

Neighborhood Traffic Calming

Each year the City of Hillsboro receives many requests from citizens seeking assistance to address neighborhood traffic concerns. Often the focus of these concerns is vehicle speeds. To effectively discourage inappropriate driving behaviors and make efficient use of limited funds, the City of Hillsboro has developed a two-phased process for addressing these concerns.

Process

Phase I: Education & Enforcement

In most cases, speeding is not the result of an intentional decision to break the law but is instead a poor habit. In many cases, violators are local residents who live within the neighborhood that are unaware they are speeding. Education and enforcement are often all that is needed to resolve citizen concerns.

The City of Hillsboro Police Department has established several programs designed to raise drivers' awareness of their speeds.

- Speed Cart Program, which uses a mobile radar speed cart to display approaching vehicle speeds
- Portable Radar Signs, which are installed at locations with speeding issues and left in place for a period of 4 weeks



For more information about these programs, to schedule these programs, or to request additional enforcement contact the City of Hillsboro Police Department at 503-681-6190.

Phase II: Engineering

Many traffic safety concerns can be resolved through education and enforcement. Occasionally, some concerns may be more properly addressed by changing roadway features.

The types of changes implemented should be tailored to the specific concerns and roadway attributes.

Solutions may involve any number of tools including:

- increased signage
- crosswalks
- landscaping
- lane narrowing
- pinch points
- curb extensions
- traffic circles
- medians

- pedestrian refuge islands

Where to Begin

If you have a traffic safety concern that involves speeding, the City asks you to request additional education or enforcement through the Hillsboro Police Department before continuing further. Contact the Hillsboro Police Department at 503-681-6190, or [email them through our online form](#).

If you have participated in one or more of the programs and your concerns have not eased, please send your concerns and requests in writing to:

Public Works Department
Transportation Division
150 E Main Street
Hillsboro, OR 97123
Or, email us at Eng_Dept@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov

Please include the following information in your letter to assist us:

- a. Your name, address, and daytime phone number or email
- b. The location(s) where your problem(s) is (are) occurring.
- c. The nature of the problem(s) (ie: vehicle speeds, traffic volumes, pedestrian safety, etc.). Please be as descriptive as possible and be sure to include times of days and/or days of week when the problems occur.

Who Decides?

The decision to implement physical changes is made by the City Engineer based on an engineering study that evaluates traffic volumes, street characteristics, traffic speeds, pedestrian volumes, and accident histories. Additionally, consideration is given to the effectiveness of the measures in addressing neighborhood concerns, availability of funds to implement such measures, and citizen comments.

Additional Information

Please report damage to existing signs, such as fading, graffiti, vehicle damage, or signs blocked by vegetation to Public Works Operations at 503-615-6568.

Additional information series brochures are also available through the City of Hillsboro Engineering Division on the following topics:

- Stop Signs
- Speed Zoning
- Pedestrian and Crosswalk Safety
- Parking Restrictions

Contact Us

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