

STOP SIGNS

ARE NOT WHAT YOU THINK THEY ARE!

**Stop signs are a *safety feature*,
NOT a traffic control feature.**

STOP SIGNS DON'T SLOW TRAFFIC!

- Drivers ignore stop signs when warrants aren't met.
- Drivers accelerate away from stop signs to "make up for lost time."

According to MUTCD 2B.04.05:
"YIELD or STOP signs should not be used for speed control."

WE SHOULDN'T OVERUSE STOP SIGNS.

Overuse of stop signs can...

- Cause drivers to ignore them.
- Encourage drivers to detour through other residential streets, alleys, or parking lots.
- Increase traffic congestion by creating unnecessary bottleneck points.
- Environmental impacts from increased exhaust, brake dust, and fuel consumption.
- Increase noise pollution from braking and acceleration.

HERE'S WHAT DOES SLOW TRAFFIC

- Roundabouts
- On-street Parking
- Meandering Roads
- Narrow Roads
- Other Traffic Calming Devices

HERE'S WHERE STOP SIGNS ARE EFFECTIVE

- No visibility (intersections are obstructed by uncontrolled cross-traffic, signage, or vegetation).
- High vehicle volume (200 to 300 vehicles per hour on each intersecting street).
- Balancing volume (both intersecting streets have the same traffic volume).
- High number of accidents (five or more accidents within 12 months).