PM Activities (Other)
- 7:50 PM SLMPD 3rd District Cooperation
- 8:00 PM Q & A
- 8:30 PM Adjourn

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Introductions

- **SSBD Board**
  - Luke Reynolds, Chair (term exp 12/31/2027)
  - Les Fields, Secretary (term exp 12/31/2029)
  - Terry Hoffman, Treasurer (term exp 12/31/2028)
  - Jim Rick, Commissioner (term exp 12/31/2029)
  - Billy Tomber, Commissioner (12/31/2028)
  - Shawn Caruso, Commissioner (term exp 12/31/2028)
  - Kyle Lenzen, Commissioner (term exp 12/31/2028)

- **SLMPD**
  - Maj. Joe Morici (Office of the Commissioner
  - Capt. Matt Karnowski (Commander, 6th District)

- **The City's Finest**
  - Rob Betts, Owner
  - Capt. Matt Karnowski (TCF Supervisor)

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Soulard Special Business District (Overview)

- **Approved By Voters In 1994 As A "Special Taxing District"**
  - Primary Purpose Is To Provide Enhanced Security and Public Safety For The District
- **Funded 100% By Property Taxes**
  - Not A CID Or TIF (Which Are Operated Under Different State Statutes)
  - Initial Tax Rate Set At $0.35 Per $100 Assessed Value
  - Current Tax Rate (2026) Set At $.5786 / $100 Assessed Value
- **Hold Monthly Meetings – Open To The Public**
  - 2nd Monday Of Each Month, 6:30pm, Mollys
  - Check www.soulard-sbd.org For Details

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SSBD District Boundaries



- Tax District Boundaries Within The 8th Ward Only … Generally Bounded By:
  - North – Park Ave.
  - South - Sidney St.
  - East - Mississippi River
  - West - I-55

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SSBD Tax Rate Structure

- Past Year Tax Rate (2025) Set At $.5712 Per $100 Assessed Value
- Current Year Tax Rate (2026) Set At $.5786 Per $100 Assessed Value
- Example(s) Of The Estimated Portion Of Your 2026 Property Tax Bill That Will Be Paid To The SSBD in 2027*

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Example Formula - Taxes Paid To SSBD Based On Various Property Values

	Appraised Value Of Residential Property[1]				
	$200,000	$300,000	$400,000	$500,000	$600,000
#1. Residential Assessment Rate[2]	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%
#2. Assessed Value (Appraised Value x #1)	$38,000	$57,000	$76,000	$95,000	$114,000
#3. Assessed Value, Per $100 (#2 / 100)	$380.00	$570.00	$760.00	$950.00	$1,140.00
#4. 2026 SSBD Tax Rate[3]	$0.5786	$0.5786	$0.5786	$0.5786	$0.5786
#5. Tax Due To SSBD (#3 x #4)	$219.87	$329.80	$439.74	$549.67	$659.60

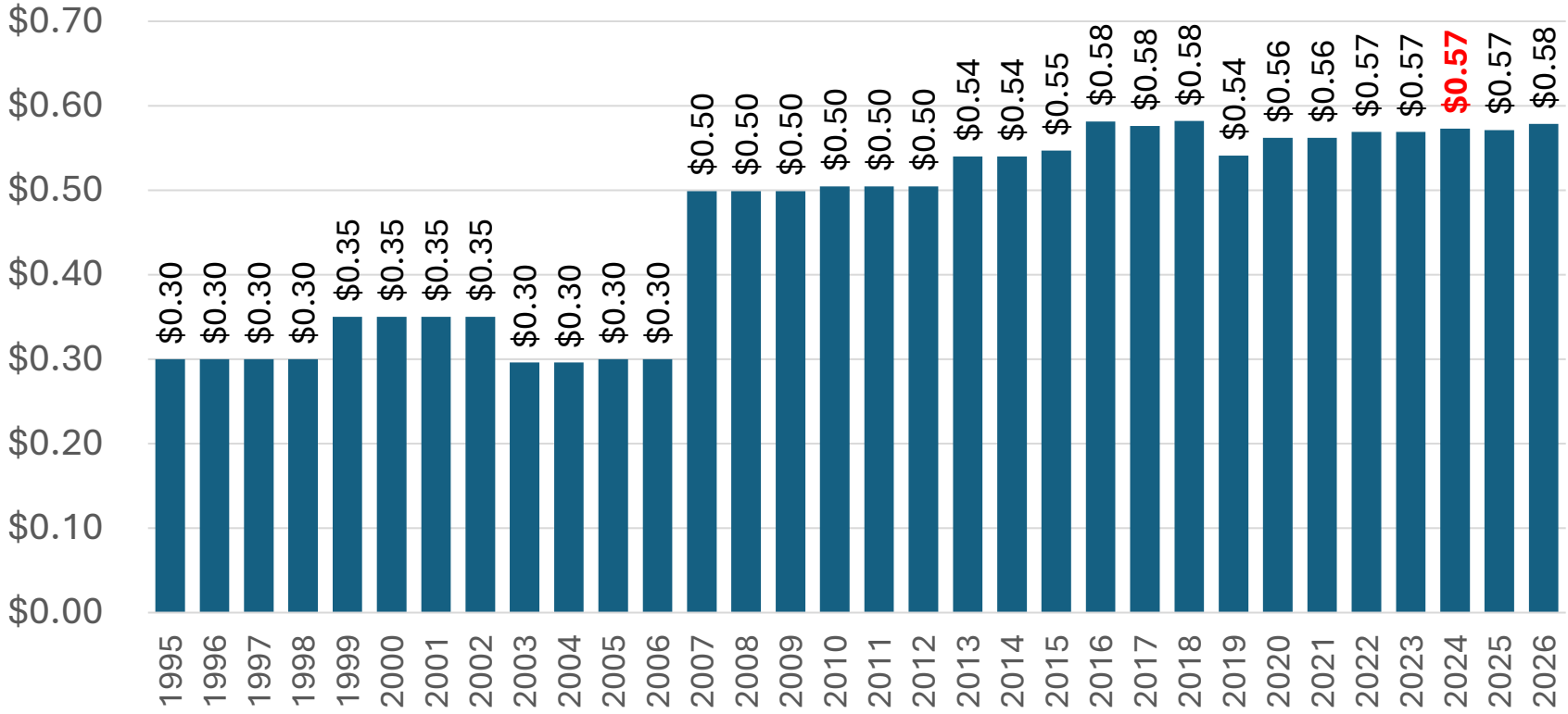
Notes:
(1) Appraised value based on City of St.Louis Assessors Office
(2) Established by City of St.Louis Assessors Office
(3) Established by SSBD

