



**THE
CALGARY
PARTY**

TRAFFIC SAFETY TOOLKIT




Safe streets are built – they don't happen by accident

Every Calgarian should feel safe crossing the street, biking to work, or letting their kids walk to school. But from chronic speeding to near-misses at busy intersections, too many of our streets are designed for cars - not for people.

And while progress has been made, traffic safety in Calgary is inconsistent, enforcement tools have been weakened by the province, and communities across the city still face daily risks.

The Calgary Party believes that neighbourhood streets should be built with every user in mind. By building better roads and enforcing the rules, we can make neighbourhoods safer for everyone.





BRING BACK AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT

In 2023, the Province of Alberta restricted municipalities' ability to use photo radar and automated speed enforcement.

That means Calgary lost one of its most effective tools for protecting people near schools, playgrounds, and major intersections.

The Calgary Party will fight to restore the City's authority to use automated speed enforcement and mobile photo radar with clear rules, transparency, and a focus on high-risk areas. This includes:

- School zones, playgrounds, and senior centres
- High-collision intersections and collector roads
- Streets with known speeding issues identified through data

In cities like New York and Toronto, automated speed enforcement has reduced speeding by over 70%. It's not about punishment—it's about prevention.

Many communities in Calgary are still waiting for traffic calming infrastructure.

Meanwhile, cars speed through local roads designed decades ago for a different era.

The Calgary Party will prioritize fast-tracked delivery of traffic calming in residential areas, including:

- Speed humps and raised crosswalks
- Traffic circles and curb extensions
- S-curves and lane narrowing
- Bollards and vehicle diverters
- Bold, colourful crosswalks at high-traffic intersections
- Painted curb extensions and bike boxes
- Mid-block pedestrian crossing zones with signage and pavement markings.

Cities like Dayton, OH and San Francisco have used these tools to cut collisions, reduce speeding, and even lower crime.

EXPAND TRAFFIC CALMING IN NEIGHBOURHOODS





MORE “YOUR SPEED” SIGNS & TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY

Small tools. Big impact.

Calgary already uses driver feedback signs (“Your Speed: XX km/h”) and transit signal priority to improve road behaviour, but deployment is limited. These tools work and it’s time to scale them up.

The Calgary Party will:

- Double the number of feedback signs across school zones and residential streets
- Expand transit signal priority to major corridors with frequent service
- Use data to track effectiveness and adjust deployment based on results

When drivers get real-time feedback, they slow down. And when transit gets a green light, it moves more efficiently and safely.

It's all in the design!

Long-term, the best way to make streets safer is to build them for people—not just cars. That means:

- Mixed-use zoning that lets people walk to shops and services
- Narrower streets and tighter intersections
- Ample sidewalks, bike lanes, and green buffers
- Reduced reliance on cut-through commuter traffic in residential areas

Cities like Oslo and London are embracing “low-traffic neighbourhoods” that reduce crashes and encourage walking. Calgary can do the same, without sacrificing access. This is about designing safer places, not just policing them.



BUILD WALKABLE, SLOWER COMMUNITIES BY DESIGN



The Calgary Party Vision

Speeding, collisions, and unsafe streets aren't just nuisances, they're preventable harms. Calgary deserves a city that puts people first on our roads.

We will:

- Bring back automated enforcement
- Expand proven calming tools
- Prioritize infrastructure that makes walking and cycling safer
- Build streets that reflect modern urban life

Let's create a city where kids walk to school, businesses thrive on pedestrian-friendly streets, and drivers are reminded to slow down - because safety is built in.

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