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## SLOW DOWN TO SPEED UP

The City of Fort Lauderdale is home to more than 182,000 residents and a popular tourist destination of more than 10 million visitors annually. This combination creates the need to control the flow of traffic, which ranked as one of the most pressing issues in the City of Fort Lauderdale 2021 Neighbor Survey. Successful measures would likely lead to fewer motor vehicle and pedestrian crashes.

The City Commission is committed to reducing traffic crashes and relieving congestion on roadways. To achieve results, the City continues to implement traffic calming strategies, such as speed cushions and speed radar signs, that promote attentive and responsible driving that are meant to lower vehicle speeds. These measures create the visual impression that local streets are not intended for high-speed or cut-through traffic.



The use of speed cushions is a low-cost and high-return solution to this challenge. Simply put, these cushions are a physical hump on the roadway installed near pedestrian crossings to reduce vehicle speeds and improve the safety of pedestrians at the crossing.

The City has planned speed cushion installations, commonly called speed bumps, nearing completion in the following areas:

Melrose Park: six cushions
Lake Ridge: five cushions
Melrose Manors: four cushions
River Oaks: four cushions

The Landings: three cushionsVictoria Park: two cushions





Did you know? Speed cushions slow cars to between 15 and 20 mph, according to Traffic Logix.



Additionally, 20 sets of speed cushions were installed in various location throughout the Coral Ridge Country Club Estates neighborhood. Another five sets were installed in Poinciana Park, three of which were placed on SE 21st Street and two on SE 20th street.



## Speed radar signs educate motorists

The City also uses speed radar signs as another safety strategy to help make motorists aware of the speed they are traveling and the maximum speed limit in the area.

Speed radar signs have been posted in the following areas: two signs each in Coral Ridge Isles and Dorsey Riverbend, and one sign in Hendricks Isles. Planned speed radar sign installations are also nearing completion in Rio Vista (two signs), Poinsettia Heights (two signs), and Sunrise Intercoastal (one sign).

To learn more about the City of Fort Lauderdale's traffic calming strategies visit <a href="mailto:ftlcity.info/3Caz3D3">ftlcity.info/3Caz3D3</a>, call 954-828-3722, or email <a href="mailto:transportation@fortlauderdale.gov">transportation@fortlauderdale.gov</a>.