



## Spartanburg County Traffic Calming Program

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- It takes approximately six months from receipt of your Traffic Calming Program Application to installation of the speed humps. Speed humps are not constructed in the winter.
- If a road is scheduled for resurfacing, this work must be completed before traffic calming devices can be installed.
- The required number of signatures in the petition step is equal to 75% of the residences on the affected street, plus 25% of the residences of any street that must use the affected street. (examples: cul-de-sacs, dead end streets off affected road)
- Some of your neighbors may not want speed humps installed on your street. You may need to “smooth some feathers” and keep them informed as you move through the process.
- You have 120 days from the date you are sent petition forms to obtain the required signatures for the installation of speed humps. Failure to acquire the needed signatures within the 120-day time period will require a two-year delay in the resubmission of your application.
- If the traffic analysis does not demonstrate that there is sufficient Average Daily Traffic (ADT) and that speeds are not sufficient to qualify your street, you must wait two years for another analysis to be conducted.
- If speed humps or other traffic calming devices are approved for your neighborhood, they will be installed by Spartanburg County’s Public Works Department. The neighborhood contact (identified on the original application) will be required to approve the placement of speed humps and signage before the installation can proceed. It is the responsibility of the neighborhood representative to inform his or her neighbors of the final design.
- SCDOT standards require signage to warn motorists of speed humps ahead. While these signs are placed in the public right-of-way and as close to property lines as is feasible, they may be in your yard.
- Once installed, speed humps must remain in place for two years. If the neighborhood then wants them removed, the same petition process as used for their placement must be followed. Removal of speed humps will be at the expense of the residents. There will be a five-year wait before speed humps can be reinstalled.

### **The Traffic Calming Program follows this process:**

- ✓ Official application received by Spartanburg County Traffic Calming Program. This step **MUST** be completed **BEFORE** the process can proceed.
- ✓ Traffic Calming Program staff contacts Sheriff’s Office to request increased patrols and enforcement.
- ✓ Staff determines if road/street is eligible for traffic calming devices.
- ✓ Neighborhood representative circulates petition. Forms and information regarding required number of signatures are provided by Traffic Calming Program staff.
- ✓ Neighborhood determines whether stepped-up Sheriff’s patrols have alleviated the problem.
- ✓ Petition submitted by neighborhood to Traffic Calming Program. Staff verifies petition.
- ✓ Public Works conducts traffic analysis.
- ✓ Determination by Traffic Calming Program staff as to whether road/street qualifies for program.
- ✓ Traffic calming design, speed hump and signage placement approved by neighborhood.
- ✓ Traffic calming solution installed when funding permits.



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The Traffic Calming Program includes staff from Spartanburg County's Transportation Planning and Public Works departments. They also work closely with the Sheriff's Department Traffic Control officers.

A street or road must be **ELIGIBLE and QUALIFIED** before speed humps or other devices can be installed through Spartanburg County's Traffic Calming Program.

**Eligibility** is determined at the time an application is made to the Traffic Calming Program. To determine a road/street's eligibility for traffic calming measures, County staff must consider if:

- ✓ The street/road is located in an unincorporated part of Spartanburg County.
- ✓ The street/road is classified as "residential." (See pages 1-2 of the "Spartanburg County Traffic Calming Policy" for definitions of road classifications) Minor arterials and connectors cannot be considered.
- ✓ The posted speed limit is 25 mph or lower.

Traffic Calming staff **qualifies** a road/street for traffic calming assistance after the traffic analysis is conducted. The following are considered:

- ✓ A petition was submitted within 120 days and with the required number of signatures.
- ✓ Increased Sheriff's patrols have not alleviated the problem.
- ✓ Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volumes exceed 750, **AND**
- ✓ At least 85% of motorists are exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 10 mph.

If a neighborhood street does not qualify under the volume test but does meet the speed test, residents may wish to consider having traffic calming devices installed at the expense of the neighborhood. Traffic Calming Program staff will work with you if you decide on this option.

**Any device on a county-maintained road must be installed by Public Works.**

If your street has qualified for traffic calming assistance, it is very important that you communicate with your neighbors so they will know what to expect. Before you approve the proposed design and placement of speed humps and signage, you should consider the following:

- ✓ Will the speed hump be placed in front of the house of a resident who is not in favor of this measure?
- ✓ Will signs be placed in front of a non-favorable resident's house?
- ✓ Have you showed the proposed plans to those residents whose property will be affected by the signage? Even those neighbors who support this action might be unhappy about road signs in their yards.
- ✓ Have you communicated to your neighbors the time frames for construction of these devices?