

[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject: Calming traffic in the City of Trinidad****From: Michelle Mchenry <alohamurmaid@yahoo.com>****Date: Sun, Sep 10, 2023 12:52 pm****To: Trinidad City Clerk <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov>****Attach: IMG_1200.jpeg****IMG_1199.jpeg****IMG_1198.jpeg****IMG_1196.jpeg****IMG_1194.jpeg**

As a resident owner of two properties: 407 Ocean Ave and 824 Edwards St in Trinidad, Ca., listed are concerns for the safety of all pedestrians, young and old, residents, tourists and commercial service providers. Attached are photos of the current MPH signage.

-upon entering Main St, adjacent to the gas station is signage denoting 20MPH, partially obscured by a tree branch, Not readily visually accessible. Further down the block is signage denoting 15MPH, fully visible. These speed limits are not enforceable due to lack of personnel by qualified personnel. Left turn onto View and Ocean Streets is signage for 15MPH. View St signage is impeded by continuous parked vehicles on the street belonging to the trailer park residents. Speed limits are not enforceable due to lack of personnel. The 15MPH signage and clearly marked flashing lights crosswalk by Trinidad School are effective. However, after dropping off children during school hours, traffic SPEEDS around West St and proceeds North on Ocean Ave as an easy exit. There is no signage in this direction nor would it be enforceable due to lack of authorized personnel. Before 2017, my property at 407 Ocean Ave abutted the roadway 3 feet into the road causing an automatic calming of traffic on Ocean Ave in both directions. The City of Trinidad requested a removal of this abutment which automatically removed a pre-existing impediment to careless driving.

-View St, Ocean Ave, Trinity St, and Hector Streets all channel traffic unto Edwards St. Edwards Street is a recipient of bus transit services, commercial traffic, water sports activity traffic, fishing traffic, Marine Lab traffic, refuse truck pickup, construction workers, beach goers, Trinidad Head hikers, tourists, residents, employees of said businesses, etc. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. One sign located near the intersection of Hector St denotes 20 MPH, signage partially blocked by vegetation. No signage on the uphill portion of Edwards. Nonenforcable due to lack of personnel. Pedstrians, strollers, bicycle riders and dog walkers have to dodge traffic on the roadside as there is no defined path. Cars parked on the incline, North side of Edwards, block visual ability of drivers to see roadside use. Construction trucks, gardening service vehicles, residential vehicles, Marine Lab attendees, motor home vehicles all block visual access

-Downhill gravity on Edwards rapidly affects speed of vehicles. Many drivers are looking at the view of Trinidad State Beach and offshore rocks, not the roadway. Efforts by pedestrians/property owners to wave and alert drivers to excessive speed are met with aggression and verbal threats by many drivers. Again, speed limit nonenforcable due to lack of personnel. Year round, all day, by locals, and non-locals.

-In conclusion, what are the remedies:

- 1)speed bumps(taking into consideration level of various chassi's to the height of the speed bump
- 2)increased visable signage(non-enforable
- 3)noise and vibration of vehicles hitting speed bumps(slowing down would eliminate that)
- 4)median enhancement to narrow roadways
- 5)intersection delineation with flashing lights/increased street markings
- 6)sidewalks to delineate roadway
- 7)personnel on a full time basis to enforce traffic speeds
- 8)a major casualty and lawsuit as known dangers exist and are not abated

Thank you for your time. Michelle McHenry

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject: Re: FYI - Speed Hump Proposal for View & Ocean Ave****From: Alyse Nichols <anichols@trinidadusd.net>****Date: Mon, Sep 11, 2023 9:52 am****To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov****Cc: "dcather@trinidadusd.net" <dcather@trinidadusd.net>**

Hi Gabe,

Thank you for letting us know about this. I can definitely send something out to our families regarding drop off and pick up procedures again. However, I want to make sure the community is aware that cars speed down Main Street and Trinity Street all day long. We frequently see them zooming past our office during the day and during the summer when school is not in session.

