

## Frequently Asked Questions: Speed Humps

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**Q: I have a concern about traffic speeds on my street. Could speed humps help address the problem?**

Unfortunately, Public Works does not have funding for traffic calming measures like speed humps, traffic circles, and pedestrian islands. Grant funding for traffic calming is sometimes available, and is usually focused around improving access to local schools. Speed humps and other traffic calming measures can also be installed in conjunction with new developments. In these cases, they are paid for by developers.

**Q: Are there other ways to reduce traffic speeds?**

There are some things you can do yourself to help reduce traffic speeds: installing yard signs, planting street trees, or installing unusual yard art may cause drivers to slow down. Driving within the speed limit also helps set a model for safe speeds.

Our [Street Smarts](#) traffic safety program offers yard signs free of charge to City of Santa Cruz residents. Learn more [here](#).

The [Community Traffic Safety Coalition](#) offers two programs designed to reduce neighborhood traffic speeds: follow the link below for more information and to order a “Please Slow Down” trash can sticker or a “Neighborhood Pace Car” sticker for your vehicle. Click [here](#).

You may also contact the Santa Cruz Police Department to request speed enforcement on your street by calling the Traffic division at 831-420-5860. It is helpful to record the days and times when speeding is the greatest issue to help guide enforcement.