

County of Santa Clara

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Santa Clara County Speed Hump Policy

The Roads and Airports Department uses the following Policy when considering installation of Speed Humps on County Roads.

Speed Humps will be evaluated for installation on local roads that meet the following criteria. Roads that meet these criteria will only be considered eligible for the installation of Speed Humps. Eligibility does not constitute approval. Other engineering factors must be evaluated using professional engineering judgement.

Roads defined as Expressways, Arterial, Collector, or Mountain are not eligible for consideration of installation of Speed Humps.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

- Posted speed limit of 30 mph or less
- 85th percentile speed of 33 mph or higher on roads that have posted speed limit of 25 mph
- 85th percentile speed of 37 mph or higher on roads that have posted speed limit of 30 mph
- Road no wider than 40 feet from curb to curb
- Has no more than two lanes (one lane in each direction)
- Has through access connecting with other streets (not a cul-de-sac or dead-end road)
- No geometric factors such as steep grade, limited sight distance, on a curve, or close to other traffic calming/control devices
- Average Daily Traffic of 1000-3000 VPD
- Support from at least 67% of residents on the street and 100% of the residents within 100 feet of the proposed speed hump location in both directions.
- Not on a transit route or emergency response route

Other engineering factors considered

- Documented Speed, Volume, Crash History, Pedestrians, Bike Route, and School Route
- Other traffic calming measures implemented and have not worked (85th percentile is still above the threshold mentioned above)
- If roadway is on a shared jurisdiction, full support from other agency is required