

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**



**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
SPEED HUMPS IN BOSTON.**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has implemented speed humps as part of a broader effort to reduce speeding and increase pedestrian safety in residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS,** The installation of speed humps is intended to address concerns about traffic violations, accidents, and pedestrian safety in various neighborhoods across the city; and

**WHEREAS,** Many residents have expressed support for the continued installation of speed humps, citing improvements in traffic safety, while others have raised concerns about issues such as noise, emergency vehicle access, and the potential removal of speed humps; and

**WHEREAS,** It is important to evaluate the effectiveness of these traffic calming measures, including whether they have led to reductions in traffic speeds, traffic accidents, and incidents involving pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS,** Data from the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Police Department is essential to assess the impact of speed humps on traffic patterns and public safety; and

**WHEREAS,** Some neighborhoods have requested the removal of speed humps, and it is crucial to understand the reasons behind these requests and how they may impact future decisions on speed hump installations; and

**WHEREAS,** A comprehensive review of the effectiveness of speed humps will help ensure that future traffic calming measures are aligned with the needs and concerns of Boston residents; now be it

**ORDERED,** That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to:

- Assess the Impact on Traffic Speed and Violations: Review data from the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Police Department to evaluate the effectiveness of speed humps in reducing speeding violations and traffic speeds in neighborhoods where they have been installed.
- Examine Traffic Accidents and Pedestrian Safety: Analyze the impact of speed humps on traffic accidents, including incidents involving pedestrians, in neighborhoods before and after installation.

- Review Public Feedback on Speed Humps: Discuss the concerns raised by residents regarding speed humps, including issues related to noise, accessibility, and emergency vehicle access, and the reasoning behind requests for their removal.
- Evaluate Emergency Response Considerations: Examine whether speed humps have impacted emergency vehicle response times and whether adjustments need to be made to accommodate first responders.
- Explore Future Plans for Speed Hump Installations: Review the Boston Transportation Department's plans for future speed hump installations, modifications, or removals, and the criteria used in determining where speed humps will be placed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED,** That representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, and other relevant city agencies be invited to provide testimony at this hearing to ensure a thorough examination of the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.

Filed on the 5th day of February, 2025.