We are definitely in favor of speed humps in front of the school!

Please let us know how we can help.

Alyse



On Fri, Sep 8, 2023 at 4:55 PM <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov> wrote:

Hey Des and Alyse,

Just wanted to keep you in the loop with regards to this ongoing traffic calming discussion happening at recent Council meetings. Attached is the packet material for the upcoming meeting Tuesday night.

I'm sharing it with you since some of the discussion pointed to calming being needed during peak traffic time, mainly, during school pick-up and drop-off times. There was even a suggestion to solve the problem without expensive speed humps by communicating with the School to try educating the parents about the "preferred" or "desired" route.

In a nutshell, one resident from View (Hakenen), another from Ocean (Karin Reese), and one from Underwood (Tuttle) think speed humps will solve the problem... a problem that seems to be targeted mainly to peak times of the day. What complicates things is that now that the word is out that a temporary measure is being considered, everyone else wants them. The Council has to determine what the best course of action is, since it can't make everything a priority... AND they are very expensive.

I don't anticipate action being taken Tuesday, but it's always good to keep you in the loop when the School's name is being dropped. If you have anything to add to the discussion or think a message from the City, shared with your parents, through your communication channels would be helpful, feel

free to email and I'll share with the Council.

The conversation will likely continue to October, hopefully, before the Council spends \$12-20k on test bumps.

Happy Friday.

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject: Speed Bumps****From: Barbara Snell <barbjoy84@gmail.com>****Date: Mon, Sep 11, 2023 10:28 am****To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov**

Yes, Speed Bumps are a way to slow traffic and I'm in favor of them, however, Main Street, Trinity and Edwards should be considered, Especially Main., I am a 40 plus years resident, living on Main Street and can attest to the many "sprinters" with defenning sounds speeding towards Trinity, and the school.

I would like the City of Trinidad to first address the entry into town with its many intersections that are a hazard.

If a " Round About" was developed and constructed it would slow traffic, be safer and less confusing and could be made into a very pretty entry into our town.

A lovely and friendly sign could be installed welcoming all who come to Trinidad.

This is , I consider, vital and should be addressed first before speed bumps down resident streets.

thank you

Sincerely
Barbara Snell
430 Main

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To: Trinidad City Council

Re: Speed on streets issue

Date: 9/11/2023

I am very opposed to spending the money for temporary speed bumps at this point. It is way too much money for a city of this size. We need to understand more about what the problem is and why it occurs before we can determine the solution.

I've read some conflicting comments where people say that it is mainly RVs on Ocean, people who don't live in town, the same people over and over, and school drop off traffic. I'm wondering if the people living on the streets involved would be willing to take notes the next few weeks about their observations: time of day, what type of vehicle, what direction are they going in, do they recognize the vehicle, etc.? I'd like to know if the problem is a few locals who routinely drive too fast, if it is tourists, if it is school drop offs, if it happens more in the summer or all year, etc. If someone would be willing to do a little study around school drop off and pick up times, that would be helpful.

Once we understand more about the problem, we can figure out the solution. As one example, if it's school traffic, doing a campaign with the school to educate parents and putting up a temporary large flashing sign for a week could be effective. If its visitors, a flashing sign when they enter the town, and possibly a radar sign might work. A solar flashing 15MPH sign costs \$900 (<https://www.trafficthingz.com/15mph-speed-limit-sign.html>). I understand that some people don't want more signs; I am not promoting signs, just using them as a simple example of how we should tailor the solution to the problem.

I am not opposed to the concept of speed humps or of any other solution, but I feel the cost of the humps is something the city cannot afford. I did a quick search to see if there are any grants we could get to cover the cost; the first results were negative, but if requested, I am willing to do a more intensive search to see if there are any sources to cover the cost.

