

SPEED HUMPS

Speed humps and other pavement undulations are not approved traffic-control devices as defined in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), the official document establishing which roadway devices may be readily installed on public streets. Instead, a speed hump is considered to be a geometric "design feature" within the roadway that must be designed, installed and maintained based on prudent engineering judgment and supported by a sufficient study of its need--to avoid property damage, personal injury or other possible civil liabilities.



Objective of Speed Humps

Speed Humps are used to mitigate vehicular speed, and cause approaching motorists to slow their vehicles as they approach and pass over humps, bumps, or cushions. The City will determine the placement, size, type, and number of speed humps needed to provide the most effective traffic control. The use of speed humps, bumps and cushions are not intended as a solution for all traffic and speed control problems and is only considered as a last resort to control speeds on local residential streets.

Speed Hump and Cushion Criteria

To determine if a street is a candidate for submitting a petition for a speed hump or cushion the street must meet the following criteria.

- Street must be a public street maintained by the City
- Majority of abutting development is residential
- Street must be classified as a local or residential street by the City
- Street must have a maximum posted speed limit of 25mph or prima facie speed of 25 mph
- Street is not more than 40 feet in width and a maximum grade of 8%
- Street carries only one through lane in each direction
- Street must have a raised or standard curb
- Street must have street lighting
- Minimum and maximum average daily traffic is 500 vehicles to 3,000 vehicles per day, respectively

If staff indicates that all of the above criteria have been met, then the applicant may submit a formal petition:

- All requests shall originate from the residents living on the street requesting a speed hump or cushion. All requests shall be in the form of a formal petition.
- Each petition supporting the installation of speed humps shall contain the signatures of 75% of the property owners of each property having frontage on the street affected. Only one signature per property will be counted.
- After a formal petition has been submitted, the Traffic Division will determine the validity of signatures and will commence a study. If the petition does not meet the basic requirements of the policy, the contact person will be notified by letter of the reason the petition was found to be invalid and why further investigation was not recommended.

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