

## PROCEDURES FOR ROAD HUMPS

Road humps are “traffic calming” measures intended to slow traffic on neighborhood streets. They are made of asphalt, stretched across the width of the street, rising to 3 ½ inches above the normal level of the roadway surface, and are about twelve feet in length. Installation also includes warning signs and pavement markings to provide motorists with adequate advance notice.

To be considered for road humps, a location must satisfy all screening criteria. This means that road humps will not be considered on streets that are designated as a collector or major street, an emergency response route, or a bus route; or on streets with curves, grades steeper than 5%, length of less than 600 feet, or width greater than 40 feet. In some cases, other “traffic calming” measures may be more appropriate.

### Advantages of road humps:

- Reduction in traffic speeds
- Decrease in “short-cutting” traffic
- Always present, unlike temporary measures such as police enforcement

### Disadvantages of road humps:

- Slower emergency vehicle response
- Diversion of traffic onto nearby residential streets
- Increased traffic noise and discomfort to passengers
- Increased street maintenance costs
- Conflict with neighborhood aesthetics

### Steps for installing road humps:

- Screening by Transportation Engineering Division
- Submittal of petition – must have support of 75% or more of affected properties on the proposed street and on nearby streets that may be directly impacted by the proposed road humps
- Evaluation of traffic volumes and speeds by Transportation Engineering Division
- Public input from Community Planning Group(s)
- Priority ranking against other similar locations to compete for funding
- Identify funding
- Follow up evaluation

The City will consider the removal of road humps if any of the following occurs:

- If they have caused undesirable impacts
- The City receives a petition of 75% or more of residents requesting removal of the road humps from their own street
- If the Community Planning Group supports the removal of the humps