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My street meets criteria for traffic calming installation. What's the next step?

1. Find 6 volunteers from the community to serve on the traffic action committee (TAC).
2. When you have a committee formed, contact Highways, Traffic Engineering Division at traffic@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-2430.
3. The County's traffic calming engineer, will develop a preliminary traffic calming device layout design and present it to the TAC.
4. The TAC and the County work together on designs until a final traffic calming device layout is developed. The County's traffic calming engineer designates the proposed locations with white spray paint on the road for community to see exactly where devices may be installed.
5. A community public meeting is held for the TAC to present the plan to the community. The County's traffic calming engineer attends to answer any questions. Notice of the community meeting must be posted with signs installed by the County's traffic calming engineer 7 days prior to the meeting.
6. The TAC creates a ballot for voting. One side of the ballot shows the calming layout and the other side is where the homeowners vote. The County's traffic calming engineer must approve the design of the ballot prior to use.
7. The TAC conducts the voting process. 2/3 of the residents must vote in favor of the calming plan for installation of traffic calming. Unreturned votes count as a 'no'. One vote per household. The County's traffic calming engineer provides the TAC with the list of households to be included in the vote. Typically, the households that must drive over a proposed calming device to enter or exit their residence would be included on the voting list.
8. The TAC provides the ballots to the County's traffic calming engineer with a total count of the voting results.

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