

Spring Valley Lake Municipal Advisory Council

Resolution 2022-06-16 Speed Humps

A RESOLUTION OF THE SPRING VALLEY LAKE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC) TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF INSTALLING SPEED HUMPS ON ELIGIBLE STREETS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF SPRING VALLEY LAKE DUE TO EXCESSIVE VEHICLE SPEEDING EXCLUDING THE EQUESTRIAN AREA (TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY).

WHEREAS, Spring Valley Lake (SVL) community residents have concerns and noted dangerous conditions with regards to speeding vehicles on the streets in the community. Due to vehicles exceeding posted speed limits, MAC has studied and proposes installing speed humps on eligible streets as recommended below. The goal is to reduce the speed to 25 mph due to safety concerns for pedestrians walking on the streets given the lack of sidewalks which is exasperated by long-term parked vehicles, RVs and boats and vehicles maneuvering around them on the streets.

WHEREAS, in December 2020, two test speed humps were installed on Rain Shadow Road at the request of the former First District Supervisor. The type installed were too high as vehicles had to slow to an almost complete stop to pass over them.

WHEREAS, September 21, 2021, MAC passed resolution SVL-MAC 2021-002 in part, requesting the San Bernardino County continue exploring installing speed humps in the community. San Bernardino County Public Works (SBCPW) removed the two original test speed humps on Rain Shadow Ridge and these were replaced early in 2022 with an asphalt type that allowed vehicles to pass over at 25 mph or less. Two additional asphalt speed humps were installed on Rolling Ridge Drive, near the Spring Valley Lake Community Building and Meadowlark Park, where children frequent.

WHEREAS, MAC has met a number of times with SBCPW on the process of moving this project forward. An informal Facebook survey conducted by a Spring Valley Lake Citizens Group was overwhelmingly in favor of exploring the issue. Additionally, feedback from community leaders including the Spring Valley Lake Association General Manager and Board President have been positive for installing speed humps. Spring Valley Lake Association Public Safety has noted the recently installed speed humps near the park have been beneficial in slowing traffic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, MAC does hereby recommend the following plan:

1. OPTION 1: Install speed humps on streets designated 25 mph, approximately 500 feet apart as recommended by SBCPW unless restricted.
2. OPTION 2: Install 50% of the speed humps in Option 1. The reduction would be accomplished by excluding streets less traveled and/or spacing speed humps at a length greater than 500 feet.
3. Present the options to the community via:
 - a. Public outreach and marketing to the community via newspaper, Spring Valley Lake Association newsletter, and other recommendations from San Bernardino County to educate and gather public comment.
 - b. Meetings conducted by MAC in conjunction with the First District Supervisor and SBCPW to educate the SVL Community on the plan to construct speed humps prior to a vote.
 - c. A vote to determine if the community, as a whole, formally supports the construction of speed humps.
4. Per guidance from SBCPW, exclusions would be all streets with speed limits of 35 mph or more, streets restricted by San Bernardino County Fire, cul-de-sacs and streets with drainage issues.
5. If formal community support is secured, MAC recommends the speed hump project be approved and implemented with the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget or sooner.

APPROVED AND PASSED ON THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2022 PER A VOTE OF 4 AYES AND 0... NAYS.

Bill Walters, SVL-MAC Chairperson

Spring Valley Lake MAC
Addendum to Resolution 2022-06-16
June 16, 2022

Project: Due to excessive speed throughout the community we propose installing speed humps on all eligible streets. The goal is to reduce speed to 20 -25 mph.

Background and work to date:

1. December 2020 Two Speed humps were installed on Rain Shadow at the request of the former First District Supervisor's office. The type installed was too severe as vehicles had to come to almost a complete stop to pass over them.
2. September 21, 2021 the MAC passed resolution SVL-MAC 2021-002 and in part it requests that the county continue exploring installing speed humps in our community.
3. Working with the county Public Works Department the original test speed humps were replaced early in 2022 with a type that allowed vehicles to pass over at 20 - 25 mph. Two additional units were installed on Rolling Ridge at this time. The community as a whole seems to be much more receptive to this style of speed humps.
4. We have met a number of times with county public works on how to move ahead.

Community interest: An unscientific Facebook poll on speed humps was conducted on the Spring Valley Lake Citizens Group page and the response was overwhelmingly in favor of exploring the issue. Feedback from community leaders including the SVLA General Manager and Board President indicate a high level of interest in exploring speed humps.

Implementation: We suggest two options be presented to the community for a vote:

1. Option 1: All streets with 25 Mph speed limits less streets excluded by county works (see exclusions below). Speed humps would be spaced at 500' apart.
2. Option 2: Approximately 50% of the speed humps in option 1. The reduction would be accomplished by excluding less traveled streets and possibly moving speed humps to a distance of 1000' apart.

Exclusions: Through guidance from County Public Works the project would exclude: All streets with speed limits of 35 mph, streets restricted by county fire TBD, cul-de-sacs and possibly some streets due to drainage issues. The Equestrian side would be excluded as it is under the Town of Apple Valley's jurisdiction.

County Approvals and Guidance: Submit our plan to the supervisor's office for approval. The goal would be to have the plan implemented in the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year or sooner.

Additional testing: We recommend a larger speed hump sample implementation prior to gathering community input. The recommendation is to install speed humps the entire length of Rolling Ridge at 500' apart. Also, on Rain Shadow from Sunburst to Sage Hen and Sage Hen from Rain Shadow to its end.

Presenting to the Community: This would be accomplished through the following: Email blitz by SVLA, information on all community Facebook pages. One or two information meetings conducted by the MAC with support from the First District Supervisor's Office and Public Works. Finally open it up to a thirty-day time period for comments. The goal of all would be to express the pros and cons of both options while stressing the importance of voting. Any marketing cost would be paid by the county supervisors office.

Voting: Where it is up to the county to decide who votes we believe the vote should be one vote for the entire community. This includes voters who live on streets that are excluded from speed hump installation. The Equestrian Area would be excluded.

Approval: The goal would be to have the vote finalized in 2022 so that it can be approved as part of San Bernardino County's 2022-2023 budget.

Service and future cost: The County will need to estimate future maintenance and repair costs. Plus, time line for the same. Repair.