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## SPEED LUMP PROGRAM



Speed humps/lumps are raised "bumps" placed across residential streets. They are designed to calm traffic in residential areas and near parks and schools. The City of Sacramento began constructing raised devices in 1980 in response to neighborhood speeding problems. Speed humps are twelve feet wide, 3 1/4" to 3 3/4" high and extend across the width of the road. Speed lumps are similar to humps with the exception that they have at least one cut-out five feet six inches wide designed to accommodate the wheelbase of fire trucks and buses. The City has found that speed lumps are just as effective as speed humps and are most commonly used.

### QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Unless chronic speeding problems exist on your street, speed lumps are not warranted. Traffic control, such as police enforcement, is usually a better alternative. Speed lumps are used for streets where traditional methods of slowing traffic have not been effective. A residential street will qualify for the City's Speed Lump Program based on the following criteria:

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- The two-lane street must be mainly residential or else have a park or school on the street.
- The residential street (or the part being considered) must be at least 750 feet long with no four-way intersections.
- There can be no other traffic control devices on the street segment such as four-way stop signs, traffic signals, etc.
- The speed limit must be 30 miles per hour or less.
- Speeding of 5 miles per hour or higher over the speed limit occurs on the street.
- Street must be approved by Regional Transit and the Fire Department.

## HOW TO GET STARTED

Contact the [Traffic Investigator](#) assigned to your area or [contact us](#) by email.

Find out how streets are selected. Download the [Speed Hump Guidelines](#) or visit our [questions and answers](#) section for more detailed information.

## STREET SELECTION

To ensure that every neighborhood gets fair and consistent consideration, three speed lump priority lists are maintained for residential streets, bypass streets and streets with parks or schools. Traffic engineers rank the streets on each list according to the following criteria:

- Average number of vehicles that use the street per day.
- Speed at which vehicles travel on the street.
- Number of residences, parks or schools facing the street.

Although a street may be near the top of one of these priority lists, installation of speed lumps is not guaranteed. In order to be considered, there must be enough funding in the program budget to build speed lumps and affected residents must demonstrate overwhelming support. Typically, the program budget allows for speed lumps construction on 10 to 16 streets each year. A voting ballot is mailed to all residents living on the street under consideration. One vote is allocated per household and two-thirds of the ballots returned to the city must be in favor of the speed lumps to authorize construction.

## FUNDING

If your street qualifies for speed lumps, but has not been funded by the City, you may pay for installation yourself. The cost will include design, construction and inspection of the City, speed lumps. Your street must meet all qualifications including two-thirds majority approval through the ballot process. Your neighborhood must have the funding and obtain approval from the Department of Transportation before speed lumps may be installed. The cost of a speed lump and associated signage depends on the width of the street and the number of speed lump sets along the segment necessary to be effective.

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- Animals and Pets
- Bike Registry
- City Code
- Code Compliance
- Community Calendar
- Council Meetings
- Crime Statistics
- Donations
- eBid Portal
- Employment
- Fees and Charges
- File a Police Report
- Find Your Representative
- Maps
- Open Data Portal
- Pay a City Invoice
- Pay Parking Citation
- Pay Your Utility Bill
- Permits
- Records Library

## LIVING HERE

- Arts and Culture
- Birth & Death Certificates
- Code Compliance
- Education
- Jobs
- Libraries
- Marriage License
- Neighborhoods
- Parking Services
- Public Safety
- Recycling & Solid Waste
- Residential Permits
- Summer Heat
- Traffic Alerts
- Utility Services
- Volunteer Program
- Winter Weather
- YPCE

## BUSINESS

- Building Permits
- Business Operation Tax
- City Code
- Code Compliance
- Demographics
- Doing Business with the City
- Sales Tax Data
- Special Business Permits
- Starting a Business
- Taxes and Fees

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- Arts and Culture
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- Parking & Transportation
- Photos and Videos
- Points of Interest
- Visit Sacramento
- Other Resources

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- City Auditor
- City Clerk
- City Code
- Office of the City Manager
- Office of the City Treasurer
- Code Compliance
- Departments
- Executive Team
- Employment
- Green City
- Holiday Schedule
- Mayor & Council
- Meeting Schedules
- Citywide Policies
- Media Contacts
- Records Library
- Whistleblower Hotline