* The Actual Amount Assessed By The SSBD Is Documented On Your Property Tax Bill

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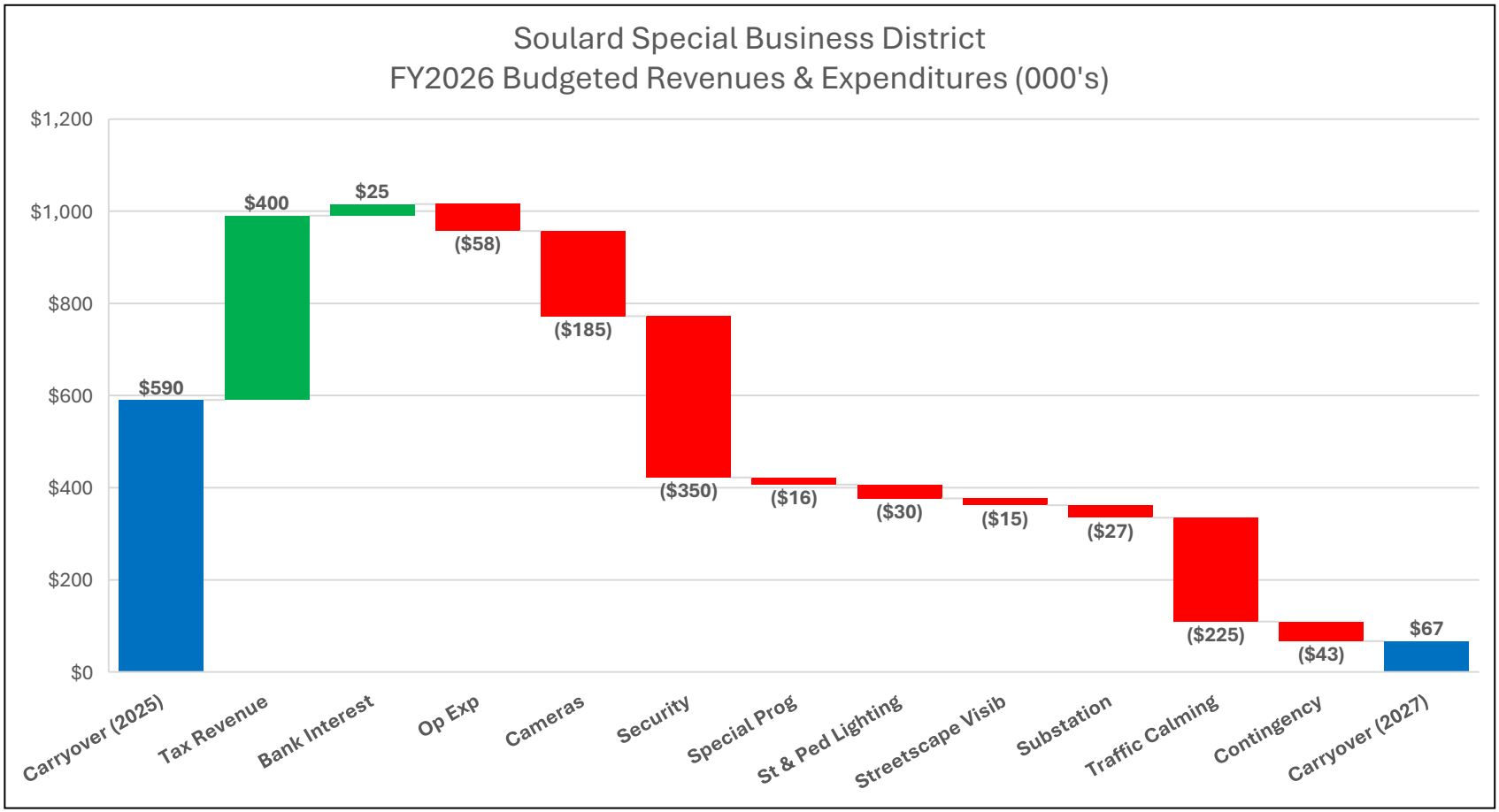
SSBD Historical Tax Rates

