

## Speed Tables

A speed table is a raised area of a roadway, which causes the vertical upward movement of travelling vehicles. Speed tables encourage slower speeds of travel by causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds. Speed tables are like speed humps, with a flat-topped elongated section that can be installed on Transit routes and is easier for emergency vehicles to traverse. There is no negative effect on cyclists riding at moderate speeds, and there is no effect on resident access or on-street parking.

Speed tables are constructed with gradual tapers and are installed across the width of the roadway, leaving space for drainage where necessary. For comparison speed tables are 7 m long, while speed humps are 4 m long. Site conditions must be carefully reviewed when selecting locations for speed humps. They cannot be safely placed on hills, should avoid intersections and driveways, cannot cover hardware in the street and need to be visible around curves. Spacing of measures should be consistent along the corridor where possible.

Initially introduced to HRM in 2020, speed tables are now the primary method for traffic calming on corridors.

