

# Memorandum

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**Subject: 2023 TRAFFIC CALMING GUIDE**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recognizes all modes of travel are essential to our vision of delivering a brighter future for all through a world-class transportation network. As Caltrans progresses towards achieving a transportation system that improves accessibility and connectivity to community destinations for all users, we continue to provide guidance that contributes to everyone's livability and safety along the State highway environment.

Recent statewide data suggests that speeding and aggressive driving are one of the main causes of crashes on the State Highway System. To address this, the [Traffic Calming Guide](#) was developed from the recommendations of the [Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force](#) with a focus on building self-enforcing roadways that encourage users to travel at safe speeds. This guide is now available on the [Safety Program](#) and [Complete Streets Hub](#) website. This guide supersedes the previous traffic calming techniques memorandum, Traffic Calming Guidance, published on January 28, 2022.

Any questions about this guide should be directed to the District Design Liaison and/or Project Delivery Coordinators for geometric features, District Traffic Safety Engineers for traffic control devices, or the District Traffic Operations Engineers for operational analysis considerations.

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