- Collected From Your Property Taxes And Disbursed To The SSBD The Following Year (Typically In The First Quarter)
- Projected To Deliver $400,000 Tax Revenue In 2027



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SSBD Tax Disbursement & 2026 Budget

- The Budgeted Tax Revenue From Property Taxes Paid in 2025 (Payable To SSBD In FY2026) Was $400,000



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SSBD – Key Activities

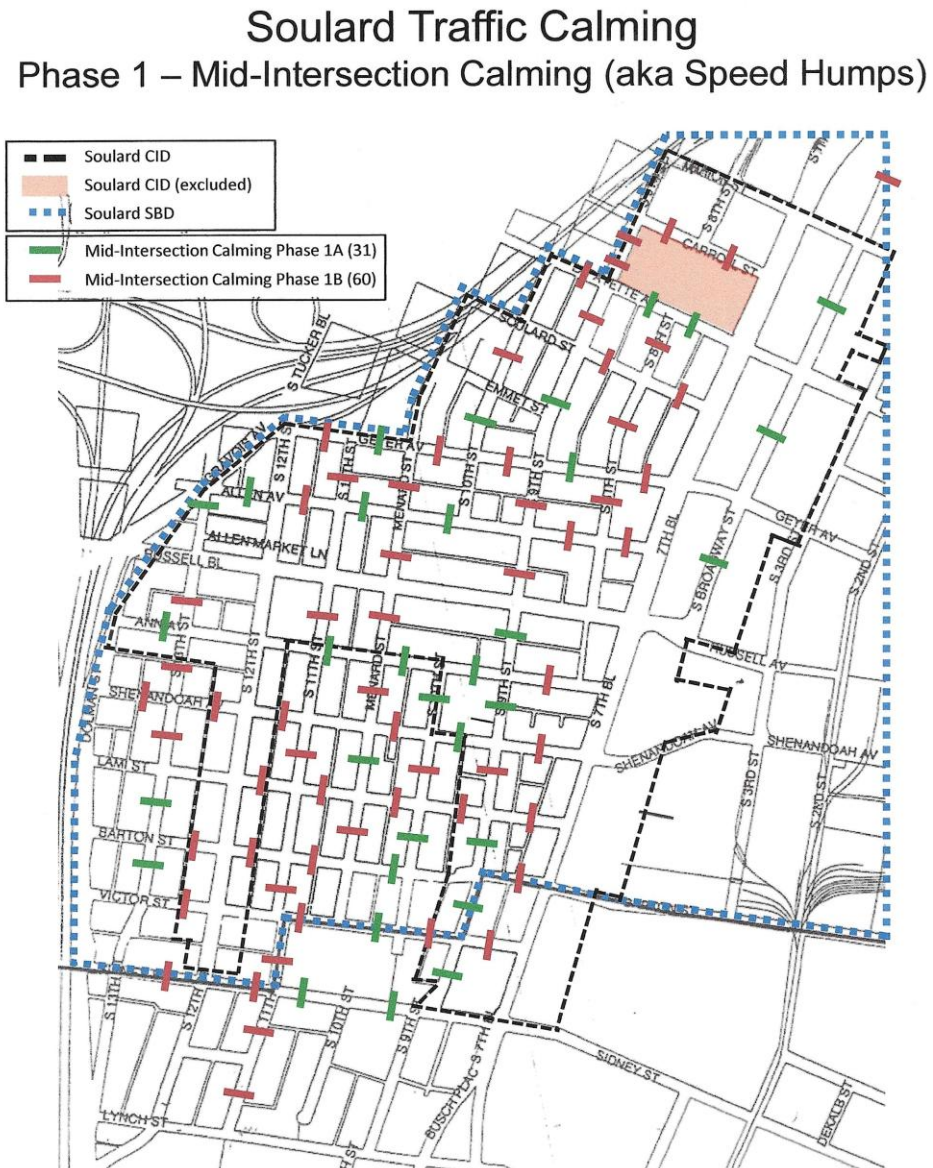
- **Traffic Calming**
  - Joint Effort With Soulard CID, 7th Ward And City of St. Louis
    - Design Through CBB Consultants
    - Collaboration With City Of STL And CBB Consultants
    - Funding - 60% CID, 30% SSBD, 10% Ward Capital
  - Research, Design And Implement "Traffic-Slowing" And Pedestrian Safety Projects
  - Public Meeting In June, 2022 To Review Initial Phases Of Work
  - Three Phases Of Implementation
- Cameras (CapEx & OpEx)
  - Ongoing Maintenance Of Existing Cameras
  - Hardware And Software Upgrades, Software Licenses And Upgrades, Internet Connectivity
  - Site Expansion Through Purchase Of New Cameras And Supporting Equipment
- Security Patrols
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SSBD – Traffic Calming (3 Phases)

