

## Spartanburg County Traffic Calming Program

**Is your neighborhood thinking about speed humps? Here are some things you should know and consider. . . . .**

A street or road must be **ELIGIBLE and QUALIFIED** before speed humps or other devices can be installed through Spartanburg County's Traffic Calming Program.

**Eligibility** is determined at the time an application is made to the Traffic Calming Program. To determine a road/street's eligibility for traffic calming measures, County staff must consider if:

- The street/road is located in an *unincorporated* part of Spartanburg County.
- The street/road is a *county road*.
- The street/road is classified as "*residential*." (The posted speed limit is generally 25 mph or lower.)

A road **qualifies** for traffic calming assistance if:

- A petition was submitted within 120 days with the *required number of signatures*,
- Increased *Sheriff's patrols* have not alleviated the problem,
- At least *85% of vehicles are exceeding the posted speed limit* by more than 10 mph, **AND**
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) *volumes exceed 750* per day.

**If a street/road exists within a self-contained subdivision (one entrance/exit) of 65 lots or less, it is highly unlikely that the street volume will exceed 750 vehicles a day.**

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*If, following your application, your street qualifies for traffic calming assistance, it is very important that you communicate with your neighbors so they will know what to expect. Before you approve the proposed design and placement of speed humps and signage, **you should consider the following:***

- Speed humps will be placed every 400 to 800 feet. Depending on a road's length, there could be a series of humps along a street. (A half mile long segment could have 6 humps in a row.)
- Signs will be placed on both sides of each speed hump.
- Speed humps will be constructed of asphalt, will be 14 feet in length, and will be 4 inches high at their peak. Their width will stretch from one side of the road to the other.
- The applicant is responsible for keeping the neighborhood informed about the speed hump installation process.

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### Other considerations.....

- Some of your neighbors may not want speed humps installed on your street. You may need to “smooth some feathers” and keep them informed as you move through the process.
- You have 120 days from the date you are sent petition forms to obtain the required signatures for the installation of speed humps. Failure to acquire the needed signatures within the 120-day time period will require a two-year delay in the resubmission of your application.
- If the traffic analysis does not demonstrate that there is sufficient Average Daily Traffic (ADT) and that speeds are not sufficient to qualify your street, you must wait two years for another analysis to be conducted.
- If speed humps or other traffic calming devices are approved for your neighborhood, they will be installed by Spartanburg County’s Public Works Department. The neighborhood contact (identified on the original application) will be required to approve the placement of speed humps and signage before the installation can proceed. It is the responsibility of the neighborhood representative to inform his or her neighbors of the final design.
- SCDOT standards require signage to warn motorists of speed humps ahead. While these signs are placed in the public right-of-way and as close to property lines as is feasible, they may be in your yard.
- Once installed, speed humps must remain in place for two years. If the neighborhood then wants them removed, the same petition process as used for their placement must be followed. Removal of speed humps will be at the expense of the residents. There will be a five-year wait before speed humps can be reinstalled.

### The Traffic Calming Program follows this process:

- Official application received by Spartanburg County Traffic Calming Program. (*This step MUST be completed BEFORE the process can proceed.*)
- Traffic Calming Program staff contacts Sheriff’s Office to request increased patrols and enforcement.
- Staff determines if road/street is eligible for traffic calming devices.
- Public Works conducts traffic analysis
- If warranted by analysis, staff provides petition materials to applicant, with instructions.
- Completed petition submitted by neighborhood to Traffic Calming Program. Staff verifies petition.
- Determination by Traffic Calming Program staff as to whether road/street qualifies for program.
- Traffic calming design, speed hump and signage placement provided to neighborhood representative.
- Traffic calming devices installed when funding permits.