

REMOVE DANGEROUS SPEED BUMPS

A proposal to ask the city to quit slowing emergency services with speed bumps

WHEREAS, The Portland City Auditor found that speed bumps DELAY emergency vehicles:
“Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has constructed speed bumps and other traffic calming devices throughout the city which also slow emergency response vehicles.”

See:

PDF Page 26 of <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditservices/article/307535>



WHEREAS, The Portland Fire Department found that speed bumps delay fire trucks by 9-10 seconds per bump; a series of bumps can reach two minutes. The city prevented them from disclosing that.
See:

A book of speed bump locations carried by fire trucks:

http://www.debunkingportland.com/wpimages/wp8103544_06.png

A Portland fire dept. Speed Bump Test found delays from 9-10 seconds per bump:

<https://vimeo.com/912098301>

Portland fireman mentioned delays of 1-2 min for a series of bumps and said they have “only recently been allowed to release this information”

<https://vimeo.com/912098696>

More at: <http://www.debunkingportland.com/Calming.html>



WHEREAS, Scholarly studies show that speed bumps kill more people by delaying emergency vehicles than they save by slowing traffic. One study shows a 37:1 ratio of deaths due to slowed response times compared to lives saved by slowing traffic.

See:

Table 7 of <http://www.debunkingportland.com/speedbumps/Bunte2000ok.pdf>

Video by paper's author:

<https://vimeo.com/570576183>



WHEREAS, A London Ambulance Service EMT testified that speed bumps physically hurt patients when going fast over speed bumps or hurt them by the delay from slowing down. Such delays can be up to 10 min for unstable patients with serious injuries. There is a 25:1 ratio between ALL deaths and road deaths, so even a small ambulance delay can kill more people than are saved by slowing traffic.

See:

London Ambulance paramedic:

<https://vimeo.com/912098079>

Chair of London Ambulance Service:

<https://vimeo.com/912097303>



WHEREAS, Speed bumps interfere with daily driving of law abiding motorists

See:

<http://www.debunkingportland.com/Calming.html>

<http://ti.org/calmingrisk.com/>



WHEREAS, Speed bumps are typically put on streets that have little to no traffic deaths.

WHEREAS, Delays of even 30 seconds reduces cardiac arrest survival rate significantly

WHEREAS, Delays of even 30 seconds let fires get bigger and more deadly.

THEREFORE, the **requests that the City OF**
speed bumps from our neighborhood and not install any new ones.

remove all

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