

Question 1 Response: Lower Speed Limit

52 respondents mentioned this solution.

75.00% were for lowering the speed limit, and 25.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
Slower speed limit in the area	Speed limit does not matter if it's not enforced.
Reduce speed limit to 20 and make the road ONE-WAY with double yellow striping to indicate a single traffic lane.	Block it off to traffic were you cant go around the lake in cars, walkers and bikes only, dropping the speed limit by 5 miles will do nothing but cost u money for the new signs or stickers.
Have law enforcement monitoring during peak hours and drop the speed limit around the lake.	
Make it a one way with parking on the lake side. 10 MPH speed limit within lake zone.	That'll work. Distracted drivers are always looking for the speed limit signs
Lower speed limit to 20 mph, and install stop signs at busiest intersections such as Palmetto, Success, Mass. etc, which should slow traffic even more. Lake Morton Dr should NOT be used as a North/South thoroughfare. When/if South Fl Ave becomes two lane thru that area, it will only get worse. I live in S Lake Morton area, and use Lake Morton Dr, but willing to put up with whatever changes necessary to improve the situation.	So, the recent study showed the actual average speed is 18 MPH and that "distracted drivers" were responsible for the recent string of incidents. So, clearly this 20 MPH speed limit will "fix" the budget, I mean problems. SMH. Who makes these decisions? Really? So now, people will still average less than the new speed limit and by some miracle the incidents will be reduced? UGH...
Lower speed, more police presence	Dropping the speed limit 5 mph won't do a thing. The drivers who actually pay attention and adhere to speed limit signs aren't the problem!
Lower the speed limit on all neighborhood streets in Lakeland. Put up a wrought iron fence around lake with openings for fowl and people to access lake.	
Why not include speed humps? The main problem is that drivers speed around that lake, trying to cut through. Most of these options would help pedestrians, but not birds! The speed limit need to be lowered and speed humps installed.	Notice how SOOOO many people are commenting about the distracted drivers, saying speed is not an issue and the city just keeps talking about the new speed limit?
I can't remember the speed limit around Lake Morton but it seems like it should be 25 mph. I like the marked parking idea because people park wherever they want all around the lake and this creates vision blocks for people turning on to the lake from roads like Success.	Yeah. New lower speed limit. That's the fix. It's definitely not the morons that go 5 miles an hour with their four ways on, taking video of the birds instead of just parking and doing that safely. Nope. The new speed limit. Totally gonna work, right?
Make it one way. Lower the speed limit.	I thought the report that was just put out said that the speed wasn't the issue? So, why are you wasting tax payer dollars with all new signs?? People already drive too slow and lost around that lake!!
Pedestrian safety should be number one in order to bring more foot traffic to the area. There are plenty of highways and toll roads for pass through traffic to utilize. Adding large safety pedestrian walk ways, on street parking, lower speed limits and going down to one lane through the historic district is the only way to achieve the walkable downtown vibe. I've seen this done in many big cities and it works! Much better for businesses!	Speed isn't the issue - the city's own study showed an average speed if 18 around the lake already.
-Bricking the road - put in the same traffic turtles that were placed on Success - decrease speed limit. Average driver speed does not matter if the ones hitting the swans/pedestrians are speeding. A lower speed limit will allow reckless driving penalties to come into play more often. - Increase penalties for distracted drivers/speeders	Instead of punishing everyone with slower speeds or bumps why not crack down on distracted drivers? unless and until there is consistent LPD enforcement out there handing out tickets to speeders then the current problems will continue. Lowering the speed limit will do nothing until there are consequences. I am much more careful about the way I drive.

