

## **Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Wye Valley Road**

**Date:** February 3, 2025

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 21, Scarborough Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending the installation of speed humps on Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive. Staff's assessment indicates that the criteria as set out in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on Wye Valley Road.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive.
2. Scarborough Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of nine speed humps on Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive, generally as shown on Attachments 2 and 3, Drawings TC-437 and TC-438, dated December 2024, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Wye Valley Road" from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost for installing nine speed humps on Wye Valley Road is \$36,000.00. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2025 Interim Capital Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing speed humps on Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Wye Valley Road.

### **Existing Conditions**

Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,800 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of this street
- There are all-way Stop sign controlled intersections located at Glaive Drive and at Brigstock Road
- North-south movements at Ellesmere Road between Wye Valley Road and Dundalk Drive are prohibited at all times (bicycles excepted)

The land use in the area consists of detached residential single-family dwellings and a playground near the Wye Valley Road and Glaive Drive intersection. This subject section of Wye Valley Road is not within a designated Community Safety Zone.

A map of the area and proposed locations of the speed humps are included in Attachments 2 and 3.

### **Study Results**

As part of the assessment of the warrant criteria, a three-day speed and volume study was conducted on Wye Valley Road from August 27 to 29, 2024.

The study results on Wye Valley Road disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume is approximately 1,800 vehicles
- The block length from Ellesmere Road to Glaive Drive is 305 metres, from Glaive Drive to Brigstock Road is 210 metres, and from Brigstock Road to Shropshire Drive is 250 metres

- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 45 km/h
- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 50 km/h

Based on the study results, Wye Valley Road has satisfied the warrant criteria for both minimum block length and minimum vehicle speed. The block lengths were greater than 120 metres and the operating speed is 15 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h and the 95th percentile speed is 20 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h.

The overall investigation concluded that the eligibility and warrant criteria outlined in the updated Traffic Calming Policy have been satisfied. Therefore, staff recommend the installation of speed humps on Wye Valley Road.

### **Relative Priority and Other Impacts**

In the event that the number of approved requests for roadway traffic calming measures exceeds the budget allocated for installation, funding for approved installations will be prioritized using a Prioritization Score. This score is made up of a Quantitative Score and a Qualitative Score.

The Quantitative Score is based on the results of the data collection, including travel speeds and traffic volumes to prioritize locations with higher vehicle speeds and volumes.

The Qualitative Score includes:

- Collision history to prioritize locations with a history of serious injury or fatal collisions and those involving a pedestrian or cyclist
- Equity to prioritize equity-deserving communities with a high-concentration of priority populations and those that are transportation disadvantaged
- Expected presence of vulnerable road users (elderly population, school children and pedestrians, including transit riders) to prioritize locations with a higher risk of fatal and serious injury collisions

The Quantitative and Qualitative Scores are averaged to provide the complete Prioritization Score. Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive, scored 63 ranking points out of a possible 100.

No alterations to parking regulations will be required, nor will the number of parking spaces be affected by the installation of speed humps. Installation of speed humps will have minimal effect on winter services, street cleaning and garbage collection.

Consultation with emergency services (Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Paramedic Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Emergency services were advised of this proposal.

Toronto Paramedic Services responded and advised of potential delays in emergency responses but expressed support for initiatives that enhance community safety. A copy of their full response is included in Attachment 4. Toronto Police Service and Toronto Fire Services have not provided comments back at the time of writing this report. Installing speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency service vehicles.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

