

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 9/11/2025

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, Blegay, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on September 11, 2025, to discuss CB-19-2025, which codifies the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), as administered by the County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT). This legislation amends Subtitle 26 (Vehicles & Traffic), Division 2 (Traffic Control Devices) by adding new Section 26-108.02 entitled "Speed Humps." This new section:

Codifies DPWT's existing NTMP, which provides a process for addressing undesirable traffic conditions. CB 19's provisions indicate that:

- DPWT is required to initiate a traffic study within 6 months of a request for speed humps by a Council Member and HOA (if applicable)
- Speed humps may only be installed at locations approved by the Council
- CB 19 also amends Division 4 (Speed Regulations) by:
- Requiring the DPWT Director to respond (in writing) to a Council Member's request for a Speed Monitoring System (or Residential District Speed Monitoring System) within 6 months, regarding the final decision on installation and an estimated time for installation

During the discussion, concerns were raised regarding:

- The need for inclusion of the County Police Department, which has the authority for locating speed monitoring systems
- Council approval of speed humps locations by resolution could lead to delays
- The need to update DPWT's manual for requesting traffic calming devices
- The need for a comprehensive overhaul of the NTMP, allowing the utilization of various traffic calming devices

DPWT offered to provide an updated list of priority collector roads, an updated point system for evaluating the need for traffic calming, and a periodic report to TIEE on traffic safety issues. The Committee directed staff to prepare amendments to address concerns for Council consideration prior to introduction (SEE NOTE BELOW REGARDING PROPOSED STAFF AMENDMENTS).

After the discussion, the Committee voted Favorably on CB-019-2025 by a vote of 3-0.

NOTE: As requested by the committee, staff has prepared amendments that:

- Substitute the term “Traffic Calming Devices” for all references to “Speed Humps,” allowing flexibility in utilization of traffic/pedestrian safety measures.
- Requires the DPWT Director to consult with the County Police Department (PGPD) in the determination of where traffic calming devices will be installed
- Allows a Council Member to request a traffic study, or to request on behalf of a Homeowners Association
- Requires an engineering study prior to approval of installation of a traffic calming device
- Requires a majority of the members attending an official, duly constituted, meeting of the HOA, Civic Association, or those property owners on an affected street in the absence of a HOA or Civic Association to vote in favor of the installation
- Requires a letter of location approval from the associated Council Member who represents the location, prior to the scheduling of installation.
- Requires DPWT to issue a quarterly report to the Council of all requests for traffic calming devices and the disposition of the request, organized by councilmanic district and calendar year.

These amendments are included in a proposed Draft 2 for the Council’s consideration prior to introduction.