



ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SPEED BUMPS

Advantages:

- The overall speed of traffic is reduced near speed bumps.
- Speed bumps create an impression that discourages speeding and “cut through” trafficking.
- Speed bumps are self-enforcing.

Disadvantages:

- The response time for emergency vehicles may be increased by speed bumps.
- Some residents may object to the visual impact of speed bumps—the signs and the markings that accompany them.
- There will be an increase in vehicle emissions and noise near speed bumps.
- Inconvenient access as a result of speed bumps may be imposed on some parts of the neighborhood.
- Speed bumps may displace traffic to neighboring streets.
- Although speeds will be reduced immediately next to them, drivers tend to speed up after passing or traveling between speed bumps.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING SIGNATURES FOR A SPEED BUMP PETITION

In order for the Transportation Services Division (TSD) to evaluate your petition without undue delay, please do the following:

1. Before you circulate this petition, make sure your street has been checked by TSD for engineering and emergency access feasibility. If you are not sure, please contact us at (510) 238-3466.
2. Be aware that you have up to six months to turn in a qualifying petition once your street has been determined feasible by TSD.
3. Include your name, mailing address, and telephone number on the petition so we can contact you. Also, remember to sign the petition.
4. List all the addresses on your street including those whose signatures could not be obtained. Include all corner properties even if the property’s address is on the cross street.
5. Count each unit in a multiple housing complex (apartment, duplex, four-plex, etc.) separately. List all units and obtain a signature for each unit. EXCEPTION: an owner or manager of a multiple housing complex can sign for the entire complex. Please indicate if an owner/manager has signed for the entire complex. Each unit will still be listed separately.
6. Indicate on the petition if there is a preschool or nursery school in the block.
7. Write “Vacant” in the “Name” column if you know a dwelling is unoccupied.
8. One signature is counted per address. Signatures are required representing at least 67% of the addresses within the street segment.
9. Photocopy the enclosed petition form if you need additional forms for signature. Also, keep a copy of everything you send to TSD.
10. Send your completed petition to Transportation Services Division at the above address.