Phase 1

- **Mid Intersection Calming**
  - **Aka Speed Humps**
  - **Two Installations**
    - **Phase 1A (31 Humps) Completed Q3, 2023**
    - **Phase 1B (60 Humps) Completed Q4, 2024**
  - **Cannot Place Humps on Russell Blvd. or 12th St.**

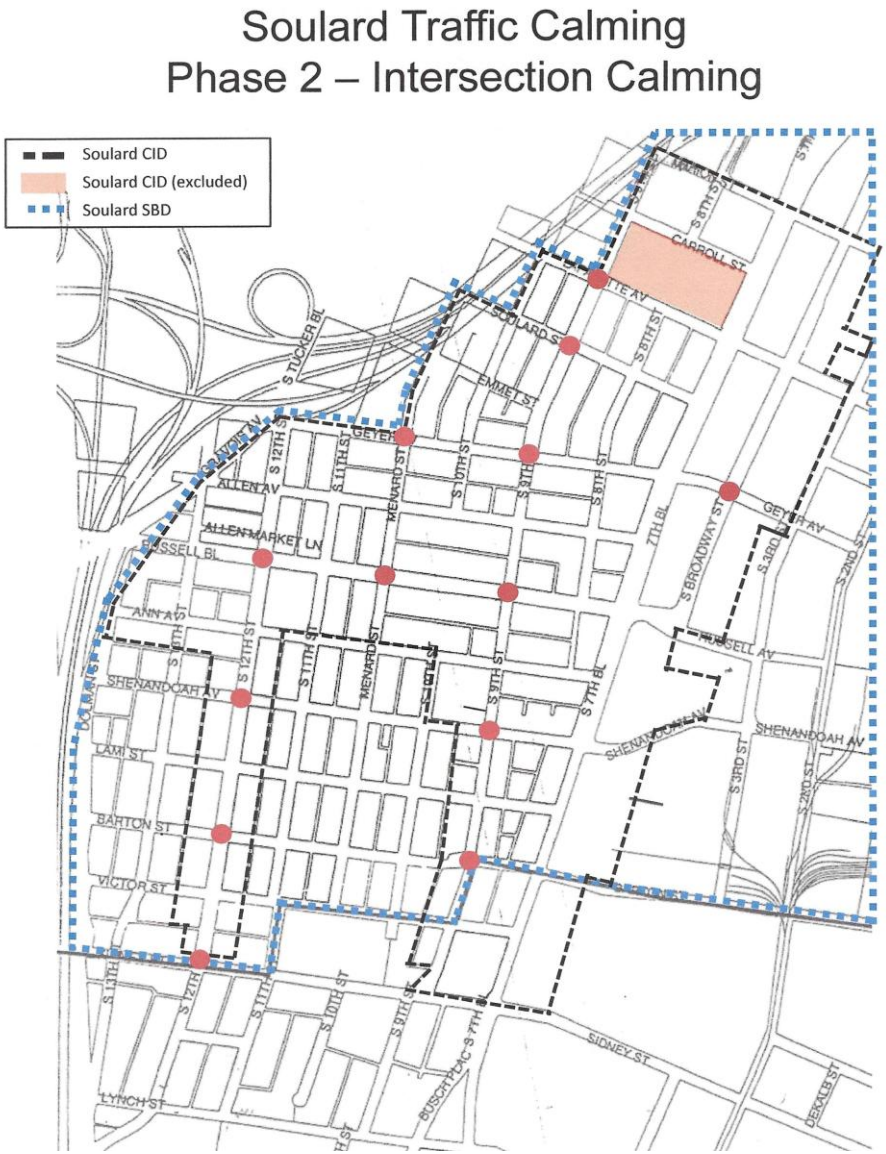


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SSBD – Traffic Calming (3 Phases)

Phase 2

- **Intersection Calming**
  - **13 Intersections Planned**
  - **Will Consist Of:**
    - **Curb Bumpouts**
    - **Street Compression**
    - **Enhanced Crosswalk Markings**
    - **Visual Barriers**
  - **3 Implementation Phases**

