

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2021

*Briton S. Williams, Mayor*

*J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember  
Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember  
Jenafer F. McCauley, Councilmember  
David W. McGhee, Councilmember  
Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember  
Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember*

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### STUDY SESSION

The Study Session of October 25, 2021 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:00 p.m. and also streamed online for public viewing at the City Facebook page: "City of North Augusta – Public Information" and City YouTube page: "City of North Augusta Public Information." The Study Session adjourned 6:57 p.m.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meetings was sent out by email to the current maintained "Agenda Mailout" list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meetings was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Brooks, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole. Councilmember Carpenter was absent.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Cammie T. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; James E. Sutton, Director of Public Services; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas L. Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

### ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Items for the November 1, 2021 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the November 1, 2021 regular meeting.

Please see ATTACHMENT #1 for a copy of the proposed agenda items.

**ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:**

City department directors and managers provided departmental updates.

Please see ATTACHMENT #2 for a copy of the "Department Details October 25, 2021."

John Thomas, Director of Public Safety, added his department participated with DEA and Parks Pharmacy Saturday, October 23 for "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day." One hundred thirty-eight pounds of prescription drugs were collected. He also noted there is a Public Safety Public Forum planned for Tuesday, October 26 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers as part of the CALEA recertification process.

**ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:**

(A) Mayor Williams shared an announcement related to a current opportunity in the City of North Augusta. He announced the next Public Power Hour will be held Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. He also thanked the Public Safety department for their coordination of the October 16<sup>th</sup> "Trunk or Treat" event.

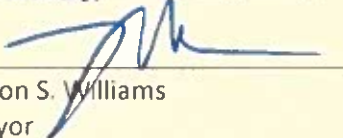
(B) Focus Item: Engineering and Public Works – Neighborhood Traffic Calming – Presentation to Council Tom Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works, presented to Council program for neighborhood traffic calming. He discussed various measures to encourage drivers to slow down in residential areas.

Please see ATTACHMENT #3 for a copy of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming presentation.


Council discussed the pros and cons of the measures presented: reduced speed limits, all-way stops, and speed humps/tables. Councilmember Presnell expressed his dislike of speed humps. Councilmember McGhee asked staff to find out more information about speed limit signs that have a "current speed" indicator. Mayor Williams shared some speed deterrent initiatives taken by the City of Greenville, South Carolina and asked City staff to follow up with the City of Greenville then bring this item back to Council to re-visit at a later date.

Finally, Councilmember Brooks asked staff to study the fuel tanker trucks increased usage of Bergen Road.

APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
November, 2021.

  
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Briton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk



**PUBLIC POWER HOUR**

**November 1, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers**

**DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers**

The Public Power Hour and regular City Council meeting will be streamed for public viewing online at:

- “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

*CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council on each item listed on this agenda. The Mayor will call for comments prior to Council’s discussion. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance to the Council Chambers. Speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic should complete the form. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*

*CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals needing special assistance or sign interpreter to participate in the meeting, please notify the Administration Department 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
3. **ROLL CALL:**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular City Council Meeting minutes of October 18, 2021;  
Study Session minutes of October 25, 2021

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. **FINANCE:** Ordinance No. 2021-17 - Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 Containing Estimates of Proposed Revenues and Expenditures by the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, for the Budget Year Beginning January 1, 2022, and Declaring that Same Shall Constitute the Budget of the City of North Augusta for Such Budget Year; Ordinance – Second Reading
6. **FINANCE:** Ordinance No. 2021-18 – Levying the Annual Tax on Property in the City of North Augusta, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022, and Ending December 31, 2022; Ordinance – Second Reading
7. **FINANCE:** Ordinance No. 2021-19 – Amending Article IV, Section 14-123 Titled “Sanitation Services Fees” of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; Ordinance – Second Reading

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. **FINANCE:** Ordinance No. 2021-20 – An Ordinance to Adopt a Revised Business License Ordinance in Accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2000 Act. No. 176); Ordinance – First Reading
9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

10. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

- A. Citizen Comments - *At this time, citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council regarding matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance to the Council Chambers. Speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic should complete the form. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*
- B. Council Comments –

11. ADJOURNMENT



*Thank you for attending tonight's meeting of the North Augusta City Council.  
To assure every citizen's privilege to speak to City Council and to maintain proper decorum  
the following sections of the City's Code of Ordinances are reprinted.*

Sec. 2-57. Order and decorum generally

- (a) By council members. While the council is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum, and a member shall not, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the council, or disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the council or its presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided.
- (b) By other persons. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous while addressing the council shall be forthwith, by the presiding officer, barred from further audience before the council, unless permission to continue be granted by a majority vote of the council.

