

SPEED HUMP/TABLE REQUESTS

BACKGROUND

Everyone deserves safe streets.

If cars are speeding on your residential street, you can apply for a speed hump or speed table to be installed.

Speed humps have a curved top with a length of 14 feet. Vehicle operating speeds for streets with speed humps range from 20–25 mph. Speed humps are only used on local/neighborhood streets and are discouraged on transit and emergency response routes.

Speed tables are longer than speed humps and flat-topped with a length of 22 feet. Vehicle operating speeds for streets with speed tables range from 25–35 mph. Speed tables may be used on collector streets and/or transit and emergency response routes.

The Department of Transportation is responsible for conducting the initial investigation and gathering input from other City agencies. Area-wide traffic patterns and potential impacts to other City agencies will be factors when considering the installation of speed humps/tables as a traffic calming measure. Authorization of the City Manager is needed for implementation. Before applying, note that completing a speed hump/table request involves multiple steps of engagement and technical review. Due to Norfolk's limited budget, a limited number of speed humps can be constructed citywide. Norfolk prioritizes requests based on technical feasibility and need.

A written request is needed to initiate the process and can be submitted via the MyNorfolk app or online (mynorfolk.org).

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ The department schedules a traffic engineering study to determine the level of speeding and traffic volume.
- ✓ The prevailing 85th percentile speed must be at least 8 MPH above the posted speed limit and the traffic volumes must be between 500-3000 vehicles per day for speed humps and 1000-4000 vehicles per day for speed tables.
- ✓ If the installations are justified as a result of the traffic engineering study, the department sends a petition form to the requestor to obtain community consensus.
- ✓ The petition must be signed by 75 percent of the residents of the properties abutting the roadway in question.
- ✓ Once the petition is verified, the department prepares a speed hump/table location plan and request comments from emergency service operators (police, fire, ambulance), school buses, transit operators, refuse collection agencies, and other related City Departments.
- ✓ Upon receipt of the comments, the department prepares a fact sheet and holds a Public Information Meeting.
- ✓ If turnout of the Public Information Meeting is in favor, request an approval from the City Manager.
- ✓ Department develops a final speed hump/table location plan taking into consideration community input.
- ✓ The department request cost proposals from contractors for installation of the speed humps.
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- ✓ Once bids are evaluated and funds are determined to be adequate, schedule installation of the speed humps/tables.
- ✓ Notify City Departments that the speed humps/tables have been installed.