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What are speed humps and
how do they work?

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- Speed humps are made of asphalt or rubber material and they come in different sizes, anywhere from four feet (4') across to "speed tables" which can be sixteen feet (16') or more across
- They offer a vertical rise in vehicles as they traverse them and are designed for a specific speed
- At the speed they are designed for, they cause very little disruption
- When a vehicle is exceeding the specified speed, the more pronounced the disruption will be



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Positive Aspects of Speed Humps

- Reduced speed at or near hump locations, overall speed reduction is achieved
- Deters traffic from utilizing certain streets for primary routes
- Restores “neighborhood” appeal to a street or area
- Increases driver awareness and consideration of surroundings

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Negative Aspects of Speed Humps

- Create noise when traversed by vehicles
- Noise factor increases with speed and number of vehicles
- Reduces speed of emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire trucks and police cruisers
- Some vehicles speed increases between humps as motorist try to “make up” for lost time
- Motorist start taking a different route to avoid humps, thus the problem shifts to another street

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How does the Policy work?

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- Letter of request sent to District Commissioner of the roadway to be considered by resident (s)
- Request is forwarded to Public Works Department
- Traffic study is performed and data analyzed
- Public meeting is held concerning results of study and notifying residents of requirements

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- If roadway does not meet the 85⁰% percentile threshold of thirty-six (36) MPH, ninety percent (90⁰%) of residents must sign a petition requesting speed humps
- If roadway meets the 85⁰% percentile threshold of thirty-six (36) MPH, seventy percent (70⁰%) of residents must sign a petition requesting speed humps

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Other Considerations

- At least three hundred (300) vehicles per day (average)
- The street in question must be at least one thousand feet (1,000') in length
- Petition signers must be property owners of adjacent property to roadway being considered

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- Petitions should be submitted to Public Works Department for determination of percentage of qualified residents in support
- If the petition meets the requirements, a request will be made to the Board of Commissioners to place the request on the agenda
- Staff will make a recommendation to the Board after taking all factors into consideration
- As the Board of Commissioners votes, staff will follow said direction