

Lafayette Traffic Commission

Speed Humps

Lafayette residents frequently request speed humps in their neighborhoods to protect children from speeding motorists. The City of Lafayette Traffic Commission carefully considers each request based on information provided by the police department, residents and information supplied by the Lafayette City Engineer's Office. The Commission meets monthly. Please contact the Lafayette City Clerk's Office for meeting times and deadlines.

The installation of a speed hump is a serious issue for all involved. Not only is the immediate neighborhood inconvenienced, but also emergency services (police, fire and ambulance), trash pickup, deliveries and snow removal must traverse this new obstacle. To accumulate the required information so that the Commission may make the most informed decision, the process outlined below has been developed.

1. The first step is to contact the Lafayette Police Department to report speeding in your neighborhood. It is important to be detailed in your descriptions of the times of day, the types of vehicles, it is the same vehicles?, etc.
2. The Police Department will then assess the speeds and either provide enforcement to reduce speeds if it is verified that a problem exists, or recommend and notify the neighborhood to proceed with the following steps toward evaluation for speed humps.
3. Following the Police Department's recommendation, the first step is to circulate a petition among the neighbors in the vicinity. The Commission must be assured that this request is not solely from one lone citizen who has no support from the other nearby residents.
4. A letter with the above petition and the Police Department's recommendation requesting a speed hump at a specific location or Street (Street Name, address, location from existing features such as driveway or mailbox). The letter should also state the exact problems witnessed at the location and any pertinent details, such as speeding during particular times of day. This letter should be addressed to:

Lafayette Traffic Commission
c/o Jeromy Grenard, City Engineer
City of Lafayette Engineer's Office
20 North 6th Street
Lafayette, Indiana 47901

5. The City Engineer will place the request on the agenda for discussion at the Traffic Commission meeting. Citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting to support the request.

6. The Traffic Commission will either direct the City Engineer to conduct an investigation or deny the request for lack of support, lack of recommendation by the Police Department, the presence of concrete street surface, dead-end street, or obvious locations that would not meet the conditions for installation of a speed hump.
7. If the City Engineer is directed to investigate, traffic volumes and traffic speed are measured to determine if a speed hump is warranted and if funding is available for installation.
8. The findings of the investigation are reported to the Traffic Commission which then votes on the installation of the speed hump.