Sec. 2-58. Sergeant-at-arms

The public safety director or such members of the public safety department as the director may designate, shall be sergeant-at-arms of the council meetings. They shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the council meeting. Upon instructions of the presiding officer, it shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms, to place any person who violates the order and decorum of the meeting under arrest, and cause such to be prosecuted under the provisions of this Code, the complaint to be signed by the presiding officer.

Sec. 2-62. Addressing council--Permission required; exceptions

Any person desiring to address the council shall first secure the permission of the presiding officer so to do.

Sec. 2-63. Same--Procedure

Each person addressing the council shall step up in front of the rail, shall give such person's name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records, and unless further time is granted by the council, shall limit the address to five (5) minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the council, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked a council member except through the presiding officer.

Sec. 2-64. Persons authorized to be within rail

No person, except city officials or their representatives shall be permitted within the rail in front of the council chamber without the express consent of the council.

## DEPARTMENT DETAILS

*for October 25, 2021*



### FINANCE:

- Tax Update-tax sale notice 1 was included in the 10/23 Aiken Standard with notices 2 and 3 the following consecutive Saturdays. The tax sale will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Aiken Convocation Center.
- Utilities Update-11/3 and 11/4 Cycle 2 Disconnect, 11/4 Cycle 1 Due Date
- Budget Update-2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading will be at the next Council meeting 11/1 for several related ordinances

### PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Property Maintenance staff is scheduled the week of November 1, to start removal of underbrush along Georgia Avenue at the future Public Safety Headquarters.
- October 26, 2021, Utility staff is scheduled to start installing five (5) new water service taps for new homes being constructed along Womrath Road.

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- BZA agenda goes out on Thursday for the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- BZA is discussing changing their meeting date.
- On Friday the Planning and Development department confirmed with SCDOT we have submitted what we need for Georgia Avenue Traffic Study and are awaiting further comments.

### PUBLIC SAFETY:

- CALEA will be virtually onsite Monday – Wednesday of this week for the Public Safety's re-accreditation.
- Public Safety will be involved with North Augusta Forwards Fall Festival this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:**

- North Augusta PRT Maintenance staff will begin the installation of Christmas decorations in the City beginning next week. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting event at Calhoun Park is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 5pm-6:30pm.
- PRT Maintenance staff is installing 10 new Hometown Hero banners this week. The Hometown Hero banners will stay up through Veterans Day on November 11. The following week the banners will be replaced with Christmas banners.

**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Intermittent Road Closure Planned for Observatory Avenue - 10/27/21 through 11/1/21

Road work in conjunction with the new Fire Station 1 development is planned on Observatory Avenue, causing temporary closures. On weekdays from Wednesday, October 27 through Monday, November 1, Observatory Ave. will be closed to through traffic between 8 am – 4 pm. Resident driveways will still be accessible during this time. Work will be performed on Wednesday (10/27), Thursday (10/28), Friday (10/29), and Monday (11/1) only; Observatory Ave. will remain open all day to through traffic, with no work planned, on Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31. The only portion of the road that will require cutting and re-paving is the portion of Observatory Ave. in the vicinity of the driveway to the new Fire Station.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**Communications Technician I – Public Safety**

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.61 - \$19.93/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

**Firefighter – Public Safety**

Grade: UN

Salary/Pay Rate: \$9.43/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

**Grounds Worker II – Property Maintenance**

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03 - \$16.83/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

**Part-time Permit Clerk – Building Standards**

Grade: 7

Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.89/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

**Public Safety Officer – Public Safety**

Grade: 15

Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.38 - \$24.45/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

**Trolley Driver**

Grade: UN

Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.00/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

**Vehicle Operator I – Sanitation**

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03 - \$16.83/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

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### DEFINITION

Traffic Calming is the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users.\*

\*Lockwood, Ian. *ITE Traffic Calming Definition*. ITE Journal, July 1997, pg. 22. 2

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### GOALS

- Incorporating the preferences and requirements of the people using the area along the street(s), or at intersection(s)
- Creating safe and attractive streets:
- Increasing the quality of life

## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### OBJECTIVES

- Achieving slow speeds for motor vehicles
- Increasing the safety and the perception of safety for non-motorized users of the street(s)
- Reducing the need for police enforcement
- Reducing cut-through motor vehicle traffic



## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### PROGRAM MEASURES

- Reduced Speed Limits
- All-Way Stop
- Speed Humps/Tables

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### REDUCED SPEED LIMITS

- 30 mph city-wide speed limit per NA Code of Ordinances
- 25 mph may be more appropriate in residential neighborhoods
  - Can be accomplished city-wide for residential areas
  - Can be established in new subdivisions at the time of acceptance by Council
  - Can be accomplished on a case-by-case basis
    - Eligibility Map
    - Application
    - Petition
    - Engineering & Public Safety Review

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### ALL-WAY STOP

- Intended to improve safety of intersection
- Do **NOT** reduce the overall speed along a street:
- Do break up the flow of traffic, resulting in slower speeds in the immediate vicinity of the intersection, but only 85'-100' from the intersection:
- Do re-route some traffic to parallel streets within the network.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### ALL-WAY STOP

- Eligibility Map
- Application
- Petition
- SCDDOT Criteria

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### ALL-WAY STOP

- All-way stop control shall only be installed at the intersection of two or more public streets.
- The total vehicular volume entering the intersection from all approaches averages a minimum of 200 vehicles per hour for at least any four-hour period during a typical weekday.
- The vehicular volume entering the intersection from the minor street or streets for the same four hours averages at least 100 vehicles per hour.
- Both streets shall have residential frontage and existing speed limits of 30 mph or less. Nonresidential intersections can only be considered if on a City roadway.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### ALL-WAY STOP

- Neither street is classified as a major collector or greater by SCDOT.
- Neither street exceeds 36' in width (excluding medians).
- No existing stop sign or traffic signal is located on the free-flow street within a distance of 1,200 feet of the proposed stop location.
- The intersection legs extend at least 600 feet or more away from the intersection.
- The total volume of the non-stopped street does not exceed 4,000 vehicles per day.

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### SPEED HUMPS/TABLES

Vertical deflections intended to reduce speed and enhance the street environment for non-motorists.



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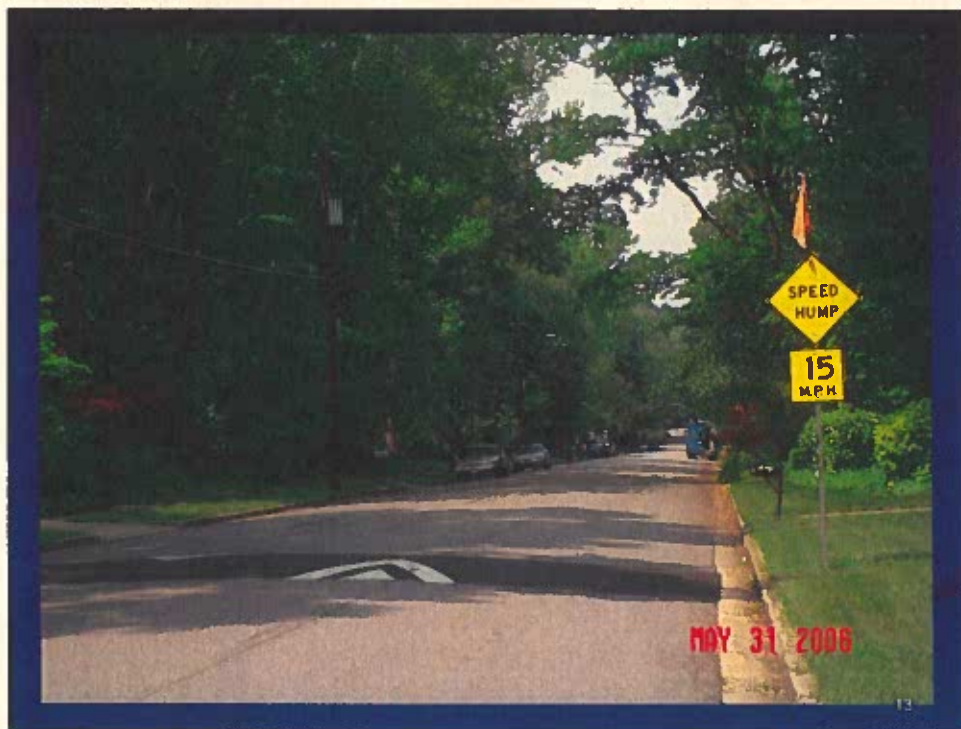
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### SPEED HUMPS

Speed humps are rounded raised areas placed across the roadway. They are generally 10 to 14 feet long (in the direction of travel), and are 3 to 4 inches high. The profile of a speed hump can be circular, parabolic, or sinusoidal. They are often tapered as they reach the curb on each end to allow unimpeded drainage.



