

## RESUMPTION OF THE SPEED HUMP PROGRAM

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

February 2017

#### **1. *I heard the City is restoring the Speed Hump Program. When will this new program begin?***

The application period for the new Speed Hump program is expected to begin in February 2017. The exact starting date and time will be posted on LADOT's website ([www.ladot.lacity.org](http://www.ladot.lacity.org)) at least 15 days prior to the kickoff date. Speed hump construction will begin in the Summer of 2017.

#### **2. *How do I request speed humps on my street?***

To start the process you will need to go to the LADOT website at [www.ladot.lacity.org](http://www.ladot.lacity.org). Once at the LADOT website there will be multiple paths available to complete the request process:

1. Search Window - Simply type "speed hump" into the search window. The search tool will take you to the Residential Street Speeding page where the "Speed Humps" program is listed midway down the page [full email address is: [ladot.lacity.org/what-we-do/operations/neighborhood-services/residential-street-speeding](mailto:ladot.lacity.org/what-we-do/operations/neighborhood-services/residential-street-speeding)] or,
2. "How Do I" link – Click on the link and select "How do I apply for speed humps?" or,
3. "What's New" Banner - Click on the "New Speed Hump Program" link.

On the day that the program is launched, there will be a notice to all persons interested in submitting a request for speed humps to "[click here](#)" which will take requestors to a [Google Form](#) document to initiate a request (Step 1). Once in the form, applicants will be advised of the steps that will be required to complete the request process, including the completion of an Application of Speed Hump Study (Step 2) that requires the signature support of a minimum 10 residents. Applicants will also be directed to fill out the form completely and accurately. Note: the correct Council District (verified using [neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org](http://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org)) must be entered or the request will not be valid.

**To submit a request the requestor must live on the block in which speed humps are requested and act as a block representative in distributing information and resident surveys.**

Prior to submitting a request, potential applicants should review the "[Speed Hump Evaluation Guidelines](#)" information page to understand the evaluation criteria that will be used to determine if the street qualifies for speed hump consideration.

#### **3. *Why is the City limiting the number of requests?***

In June of 2016, the City Council granted approval and funding to re-start the program. However, due to the limited funding, we estimate that the 2017 speed hump construction program will be limited to only two locations in each of the 15 Council Districts. As a result of the

limited number of speed humps that can be constructed, there is little benefit to receiving more requests than can be practically considered for potential construction this year. Thus, **the application period will be limited to forty five (45) days and thirty (30) applications per Council District.** Once the application limit per CD is met, residents will no longer be able to submit requests in that particular Council District. For those districts that do not reach the 30 application level within 45 days, an additional application window will be considered. **Requests that do not include a completed Application for Speed Hump Study (Step 2) within the 45 day application period will not be processed.**

The limited resources for the start-up year also meant that the application process would need to be streamlined as well. To address this need, LADOT will be using the Google Form system to provide an exclusive platform in which to process the speed hump requests and allow LADOT to manage the process in the most efficient manner possible. When the Speed Hump program is fully staffed and operational (for 2018 construction), we will review and continue to improve the process.

***4. What happens after my Application for Study is accepted? How long will it take to consider my new request?***

Due to the limited number of traffic data and engineering evaluations that can be conducted during this initial year of the program, LADOT staff will screen requests (per Council District) for the 15 requests likely to have higher speeds and volumes, and pass the speed and volume criteria. The 10 locations judged to have the highest priority potential (segment length and greatest number of pedestrians and bicyclists) with signed forms will have speed and volume traffic data collected. For those locations that warrant installation, the applicant will receive sealed surveys for distribution to each of the residents. Final approval requires that a minimum two-thirds (66%) of the affected properties indicate support for the project. Qualified locations will then be prioritized for construction. The two highest priority locations per CD will be submitted for construction in 2017. The time needed to respond to each request will vary depending upon the quality of the application. The entire review and prioritization process, for those applications that qualify for speed humps is expected to take roughly two to three months to complete.

***5. How will requests be prioritized? What factors will you consider?***

Locations that qualify for speed hump implementation will be prioritized based on but not limited to the following factors: 1) Critical (85<sup>th</sup> percentile) speed of vehicles, 2) number of pedestrians and bicyclists, 3) volume of vehicles and, 4) roadway conditions (such as the absence of sidewalks). Prioritization will be assigned based on a total points score.