



Speed Bumps

Neighborhood Services Division
City of Escondido

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Dear Neighborhood Resident:

Thanks for bringing forward your community group's questions concerning installing speed bumps in the public right of way. Please know that both the Fire Department and the Public Works/Engineering do not allow speed bumps to be constructed on any public roadways.

I've included several reasons speed bumps are not and will not be allowed on public roadways in Escondido. First and foremost, speed bumps increase Fire and Police department response times due to the need for the respective vehicle slow down to roll over the speed bump. In addition, speed bumps are extremely hard on fire apparatus. Fire engines and fire trucks are sophisticated and expensive pieces of equipment costing hundreds of thousands of dollars each. The jarring to the vehicle that occurs from passing over speed bumps can cause damage and result in additional repair costs to the taxpayer. And finally, paramedics working on critically injured patients in the rear of ambulances are often forced to stop life saving procedures in order to brace themselves for the shock of passing over a speed bump.

The Engineering Department may also have additional reasons why speed bumps are not allowed. Any engineering questions should be addressed to Homi Namdari in City Engineering. If any of your clients or groups have additional questions, I'd be glad to speak with them concerning this issue.

Best Regards,

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