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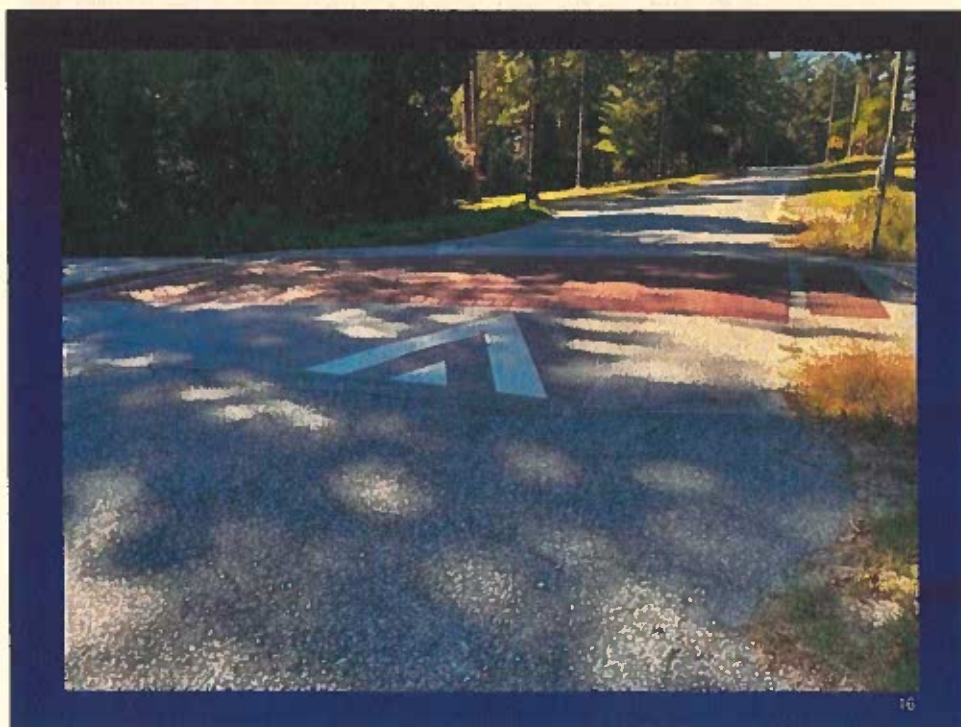


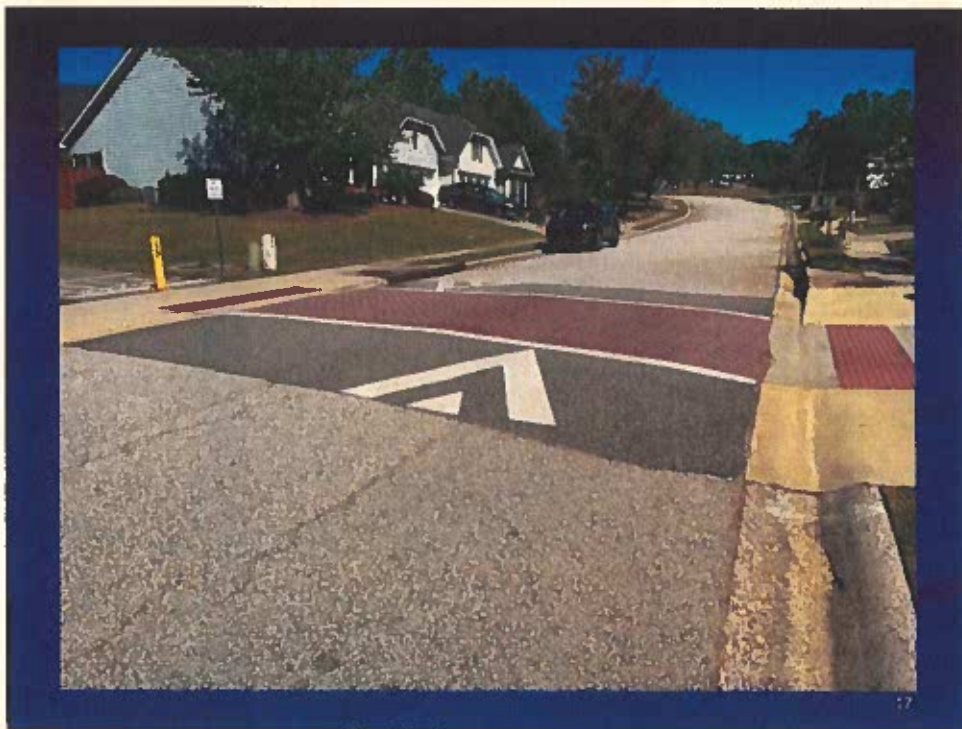
# NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

