

Nueces County Department of Public Works

Speed Hump Installation Policy and Procedure

General

A “speed hump” is a traffic calming device that uses a gentle rise and fall in the pavement surface across the entire width of a road. The following policy provides the criteria and procedure for the installation of speed humps for Nueces County. The goal of this policy is to have active participation from residents to help identify problem areas where vehicles frequently travel in excess of the posted speed limit. This policy does not preclude Nueces County from installing speed humps when and where they are deemed necessary.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a county road must:

- Be a county road classified as “local” in that it is not a collector or arterial that provides service to adjacent properties over relatively short distances
- Have only one lane of traffic in each direction
- Have a maximum posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour
- Have a minimum road length of ¼ of a mile uninterrupted by intersections.
- Have a minimum traffic volume of 400 vehicles per day
- Have traffic where the fastest 15% of vehicles travel in excess of 5 miles per hour over the posted speed limit

Procedure:

A request for speed humps begins by a citizen, group of citizens, or a homeowners association sending a request to the Department of Public Works of Nueces County at:

Nueces County Department of Public Works
901 Leopard Street, Room 103
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

The request must contain:

- The road name and proposed speed hump location(s)
- The name, address, and phone number of a contact person
- The signatures of 2/3 of the property owners of the road segment indicating the neighborhood support for the installation of the speed hump(s)
- A statement affirming that the signing requestors will be responsible for 25% of the costs of installation, including signage. This funding must be deposited with the county prior to work commencing.

- Incomplete requests will not be considered.

The Department of Public Works will conduct an initial review to determine if the road is eligible. This includes a traffic study to determine if the traffic volume and speed qualifies for a speed hump. If the road is ineligible, the contact person will be notified in writing. If denied, the requestor(s) cannot make another request for 2 years unless there is a considerable change in road or traffic conditions. If the road is eligible, the request and the traffic study will be forwarded to the Commissioners Court for final approval.

Funding

100% of the installation costs, including signage, will be paid by the county if the Department of Public Works determines 2 of the following 3 conditions are met:

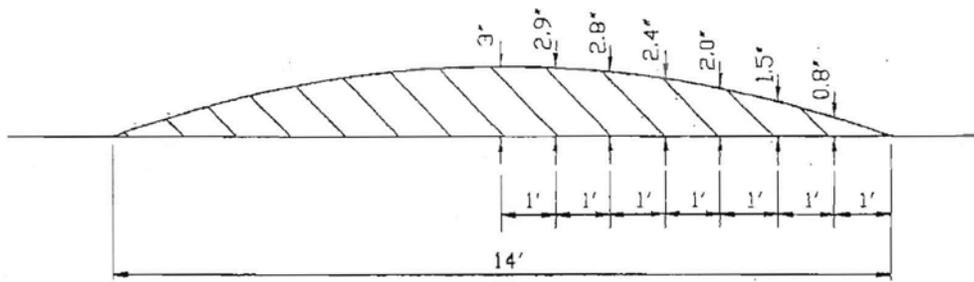
- Volume of traffic exceeds 600 vehicles per day
- The fastest 15% of traffic exceeds the posted speed limit by 10 miles per hour
- Access to a school or park is within the study area

Location and Prohibitions

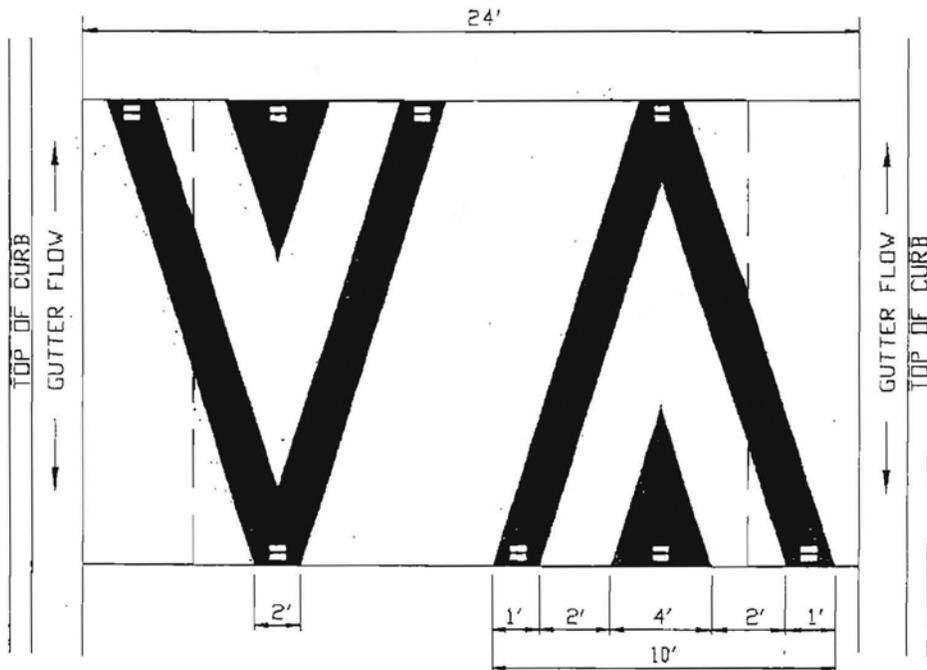
- A speed hump shall not be placed within 15 feet of a driveway or within 50 feet of an intersection.
- A speed hump shall not be placed within ¼ mile of a Fire Department or Emergency Management Facility.
- Speed humps should not be placed on a curved section of roadway. Speed humps should be located so that they are visible a minimum distance of 100 feet.
- No installation shall interfere with utilities such as manholes or water meters, and may not disrupt water drainage patterns.

Removal/Alteration

- 2/3 of the property owners of the road segment must support removal of the speed hump.
- The complete cost of removal shall be borne by the parties petitioning for removal, and all funding must be deposited with the county prior to work commencing.
- Cost of removal will include the cost to repair the pavement.



SPEED HUMP SIDE PROFILE VIEW



SPEED HUMP PLAN VIEW