

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING SPEED HUMPS/RAISED CROSSWALKS

REQUIRED THRESHOLDS FOR INSTALLATIONS:

- Documented speeding problem showing 85th percentile speeds are 10 miles or more over the posted speed limit.
- Determination by staff that traffic calming can be safely installed and will not adversely impact adjacent streets.
- Streets of sufficient length to benefit from traffic calming (at least 1,000 feet long).
- Streets that are considered “local” in nature (the equivalent of a residential collector or lower functional roadway).
- Clear neighborhood support for the program is shown.

HOW NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT IS TO BE ATTAINED:

- For neighborhoods with a formal homeowners association (HOA), the City will require a statement from the HOA in support of any proposed traffic calming.
- For neighborhoods with no formal HOA, the City will determine support thru the use of mail-in ballots. This method allows the City to administer the process by contacting each affected homeowner.

EXTENT OF THE AREA POLLED FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS:

When the mail-in ballot method is used to determine support, staff will poll residents who:

- live directly on the street proposed for traffic calming and
- residents on side streets whose only access to their homes is via the street being considered for traffic calming.

MARGIN OF APPROVAL:

When the mail-in ballot method is used to determine support, only the ballots returned will be considered. A “No response” is not counted as part of the total vote. To move forward with the traffic calming program an affirmative response of:

- at least 67% of the ballots returned from residents who live directly on the street proposed for traffic calming will be required and;
- at least 50% of residents on side streets whose only access to their homes is via the street being considered for traffic calming.

In the case that:

- only one of the two above conditions is met or;
- fewer than 50% of the surveys are returned,

staff will send a second survey to all impacted residents who did not respond to the first survey in hopes of getting a better feel for how the community feels about this issue.

- If at that point sufficient support is still not generated for this project, the installation of speed humps/ raised crosswalks would not be pursued further.
- At that time the community would be informed of this decision as well as any educational or enforcement methods recommended in place of the proposed traffic calming.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

- The Mayor and City Council will be advised of any ongoing traffic calming studies and will receive copies of the traffic calming surveys that are sent out.
- If a traffic calming plan receives the necessary neighborhood support, the Mayor and City Council will be advised of the plan.
- If a traffic calming plan does not receive the necessary neighborhood support, the Mayor and City Council will be notified and will be advised of alternative measures recommended in place of the proposed traffic calming.