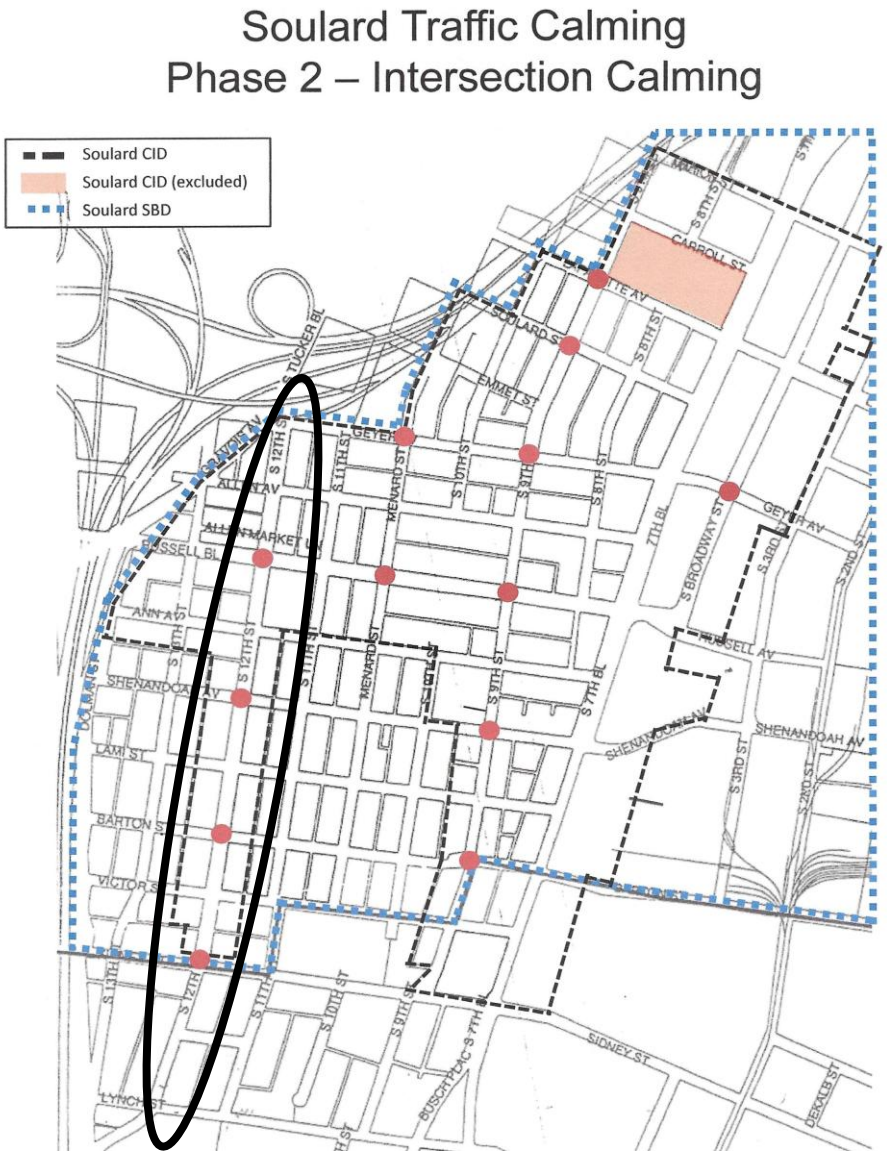


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SSBD – Traffic Calming (3 Phases)

Phase 2-A (Status)

- **12th Street**
- **ADA Ramp Reconstruction**
- **Re-Surfacing**
- **Placement of Bumpouts (4 Intersections)**
- **Street Markings**
- **Placement of Visual Barriers**
- **Planned Completion Summer, 2027**

