

## 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?**

You can contact the Santa Cruz Police Department to request speed enforcement on your street. Visit <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/how-do-i/report-a-traffic-concern-in-my-neighborhood> or call the Traffic division at 831-420-5860 to request speed enforcement. It is helpful to record the days and times when speeding is the greatest issue to help guide enforcement.

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

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/PublicHealth/CommunityHealthEducation/CommunityTrafficSafetyCoalition/Projects.aspx>