

OKALOOSA COUNTY TRAFFIC CALMING PROCEDURES

No traffic calming devices will be constructed on any street or roadway of the unincorporated areas of Okaloosa County without complying with the procedures listed below.

Speed Bumps: Speed bumps shall not be used on public streets. They are severe treatments 3 to 6 inches high and 1 to 2 feet wide that slow drivers to speeds less than 10mph. Due to their abrupt rise and required low speed they can be a hazard to motorists and bicyclists. Additionally, they impede the progress of first responders.

Speed Humps and Speed Tables: Speed humps are parabolic or curved in profile, 3 to 4 inches in height and 12 to 14 feet long and as wide as the roadway. Speed tables look like speed humps but are about twice as long and used for cross walks and bicycle crossings. If installed, these devices will be marked as specified in paragraph 3B-44 of the MUTCD, Current Edition.

Speed humps/speed tables may be installed where four conditions exist:

- The location of the proposed speed hump/table is on a dead-end road. Speed hump/table may be installed on a through road if recommended by the County Engineer and concurrence is received from PWD and the Director of Public Safety.
- A majority of local residents desire the speed hump.
- An engineering study determines that the speed hump will be effective.
- All cost associated with installation of traffic calming devices must be paid by residents, neighborhoods or HOA requesting such.

To request a traffic calming device, the following steps must be followed:

- A petition from the property owners along the road must be signed.
- The petition must be signed by 55% of the property owners on the street.
- A list of owners must be acquired from the Okaloosa County Property Appraisers Office. This list is the one used to validate that the petition contains only registered owners of property along the street.
- The property owners must make a sketch of their preferred location for a speed hump.
- All of the above information should be mailed to Okaloosa County Public Works, Attn: Road Division Manager, 1759 South Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, Florida 32536.
- The Engineering Division will conduct a study to determine the effectiveness of the proposed device and make a recommendation to the Director of Public Works (DPW) and the Director of Public Safety.
- Concurrence for installation of the proposed traffic calming device shall be received from local first responders (local police, sheriff, fire control district, etc.).
- If approved by both directors, an agenda item will be created and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for their decision.

The BCC will make the final determination of whether a traffic calming device is constructed and the exact location of the device.