

### **Speed Tables...(trapezoidal humps, speed platforms)**

Speed tables are flat-topped speed humps often constructed with brick or other textured materials on the flat section. Speed tables are typically long enough for the entire wheelbase of a passenger car to rest on the flat section. Their long flat fields give speed tables higher design speeds than [Speed Humps](#). The brick or other textured materials improve the appearance of speed tables, draw attention to them, and may enhance safety and speed-reduction.

Speed tables are good for locations where low speeds are desired but a somewhat smooth ride is needed for larger vehicles.

#### **Advantages:**

- They are smoother on large vehicles (such as fire trucks) than [Speed Humps](#)
- They are effective in reducing speeds, though not to the extent of [Speed Humps](#)

#### **Disadvantages:**

- They have questionable aesthetics, if no textured materials are used;
- Textured materials, if used, can be expensive; and
- They may increase noise and air pollution.

#### **Effectiveness:**

- For a 22-foot speed table:
  - Average of 18% decrease in the 85th percentile travel speeds, or from an average of 36.7 to 30.1 miles per hour; (from a sample of 58 sites).
  - Average of 45% decrease in accidents, or from an average of 6.7 to 3.7 accidents per year (from a sample of 8 sites).

#### **Similar Measures:**

- By removing the flat section in the middle, you have a [Speed Hump](#)
- By placing a crosswalk on the flat section, you have a [Raised Crosswalk](#)
- By raising the level of an entire intersection, you have a [Raised Intersection](#)

#### **Cost Estimate(s):**

- \$2,000-\$2,500 (Portland, OR)
- \$2,000 (Sarasota, FL)
- \$2,000 (Seattle, WA)



**Bellevue, WA** - This speed table is entirely asphalt with parabolic ramps.



**Naples, FL** - This concrete speed table is combined with textured pavement to enhance its visibility and speed-reducing effect.



**Portland, OR** - This asphalt speed table uses leading horizontal stripe markings.

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**Charlotte, NC** - This speed table uses stamped, colored concrete..

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