

SECTION 4

SPEED HUMPS INFORMATION SHEET

Speed humps are approximately 3 to 3.5 inches high and approximately 12 to 14 feet long. Speed humps are typically constructed with asphalt concrete pavement in a parabolic shape. Associated warning signs and pavements markings are also installed to inform drivers of an approaching speed hump. Speed humps should not be confused with the smaller speed “bump” typically found in parking lots.

The use of speed humps typically elicits both positive or negative feedback from residents. The City of San Gabriel has developed this information sheet outlining the primary advantages and disadvantages of the use of speed humps. This information sheet shall be provided to residents, property owners and/or authorized representatives for their consideration before signing the petition in favor or against the use of speed humps on their street.

ADVANTAGES

- Speed humps can effectively lower speeds when properly installed.
- Speed humps can decrease traffic volumes on the street by diverting traffic onto adjacent streets. Residents on neighboring streets may be negatively impacted.
- Speed humps may improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Speed humps are self-enforcing and require minimal maintenance.
- Speed humps provide minimal impact to on-street parking.

DISADVANTAGES

- Speed humps increase emergency vehicles response times.
- Speed humps inconvenience 100 percent of residents that live on the street for speeding problems caused by a few drivers.
- Speed humps can divert traffic onto adjacent residential streets, and thereby do not address the speeding problem but relocates it to other streets.
- Speed humps may cause discomfort for people with ailments such as back pains.
- Speed humps increase noise pollution as vehicles slow down and accelerate near the speed hump.
- Speed humps signs and markings can be aesthetically unpleasing.