Marilyn Sterling

381 Ocean Avenue

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Subject: Speed Hums

From: Gregory Chappel <oakhurstlaw@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 11, 2023 12:44 pm

To: Trinidad City Clerk <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov>

I own 567 East Street. I am in favor of the proposal.

Gregory Chappel
559-642-8735.

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Subject: Speed Bump Public Comment to be included at City Council meeting tomorrow!

From: Heather Lovig <heatherlovig@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 11, 2023 6:14 pm

To: "To: Trinidad City Clerk" <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov>

Dear City Council!

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Heather Lovig. My husband Jack Tuttle and I own 2 residences on Underwood Dr. Living full time at our 811 residence. We have only lived in the town of Trinidad for 3 years, but since our residency have noticed on a daily basis ppl driving significantly faster than the posted speed limit down our street. There is a blind turn that is particularly concerning in front of 780 Underwood Dr. (Louis and Dick's home) where a considerable amount of drivers do not slow down on this bend and yet if a person or child is walking on that side of the street, could easily be hit by a car.

We have 5 families that live on our street with younger kids, 8 kids that span an age from 1 yr to 6 years old. As you can imagine there is a lot of street play, eg. Kids learning how to ride their bikes, pulling wagons, driving toy cars, etc. and there have been several times I have watched drivers see my daughter and other neighborhood kids on the side of the street, and still speed past at an alarming rate.

Therefore I am urging the council to please put 2 speed bumps on Underwood Dr. One at the beginning of our street and one right before 780 Underwood Dr on the blind turn. That way if a driver decides to speed up again after the first speed bump, they will have to slow down for the second one at the blind turn, which will keep my family and the other families with little kids that live further down our street safe as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration; I appreciate all of you keeping our community and specifically our streets safer for all of us and our families to enjoy!

Warmly,
Heather Lovig
707-407-9644

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** speed bumps**From:** Maria C Bartlett <maria.bartlett@humboldt.edu>**Date:** Tue, Sep 12, 2023 9:59 am**To:** Trinidad City Clerk <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov>, Michelle Mchenry <alohamurmaid@yahoo.com>

Hi Gabe,

I cannot make the meeting tonight, I have 7 relatives coming in for over a week from 3 states. We should have gotten speed bumps on Edwards St. a few years ago when, as I understand it, the idea was quashed. The reasons are numerous:

- 1) there's a blind corner at Ocean
- 2) the 20mph speed limit is not observed
- 3) people accelerate as they go downhill
- 4) countless times I have had near misses trying to turn left from my driveway
- 5) we now have a toddler living at the corner, as well as dogs
- 6) due to all the vrbos (one in which my fam is staying! ha) there are not as many resident voices, I hope my voice on this matter is LOUD & CLEAR

Thanks for all you do!!!

Maria Bartlett

828 Edwards St.

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** Underwood dr speed bumps**From:** Sherry Vanderpool <sherryvanderpool@yahoo.com>**Date:** Tue, Sep 12, 2023 12:18 pm**To:** Trinidad City Clerk <cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov>

We live on Underwood dr that is a dead end street. Most of the cars that travel on our street are our neighbors. That being said I feel that we “neighbors” can all get together and slow down if necessary. without the need of Speed bumps, or the signage that accompanies them. Thank you, the Vanderpools 707 Underwood dr.

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** RE: comments on traffic calming measures**From:** cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov**Date:** Tue, Sep 12, 2023 12:37 pm**To:** "Inder Coppola" <indercoppola@gmail.com>

"citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov" <citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov>, "Jack Tuttle" <jtuttle@trinidad.ca.gov>,

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Cc: "kbreckenridge@trinidad.ca.gov" <kbreckenridge@trinidad.ca.gov>, "jwest@trinidad.ca.gov" <jwest@trinidad.ca.gov>, "Josh Wolf" <Josh.Wolf@ghd.com>, "asouza@trinidad.ca.gov" <asouza@trinidad.ca.gov>**Attach:** Consent 4 - LSRP.pdf

Hi Rebecca,

If it didn't arise in response to the current traffic calming discussion taking place, the timing was amazing and I apologize for making that connection in error. Your comments have been included in the meeting packet documents for consideration, and I'm also cc'ing Council for reference.