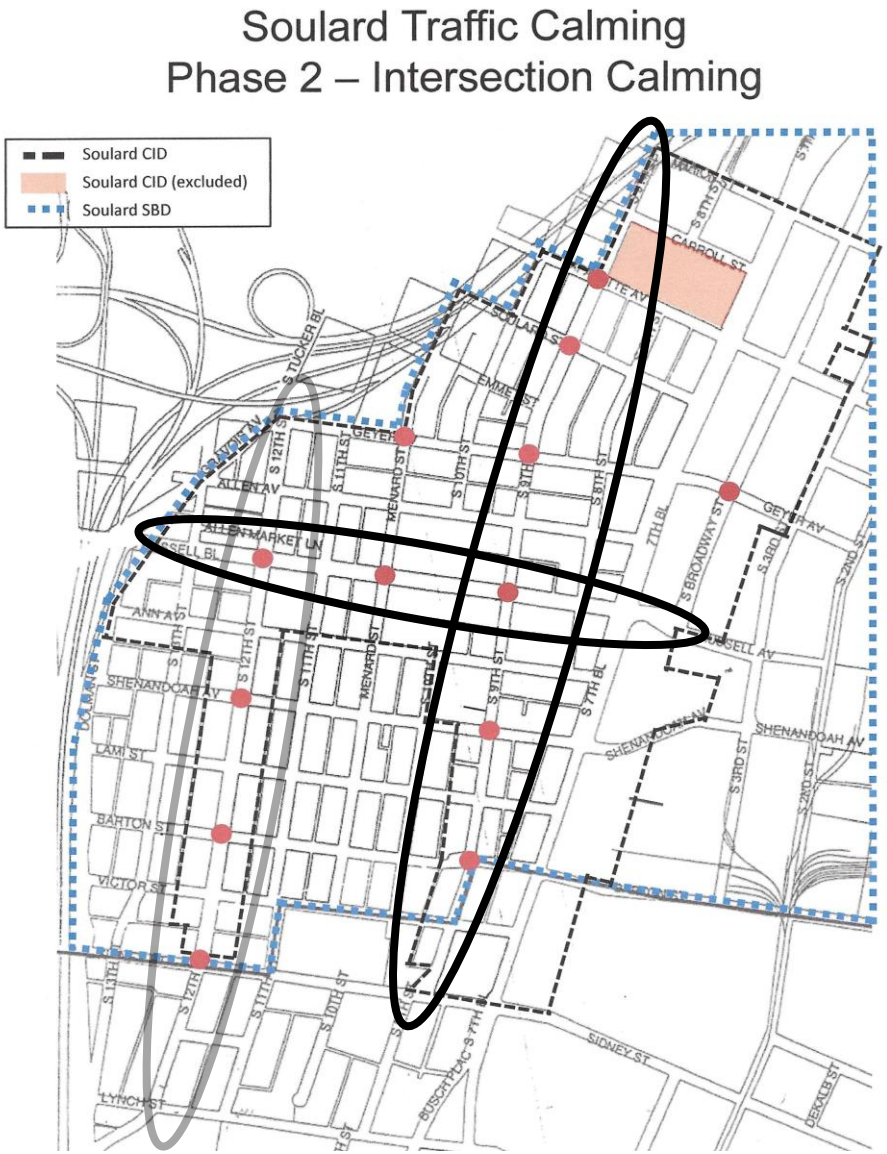


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SSBD – Traffic Calming (3 Phases)

Phase 2-B

- **Russell Blvd. & 9th St.**
- **Need Funding Commitment For Street Re-Surfacing (7th Ward)**
- **Plan To Commence Following Completion of Phase 2-A**
- **Target 2027/2028?**