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<p>Narrowing and bricking Lake Morton Drive would reduce the roadway area on which the swans and other birds would be subject to being hit and would require drivers to pay more attention when driving around the lake. Additionally, this would make the area more picturesque, which aligns with the downtown revitalization efforts and leverages one of the most iconic areas in Lakeland. Parking should not be added around the lake—it is not easy to see pedestrians and birds that step out from between cars. It would be preferable to eliminate on street parking. Decreasing the posted speed limit would help—although the average speed may be slow, in large part below of how slow people are sometimes required to go because of crossing birds, many people zip around the lake at high speeds. Raised crosswalks are not the answer, but the survey would not let me submit without making a selection. Neither the people nor the birds are going to wait to find a raised crosswalk to cross the street.</p>	<p>trying to find a little hope in the measures of lowering the speed limit. and it's much appreciated that this is now being considered an issue. yet i am failing to understand the correlation of "distracted driving" and lowering the speed limit by 5. if the shameful people who are killing animals and almost killing a person are distracted, are they even going to notice the new speed limit signs while staring at their devices?</p>
<p>A reduced speed limit to 20 mph around entire lake. Decorative barriers at more dangerous locations where the birds frequently cross. Traffic circle at Massachusetts to slow people down. Redesigning intersections with Walnut on the west side and Palmetto to slow down the cars that are making turns.</p>	<p>It is not enough. Install speed humps every 50 feet. Stupid people, this is not an interstate highway.....</p>
<p>Slower speeds, enforce no cars stopping on the lake side of the street, educate drivers, possible no parking at all on either side of the street.</p>	
<p>Warning Signs, lower speed limit, stricter enforcement.</p>	
<p>Change speed limit to 20 mph. Somehow make sure runners are on the sidewalks and not running in the road, especially when it's dark.</p>	
<p>Lower the speed to 15! Plus make it one way around loop. Then a Bike Path can be made. Stop feeding the Wildlife, Which is A Fla Law! And maybe people will quit stopping in road to watch and making cars pull around them! Medians in middle is bad idea. Wildlife will have new nesting and people will use it as a new hangout!!</p>	
<p>reduced speed to 20</p>	
<p>Lower speed limits, ticket distracted drivers/people speeding. Also, what about making the "circle" one way so there would be less obstruction, and easier to turn on and off - I have had issues trying to see around cars that are parked, as well as people driving too far on either side.</p>	
<p>Slowing the traffic.</p>	
<p>Lower the speed limit so that only people whom are in the area for site seeing or recreation can enjoy the lake. People cutting around the lake to miss all the red-lights on South Florida A need to stay on South Florida Av</p>	

For	Against
<p>I think you could reduce the speed limit. I drive this road every day and I think 20mph is appropriate. Then enforce it with LPD and hand out tickets a couple days a week at first. Speed humps would work, but only where they are located. People will still speed in between. The bulb outs tend to have the opposite effect as it makes people think that they are race car drivers and can swerve around them, much like they already swerve around parked cars on the side of the road around Lake Morton.</p>	
<p>Lower speed limits. Better visibility - there seems to be a lot of distractions along the sides of the road. Signage telling driver AND pedestrians to be careful</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 or 3 raised crosswalks with flashing signs like those just installed by the Lakeland Center. 2. Lower speed limit. 3. Add some slightly raised brick areas at larger key intersections like Kentucky, Success, Massachusetts and Palmetto (east side). Something similar to those near the Lake Hollingsworth/Hollingsworth Drive FSC roundabout. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow speed limit to 20 mph 2. When commuting to work early every morning I often find it difficult to see the water fowl when they are hanging over the curb or on the street next to the curb. Perhaps painting that area white would aid motorists in seeing them. 3. Bricking or some facsimile the entrance to the lake from Massachusetts 	
<p>I think a slower speed around the lake, sporadic speed humps, and flashing lights at pedestrian crossings (as well as known swan crossings if there are any) would help stave off future incidents.</p>	
<p>Increase driver awareness of the issues. Lower speed limit to 20 mph. Visible law enforcement</p>	
<p>Slower speed limit. Flashing lights. Traffic calming humps. Plus the four items checked above.</p>	
<p>Lower the speed limit around the lake. It's used a lot as a cut through. Maybe it would cut out some of the traffic.</p>	
<p>Low speed limit and landscaped median.</p>	
<p>20mph limit, more Duck/Swan crossing signs</p>	
<p>I think that you should, make the speed limit slower and have flashing signs up.</p>	
<p>Lower the speed limit to 15 mph.</p>	
<p>Speed humps are a good way to force drivers to be attentive but they need to be close together. I've seen neighborhoods install them too far apart and drivers race from one to the next. Lowering the speed limit with flashing signs to indicate speed have helped in Downtown Bartow and the flashing speed signs bring awareness to how fast the vehicle is really going.</p>	

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Reduce speed limit to 15 or 20 mph and enforce aggressively. Even at the 25 mph speed limit it can be difficult from dusk to full daylight to see people and birds. At minimum aggressively enforce the 25mph limit.		
I think the half roundabouts would be a good ideas like the ones on success ave. I also thought maybe making it one way? That might solve something and lower the speed limit to 15 like a school zone except a wildlife zone.		
Speed bumps and 10 mph speed limit. 20 is better but people still don't follow it. Post an officer between mass and success. Put a wall or fence to protect the birds.		
Because there is no way to detect distracted drivers unless you physically see the distractions. However radar can catch speeding, and humps require you to pay closer attention. Municipal speed limits are 30MPH, they aren't ever going to be faster. CLEARLY 30MPH is too fast if we've killed 5 swans and hit a pedestrian.		
Sub Total	For = 39	Against = 13
Grand Total	52	