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Thank you for your interest in traffic calming information. The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) shares your concern and appreciates your desire to maintain a safe neighborhood and sustain the quality of life we enjoy in Ada County.

Enclosed please find a copy of ACHD's traffic calming policy, information on our radar speed trailer, a Speed Hump brochure, and pamphlets explaining the Operation Speed Watch and Neighborhood Pace Car Programs. Operation Speed Watch is a public awareness program in the city of Boise which encourages concerned citizens to take an active roll in helping to solve the problem of speeding in their neighborhood. The Pace Car Program is a community-oriented effort available to all citizens.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 387-6140.

ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

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Traffic calming is the use of roadway features and traffic controls to reduce speeding or decrease the volume of cut-through traffic on residential streets. The Ada County Highway District's (ACHD) traffic calming policy specifies that:

- 1) ACHD will identify and correct safety deficiencies prior to considering traffic calming measures.
- 2) ACHD will evaluate streets on which (75%) of the street residents have submitted a petition requesting traffic calming and which meets the general eligibility criteria.
- 3) The traffic calming evaluation will consist of a comparison of the average speed, peak hour traffic volume, and volume/percent of cut-through traffic against thresholds based on the conditions and function of the street and emergency response impacts.
- 4) ACHD will consider funding the least costly, but appropriate, traffic calming measure(s) for eligible streets satisfying the cut-through traffic threshold.
- 5) ACHD will consider providing full engineering/administrative support and complementary traffic controls for eligible streets not satisfying the cut-through traffic warrant but having some cut-through traffic if residents will pay the cost of the measures themselves. *
- 6) ACHD will consider accelerating the installation of traffic calming measures for streets described above under Step 4 above if residents pay for the cost of the traffic calming measures recognizing that there will be no reimbursement. *
- 7) ACHD will cooperate with residents of streets satisfying traffic calming thresholds for speed or traffic volume but not experiencing cut-through traffic in order to facilitate installation, but residents would be required to pay the costs of studies, design, public information, contract administration and traffic control devices. *
- 8) ACHD will not allow installation of traffic calming measures on existing streets determined not acceptable for traffic calming based on not satisfying thresholds, emergency vehicular response, arterial status, etc. These streets would only be eligible for the Speed Watch Program, and ACHD support in getting special attention from the appropriate police agency.

- 9) ACHD will require traffic calming measures in conjunction with new development where the criteria specified in the "Development Funded Traffic Calming Measures" are satisfied.
- 10) Where a traffic calming measure would directly result in traffic diversion (closure or diverters) to other residential streets, ACHD policy would require neighborhood support as shown by a 75% approval rating from the residents of the street being treated, and a 50% favorable rating from the entire potentially impacted neighborhood. Where speed humps or other traffic calming measures are used the entire neighborhood would not normally need to be involved except that other potential diversion routes receiving road humps, closures or diverters would also need a 50% approval rating.
- 11) ACHD may cooperate in test installations of the more restrictive traffic calming measures, where appropriate, in order to better evaluate impacts and neighborhood support.

* Evidence of adequate funding would be required before any extensive ACHD staff effort would be expended under Steps 5, 6 and 7.

Ada County Highway Department Traffic Services Department

Radar Speed Display Trailer

Ada County Highway District's (ACHD) Traffic Services Department has a radar speed display trailer to be used in neighborhoods to aid in reducing speeding problems. Basically, the unit is a small utility trailer equipped with a radar unit, a large digital display panel, a set of speed limit signs, and a solar panel. Radar trailers have proven effective in reducing speeds on local streets by reminding drivers to observe the posted speed limit and check their own speed.

The trailer is available for use by traffic enforcement agencies, neighborhood associations or groups for use on public streets in Ada County. ACHD will provide for the transportation and setup of the unit. The trailer operates Monday through Thursday during the daylight hours.

To have the trailer scheduled for your neighborhood, please send a letter to:

Ada County Highway District
Traffic Services Department
318 E. 37th Street
Boise, ID 83714

The letter must be on the neighborhood association letterhead or have signatures of five residents of the street. It should indicate the street or streets where the trailer is desired and the approximate area the trailer should be set up. The trailer is normally scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis unless ACHD determines there is an urgent need at a particular location.

Please call ACHD's Traffic Services Department at 387-6149 for more information.