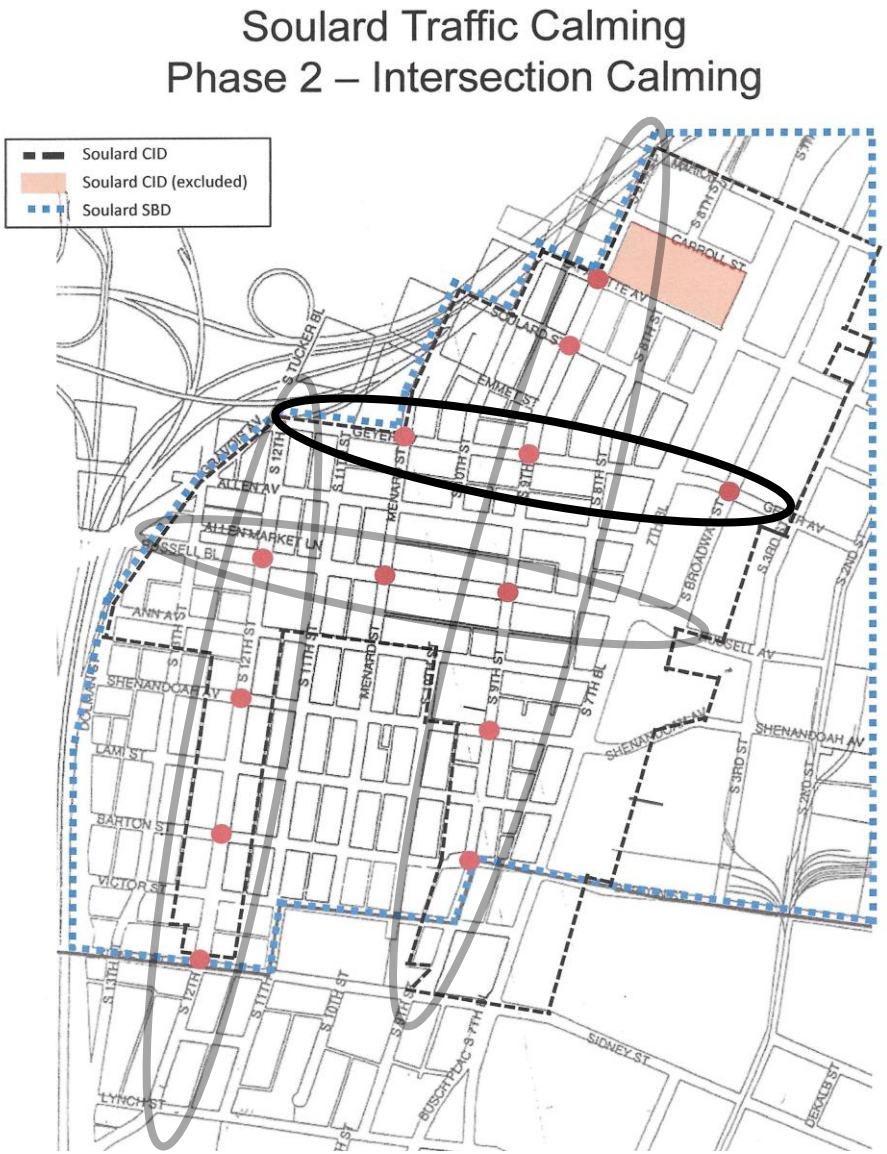


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Phase 2-C

- **Geyer Ave.**
- **Need Commitment For Street Re-Surfacing (7th Ward)**
- **Plan To Commence Following Completion of Phase 2-B**
- **Target 2028/2029**



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SSBD – Traffic Calming (3 Phases)

Phase 3

- **Entryway Calming**
  - **8 Locations Planned**
  - **Will Consist Of:**
    - **Visual Neighborhood Entryway Markers**
    - **Curb Bumpouts**
    - **Street Compression**
    - **Security Camera Placement**
    - **Landscaping And Other Visual Barriers**
  - **Planned Start Date**
    - **TBD**

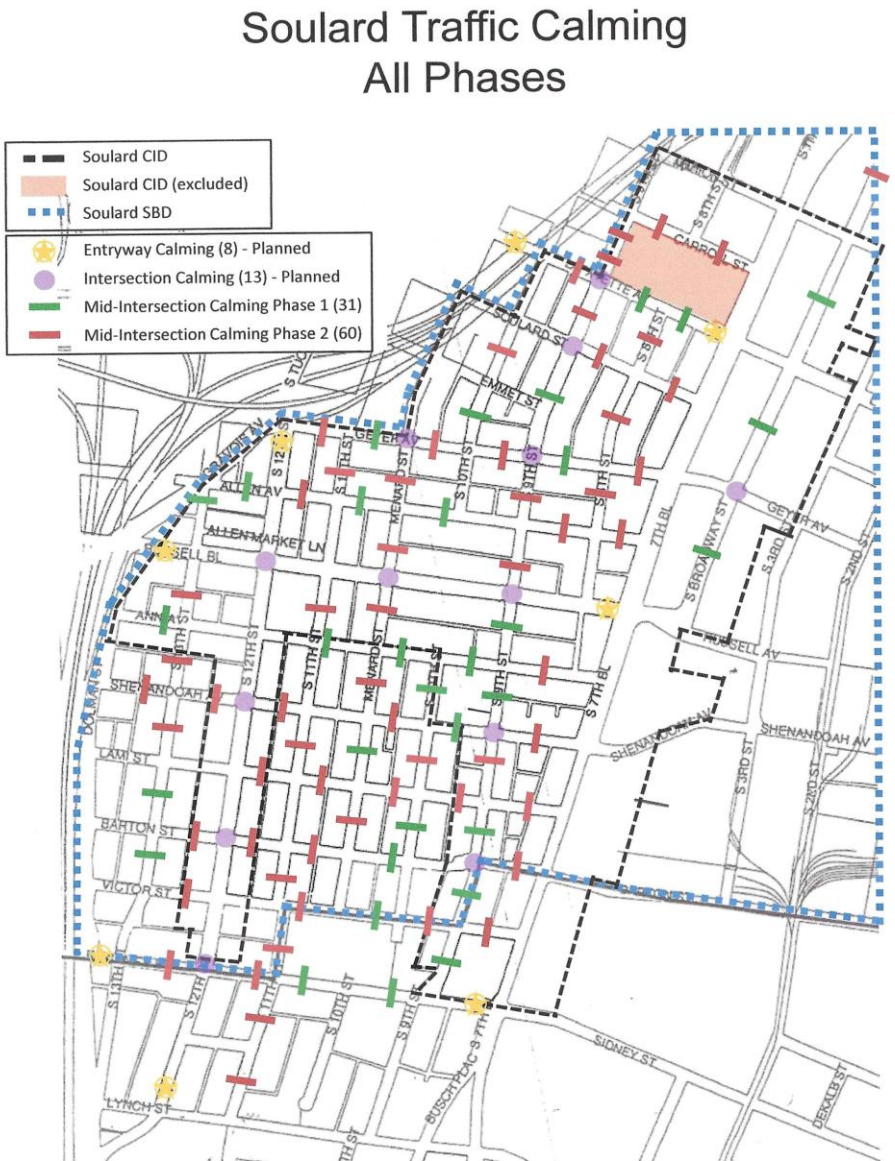


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SSBD – Traffic Calming (3 Phases)