Public safety is one of the City's top priorities, and a municipalities core functions. Trinidad has been very successful at leveraging grant programs for major improvement projects that address street and road safety, in addition to all the environmental projects that improve the quality of life for all. Millions of dollars have been invested in Trinidad road safety enhancements in the last 10-15 years, not including the improvements CalTrans invested in enhancing the safety of the highway underpass. That is State property within the City limits of Trinidad. The City has very little, if any, control of that interchange.

Crosswalks, sidewalk improvements, bulb-outs, removal of roadway encroachments, striping, etc. have all been done in response to public concerns and providing school children safe routes to school from Westhaven and Frontage Road. More crosswalks will be installed next year, along with pavement resurfacing and roadway markings.

Successful grant awards most often come with strings attached in the form of policies or plans that are developed by gathering data to demonstrate either a need for the funding, or show that priorities have been established. In January 2022 the City Council adopted a Local Roadway Safety Plan that was funded by Caltrans, required as a prerequisite to receive future funding for projects that increase safety on Trinidad roadways.

Appendix A documented 45 public comments captured during several public meetings held to receive input on local road safety in June and July 2021, indexed in the 61 page report.

Community priorities shift as people come and go. Local governments pivot as quickly as possible when a refocus is necessary, but the laws that control public spending and oversight don't always favor moving targets. A balance is clearly needed between cultural changes with how people drive (and why they drive the way they do) and the reaction from local leaders to protect public interest and safety. As you can see from the attached plan, the City has given this topic serious attention.

I think everyone will agree with your assessment that a good first step will be to look at the speed limit signs posted throughout town and make sure they're consistent with the laws of the roadway, and clearly visible. The task before the Council now is to determine where and what to focus on, and luckily they have plans such as the LSRP and current public input to guide them.

Gabriel Adams

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: comments on traffic calming measures
From: Inder Coppola <indercoppola@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, September 12, 2023 11:29 am
To: cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov

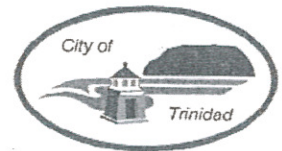
The letter that was sent from the Berry Road and Himalaya neighbors, did not arise in response to the other discussion of traffic calming measures in town. It arose from us witnessing and having frightening experiences with speeders and oblivious drivers while walking from our homes around town. Our letter asks for a variety of measures to be considered—first and foremost being a better posting of speed limit signs and available crosswalks. If requests for traffic calming measures are coming from many separate directions, it points to the fact that we have a real need to address speeding in our town and protect our community, especially our vulnerable children. If we have limited resources for traffic calming measures in our town, we need to find ways to raise revenue for creating safety.

I am attaching a PDF of the letter from the Berry Rd neighbors as it was hand-delivered to the City Hall previously.

Thank you,
Rebecca "Inder" Broughton

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Citizen Complaint Form

Date: 9/12/23

Time: 1200

Subject of Complaint: The corner of Wagner St and Ocean ave traffic

Details of Complaint: Throughout the year people are parking on both sides of the street on ocean avenue near the intersections with wagner st and Edwards st. causing a blind turn. Traffic from Edwards comes fast around a congested one lane curved. Two possible solutions would be 1) mark that corner red for "no parking" or 2) stop signs on Ocean or Edwards

*** Optional Information ***

Name: Chris + Lauren Hindenckx

Telephone: 707-677-5212

Address: 334 Wagner St

Email:

Signature: Chris Hindenckx

Reply Requested :

Yes

No ☒

Note: Information contained in this form may be subject to review through the Public Records Act

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