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The town of Poolesville's policy for the implementation of speed humps is based on standards set by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

Request Process

Residents may submit a request for a speed hump review by the town, and the town will send notice to the adjoining and abutting neighbors within the impacted area for comment on the proposal to add speed humps. The Parks and Streets board will hold a public meeting to hear resident questions and concerns about potential speed humps.

Standards

Before a speed hump can be placed, the town will review the requested street, including a speed study¹ to determine if speed humps are necessary. This study will look at the following factors:

- Speed (both speed limits and operation speed)
- Traffic volumes
- Collisions (e.g., speed-related)
- Proximity to places such as schools or parks/playgrounds
- Absence of sidewalks
- Designated bicycle routes
- Line of sight

Speed humps will only be placed if the 85-percentile operating speed is 10 miles per hour greater than the posted speed limit.

Speed humps are usually recommended only on streets where the speed limit is 30 mph or less. Speed humps should be no more than 500 feet apart where the desired 85th percentile operating speed is between 25 and 30 mph.

Speed humps will only be placed in locations where they are visible from a distance of at least 250 feet using the AASHTO measurement procedures. Speed humps should not be used on

¹ The Speed Study will be conducted by the Montgomery County Police using their speed trailers in Ghost mode.

curves unless the radius exceeds 300 feet. Speed humps should be installed greater than 150 feet from a stop sign or yield sign and 250 feet from a traffic signal.

Decision-making Process

The Town staff will present the results of their review to the Parks and Streets Board, and the Parks and Streets Board will develop a recommendation on whether to implement speed humps.

Source: [Updated Guidelines for the Design and Application of Speed Humps](#)