

Policy Traffic Speed Humps


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Requesting Speed Humps on County Roads

Speed humps on public County roadways are limited to local residential roadways. Speed hump requests may be initiated by the Pierce County Council or by private funding mechanism.

Definitions

Speed Hump: A raised pavement area across a roadway, intended to serve as a traffic calming device. The intent of the speed hump is to slow motor vehicles to enhance safety. See *Standard Drawing PC.H4.1 and PC.H4.2* for design and installation.

Private funding mechanism: An entity that provides private funding on behalf of the neighborhood. Examples include developers, Home-Owners Associations (HOA), or private interest groups. A Developer may be represented as managing interest of a new development or mitigation for a new development.

Private interest group: An individual or group representing a residential neighborhood.

Installation Request

Requests for speed humps are reviewed by the County Traffic Engineer and approved by the County Engineer. If approved, Traffic Engineering staff will process requests using one of the processes below.

Council Resolution Process

Speed humps initiated by Council resolution or staff recommendations must be reviewed by the County Engineer. Council will direct the neighborhood location to be assessed and approve funds necessary to assess and install any devices.

Installation will be done by Maintenance and Operations with support of Traffic Engineering staff for placement, inspection and close out of the project location.

Privately Funded Process

Speed humps initiated by Developer, HOA or private interest group must be reviewed and approved by the County Engineer. The locations and design of the speed humps will be assessed by Traffic Engineering staff with a final proposal to the County Engineer for review and approval.

A petition is required showing at least 65% of the affected residents in the existing or proposed neighborhood support the speed hump installation. The boundary of the impacted neighborhood is identified by Traffic Engineering staff.

A Site Development Permit and Right-of-way permit (in accordance with Title 17A and Title 17B) will be required for all work within the public right of way, with design and construction plans prepared by a Professional Engineer currently licensed in the state of Washington.

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Construction must be performed by a licensed/bonded contractor, hired by the Private Interest Group. Once constructed and inspected by the licensed Professional Engineer, the County will install associated signs and pavement markings at the cost of the requester. The speed hump will then be accepted for ownership and future maintenance by the County.

Roles and Responsibilities

Council: Receives constituent requests for speed humps and if approved, passes a Council Resolution to move forward.

Traffic Engineering Staff: Assesses proposed speed hump locations, reviews and submits for approvals/denials to County Traffic Engineer, coordinates with M&O staff, and closes out the project location.

County Engineer: Reviews and provides final approval with recommendation to Council.

Maintenance & Operations Manager: Coordinates with Office of the County Engineer-Traffic Section, Constructs approved projects.

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