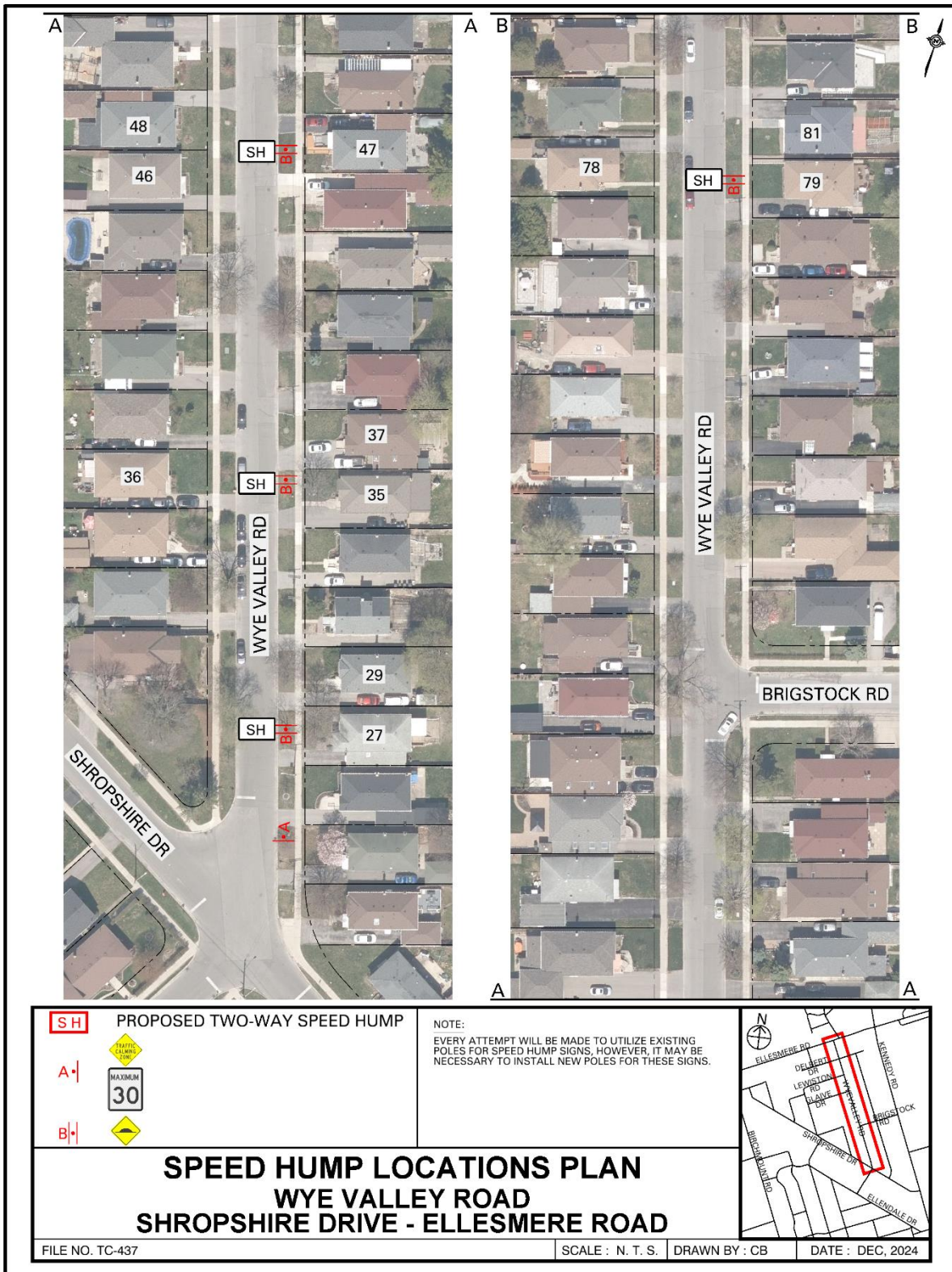
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- Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive
- Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Wye Valley Road, Shropshire Drive - Ellesmere Road (Matchline, see drawing TC-438)
- Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Wye Valley Road, Shropshire Drive - Ellesmere Road
- Attachment 4: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated December 13, 2024

