

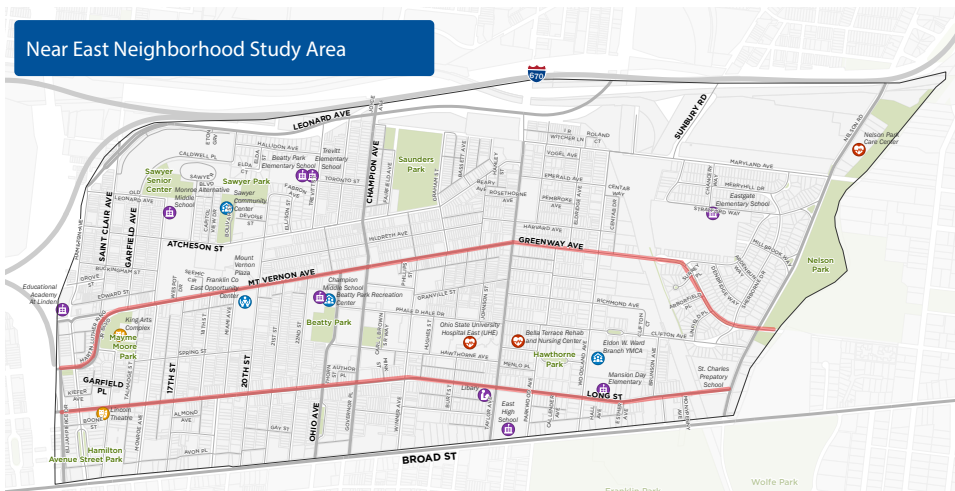
Near East Neighborhood Slow Zone Vision Zero Demonstration Project

Help shape safer driver speeds in your neighborhood!

The Vision Zero Neighborhood Slow Zones pilot program is an opportunity for residents to collaborate with the Near East Area Commission and the City of Columbus on traffic calming solutions.

The program intends to develop a toolkit of infrastructure and other transportation safety improvements that will reduce vehicle speeds on residential streets and create:

- Safe and inviting streets for walking, biking and community activity
- Conditions that lower risk and severity of crashes for all roadway users
- Reductions in aggressive driving and cut-through traffic



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Slow Zone?

Vision Zero Slow Zones are designated areas in neighborhoods where vehicle speeds are intentionally reduced through signage, roadway design features, or other traffic calming measures. The Vision Zero Slow Zones program aims to create a safer, more comfortable environment for people walking and biking in their community.

Why is the Near East Neighborhood the only area included in this project? The neighborhood was chosen since its roadway characteristics are common to other Columbus neighborhoods, with a grid network of streets that has cut-through streets and a variety of on-street parking and road widths. The pilot findings will help to expand Slow Zones to other city neighborhoods.

What is the pilot project timeline?

Community engagement begins in August 2025, with the project team and residents working together to develop a plan for improvements. Installation and construction are anticipated in summer 2026. After construction, there will be further opportunities for community input to evaluate the pilot program's effectiveness.

Who can participate?

Anyone interested in improving traffic safety in the Near East neighborhood is welcome to participate.

How will my feedback be used?

Your feedback will help to identify which tools will be effective in improving safety for all roadway users, and to prioritize local streets for where traffic calming tools will be installed.

How can I stay involved?

Follow the City of Columbus Department of Public Service and Vision Zero Columbus on social media for updates. Stay involved with the Near East Area Commission for more opportunities to provide feedback.

Questions or comments?

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