All Phases

- Improve Pedestrian Safety
- Slow Vehicular Traffic Speeds
- Develop Features To Increase Compliance With Stop Lights / Stop Signs
- Reduce Vehicular Cut-Through Traffic
- Include Other Related Projects That Reflect The Historic Character Of The Neighborhood



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SSBD and Soulard Security Camera Initiative

- **Purpose - Background - Framework**
  - Enhance Public Safety By Providing Support To Law Enforcement Through The Use Security Camera Technology.
  - Initially Started As Collaborative Effort Of Soulard Special Business District (SSBD), Soulard Restoration Group, And Soulard Business Association.
  - First Phases of Cameras Were Deployed In 2017 at 5 Locations With 3 Additional Locations Added in 2019.
  - SSBD Owns, Funds and Manages The Ongoing Operation, Maintenance, Upgrades And Expansion Efforts Of The Camera System.
  - SSBD Operates 24 Cameras, Located At 8 Key Strategic Intersections Within The Neighborhood.

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- **Operations**
  - Cameras Operate On The Genetec Software Platform.
  - The Camera System Records 24 Hours A Day On A Local Server And Stores The Data For 3-4 Weeks.
  - The SLMPD Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) Has Live Access To The Cameras. In The Case Of Serious Or In Progress Crimes Its Possible For The RTCC To Assist Patrolling Officers By Providing Critical Data.
  - More Commonly, The Video Footage Is Used As An Investigative Tool Or To Build And/Or Reinforce Cases.
  - The SSBD Does Not Monitor The Cameras.

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- **Camera Expansion**
  - The SSBD is spearheading the expansion of Soulard's shared camera network to strengthen public safety and support police response and investigations.
  - The network gives authorized law-enforcement personnel access to relevant camera footage when incidents occur.
  - The expansion is evaluating automated license plate recognition (ALPR) to help identify vehicles connected to reported incidents.
  - The SSBD is currently in the final stages of procuring private donated funding to cover the expenses of the camera upgrades and expansion.

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SSBD – Other Key Activities

- Operating Expenses
  - Accounting Audit
  - Administrative / Banking
  - Charity & Goodwill
  - Communications Management
  - Computer, Software & Website Maintenance
  - Insurance & Legal
- Substation Maintenance
  - Maintaining Soulard's SLMPD Police Substation
  - Rent, Maintenance, Cleaning, Refreshments
  - Computer Equipment Upgrades
  - Phone, Internet, Printer Supplies
- Special Programs
  - Community Outreach & NNO Sponsorship
  - Education / Seminars
  - Citizen Rewards & TCF Officer Recognition
  - Provision of Security & Anti-theft Devices To Residents (e.g., Car Clubs, Energy Efficient Lightbulbs For Exterior Use, Etc.)

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SSBD & Cooperation With SLMPD Leadership

Major Joe Morici



- **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**
- Started with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police department of January 9th, 1994. Began his career as a patrolman in District One. After three years, was assigned to the Mobile Reserve / SWAT Unit where he served six years. While assigned to the Mobile Reserve / SWAT Unit he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.
- At the rank of Sergeant, was assigned to District Nine, the Narcotics Division, and the Violent Offender Unit.
- In November of 2009, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he was assigned to District Seven, Special Operations, Warrant Fugitive, the Intelligence Division and District Two.
- In September of 2020, was promoted to the rank of Captain and was the Commander of District Three.
- In November of 2023, was promoted to the rank of Major. He is currently assigned to the Office of the Commissioner.
- Has received fifteen Awards of Excellence, the Chiefs Letter of Commendation five times and Officer of the Month twice.
- Received his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Webster University.

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Security Patrols – The City's Finest (TCF)

- **Enhanced safety and security**
  - Increased visibility of security personnel deters criminal activity
- **Rapid Response**
  - TCF officers can respond quickly to incidents or threats, potentially reducing response times for SLMPD
- **Crime Prevention Strategies**
  - TCF can provide tailored crime prevention strategies and directed patrols for special events
- **Monitoring of Soulard Around Strategically Timed Patrols**
  - Patrols that operate around hours when crime is most likely so residents and businesses can enjoy peace of mind knowing that their safe
- **Capt. Karnowski**
  - Community Relations – increasing positive relationships with the neighborhood to foster a safer and more connected community.
  - Bridge between SLMPD and TCF to communicate effective security measures
  - Stays informed on the needs and concerns businesses have in the Soulard neighborhood



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Crime Status From TCF

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Concluding Remarks

- ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1
- Non-emergency SLMPD - 231-1212
- Soulard Neighborhood Liason Officer … Officer McClendon (gmclendon@slmpd.org)
  - www.slmpd.org
  - www.soulard-sbd.org
  - Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SoulardSBD
  - www.stlouis-mo.gov
  - www.circuitattorney.org
  - www.nextdoor.com

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Q & A?