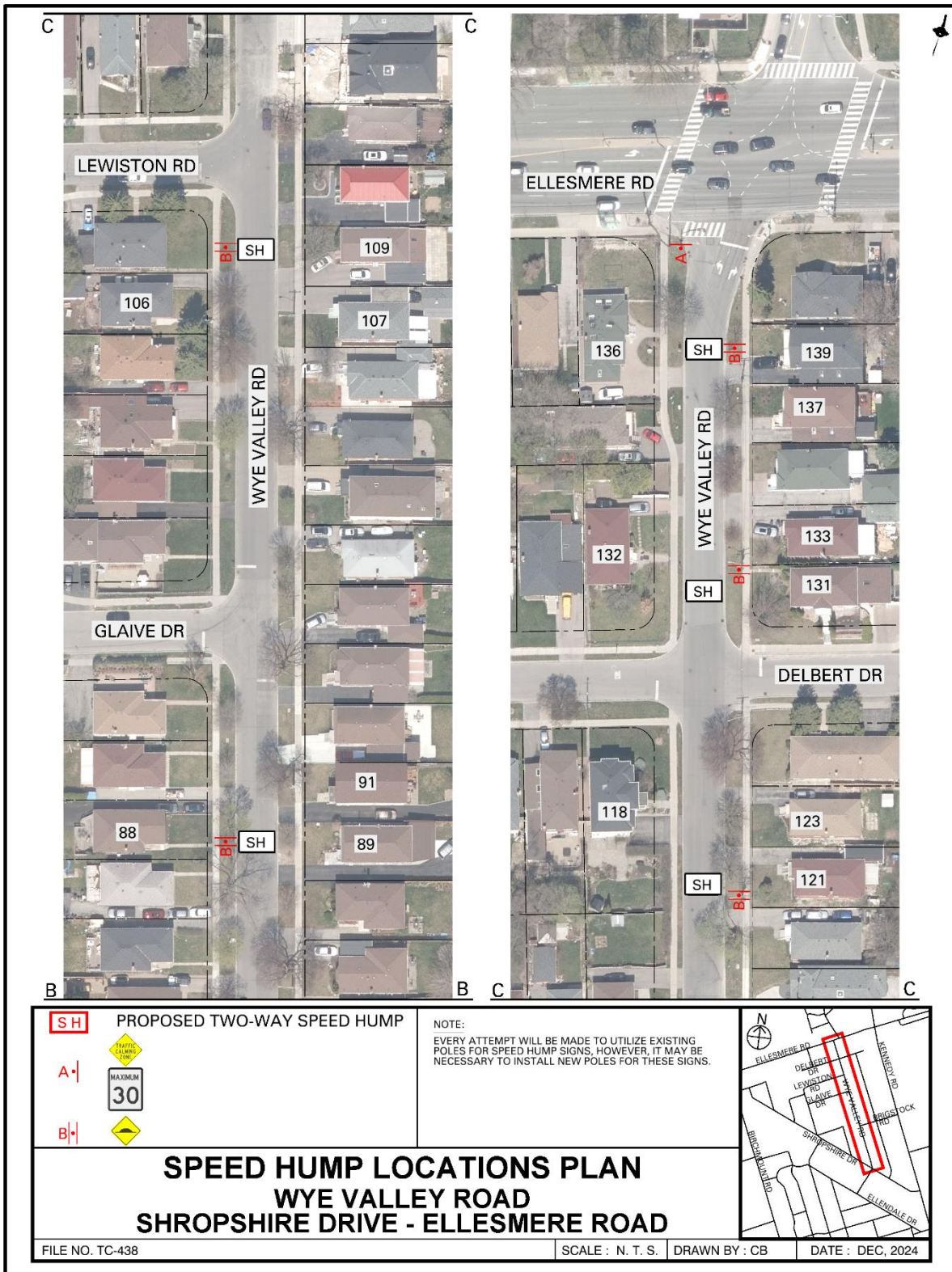
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Criteria		Requirement	Warrant Satisfied?
Community Support		A direct request from the Ward Councillor OR identified by Transportation Services in consultation with the Ward Councillor	Yes
Eligibility Criteria	Road Classification	Classified as a local or collector roadway, according to the Toronto Road Classification System	Yes
	Sidewalks	Presence of a sidewalk on at least one side of a local roadway and both sides of a collector roadway is preferred but not required	Yes
	Traffic Volume	Maximum average daily traffic volume of less than 8,000 vehicles per day	Yes
	Road Grade	Maximum roadway grade of up to 5%, can be considered in locations where the road grade is between 5% and 8% with additional review	Yes
	Emergency Services	No significant impacts on emergency services, including Toronto Fire, Paramedic and Police Services	No
	Transit Services	No significant impacts to regularly scheduled Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services	N/A
Warrant Criteria	Minimum Block Length	Minimum block length of 120 metres based on the measured distance from centre to centre of controlled intersections AND	Yes (305 m, 210 m and 250 m)
	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (15 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	Yes (20 km/h)

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Wye Valley Road, Shropshire Drive - Ellesmere Road (Matchline, see drawing TC-438)



Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Wye Valley Road, Shropshire Drive - Ellesmere Road



## Attachment 4: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated December 13, 2024

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**Cc:** [Atif Sharif](#); [Jennifer Chung](#); [EMS Planning](#); [EMS Planning](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Speed humps - Wye Valley Road between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive  
**Date:** December 13, 2024 9:20:09 AM

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*We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive, with the following comments:*

*The installation of speed humps on Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive, will impact response and transport times for residents that reside on the roadway speed humps are installed. Impacts may extend to community members if Wye Valley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Shropshire Drive, serves access to other roadways. It is important that the applicant understands that the installation of traffic calming devices will reduce the speed that emergency vehicles travel when responding to emergencies on roadways where they are installed.*

*Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighbourhood, and we endeavour to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components.*