## SPEED TABLES

Speed tables are flat-topped speed humps often constructed with brick or other textured materials on the flat section. Speed tables are typically long enough for the entire wheelbase of a passenger car to rest on the flat section. Their long flat fields give speed tables higher design speeds than speed humps. The brick or other textured materials improve the appearance of speed tables, draw attention to them, and may enhance safety and speed-reduction.

Speed tables are good for locations where low speeds are desired but a somewhat smooth ride is needed for larger vehicles.





## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### SPEED HUMPS/TABLES

#### Advantages:

- They are very effective in slowing travel speeds:
  - speeds determined by height and spacing
  - speeds between humps have been observed to be reduced between 20 and 25 percent on average
- studies indicate that traffic volumes have been reduced on average by 18 percent depending on alternative routes available
- Speed Humps are relatively inexpensive
- They are relatively easy for bicycles to cross if designed appropriately
- Reduce law enforcement demand for speed control

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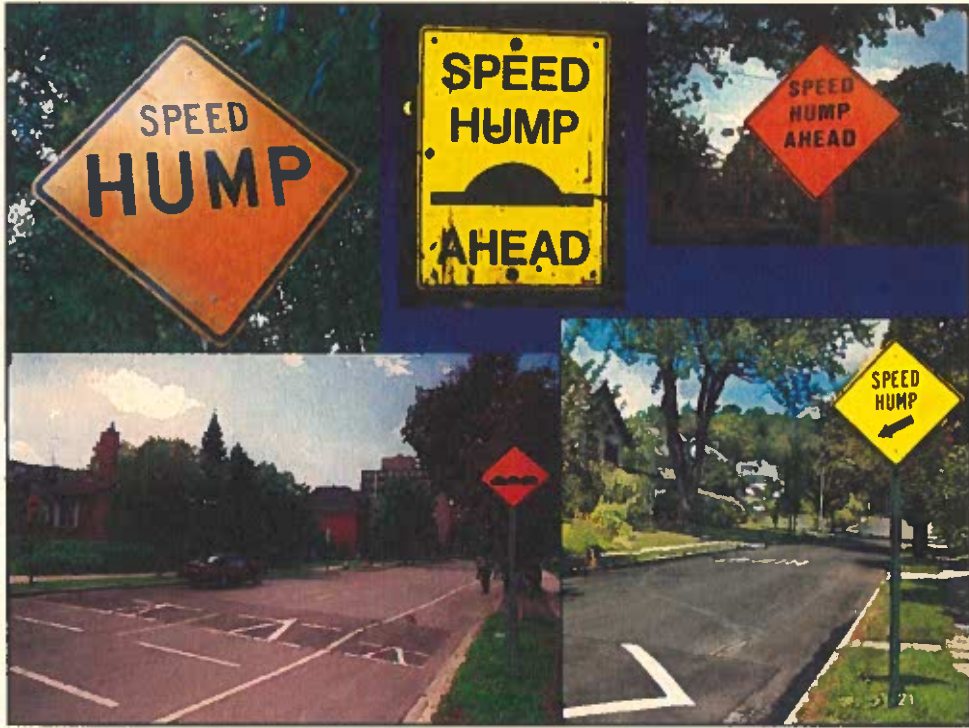
### SPEED HUMPS/TABLES

#### Disadvantages:

- They cause a "rough ride" for all drivers, and can cause discomfort for people with certain disabilities
- They may increase noise and air pollution
- They have questionable aesthetics
- They can delay emergency response
  - Concern over jarring of emergency rescue vehicles
  - Approximate delay of between 3 and 5 seconds per hump for fire trucks and up to 10 seconds for ambulance with patient
- Require additional maintenance
- They are difficult to construct to correct profile

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## NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

### Questions

- Should we offer a neighborhood traffic calming program?
- Should the program include:
  - reduced speed limit?
  - all-way stop?
  - speed humps?
- Should we require applicants to fund all or part of traffic calming measures?