



# City of Montebello

## Speed Hump/Speed Cushion Policy

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**Objective:** When less restrictive means, such as traffic signs and speed enforcement, have not been effective, speed humps/speed cushions may be considered on roadways with the following characteristics:

1. Local residential street with no more than two travel lanes.
2. Roadway is 40 feet wide or less.
3. There are no curves that would make it difficult for drivers to see the speed humps or cushions as they approach them.
4. Traffic volumes between 500 and 2,000 vehicles per day.
5. The roadway has a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less.
6. Actual measured 85th percentile speeds greater than 35 mph on roadways with a speed limit of 25 mph or 40 mph on roadways with a posted or prima facie speed limit of 30 mph.
7. The roadway grade is 5% or less.
8. The roadway is not a public transit route.
9. Petition must show at least 75% of the fronting residents in favor of installation.
10. The Traffic and Safety Commission must review and approved the installation.

### Advantages and Disadvantages of Speed Humps/Speed Cushions

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potential to reduce traffic speeds</li> <li>2. Potential to reduce traffic volumes</li> <li>3. Can be used to reduce cut-through traffic.</li> <li>4. Self-enforcing</li> <li>5. Minimal impact to on-street parking</li> <li>6. Minimum maintenance</li> <li>7. Cushions OK for emergency vehicles</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Care needed if placed on transit routes.</li> <li>2. May transfer traffic elsewhere.</li> <li>3. Not aesthetically pleasing.</li> <li>4. May cause vehicles to encroach into bicycle lanes</li> <li>5. Not a cure-all to speeding issues.</li> </ol>

These guidelines are largely based on those of Los Angeles County and the City of Commerce.





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