

## **Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Amberjack Boulevard**

**Date:** May 20, 2025

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

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

**Wards:** Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

### **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 Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North (south intersection) and Brimorton Drive. Staff's assessment indicates the criteria as set out in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on this section of Amberjack Boulevard.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North (south intersection) and Brimorton Drive.
2. Scarborough Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of eight speed humps on Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North (south intersection) and Brimorton Drive, generally as shown on Attachments 2 and 3, Drawing TC-528 and TC-529, dated April 2025, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Amberjack Boulevard" from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost for installing eight speed humps on Amberjack Boulevard is \$32,000.00. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2025 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 Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North (south intersection) and Brimorton Drive. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Amberjack Boulevard.

### **Existing Conditions**

Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North (south intersection) and Brimorton Drive, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south and east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 450 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 on both sides of this street

The land use in the area consists of single-family residential dwellings as well as Bellmere Junior Public School to the east. This subject section of Amberjack Boulevard is not within a designated Community Safety Zone.

A map of the area and proposed locations of the speed humps is 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 Amberjack Boulevard from April 30 to May 2, 2024.

The study results on Amberjack Boulevard disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume is approximately 450 vehicles
- The block length from Bellamy Road North (south intersection) to Brimorton Drive is 600 metres
- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 43 km/h
- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 48 km/h

Based on the study results, Amberjack Boulevard has satisfied the warrant criteria for both minimum block length and minimum vehicle speed. The block length was greater than 120 metres, the operating speed is 13 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h and the 95th percentile is 18 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 Amberjack Boulevard.

## **Relative Priority and Other Impacts**

In the event that the number of approved requests for roadway traffic calming measures exceed 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. Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North (south intersection) and Brimorton Drive, scored 40 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.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North and Brimorton Drive

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Amberjack Boulevard, Bellamy Road North - Brimorton Drive (Matchline, see drawing [TC-529](#))

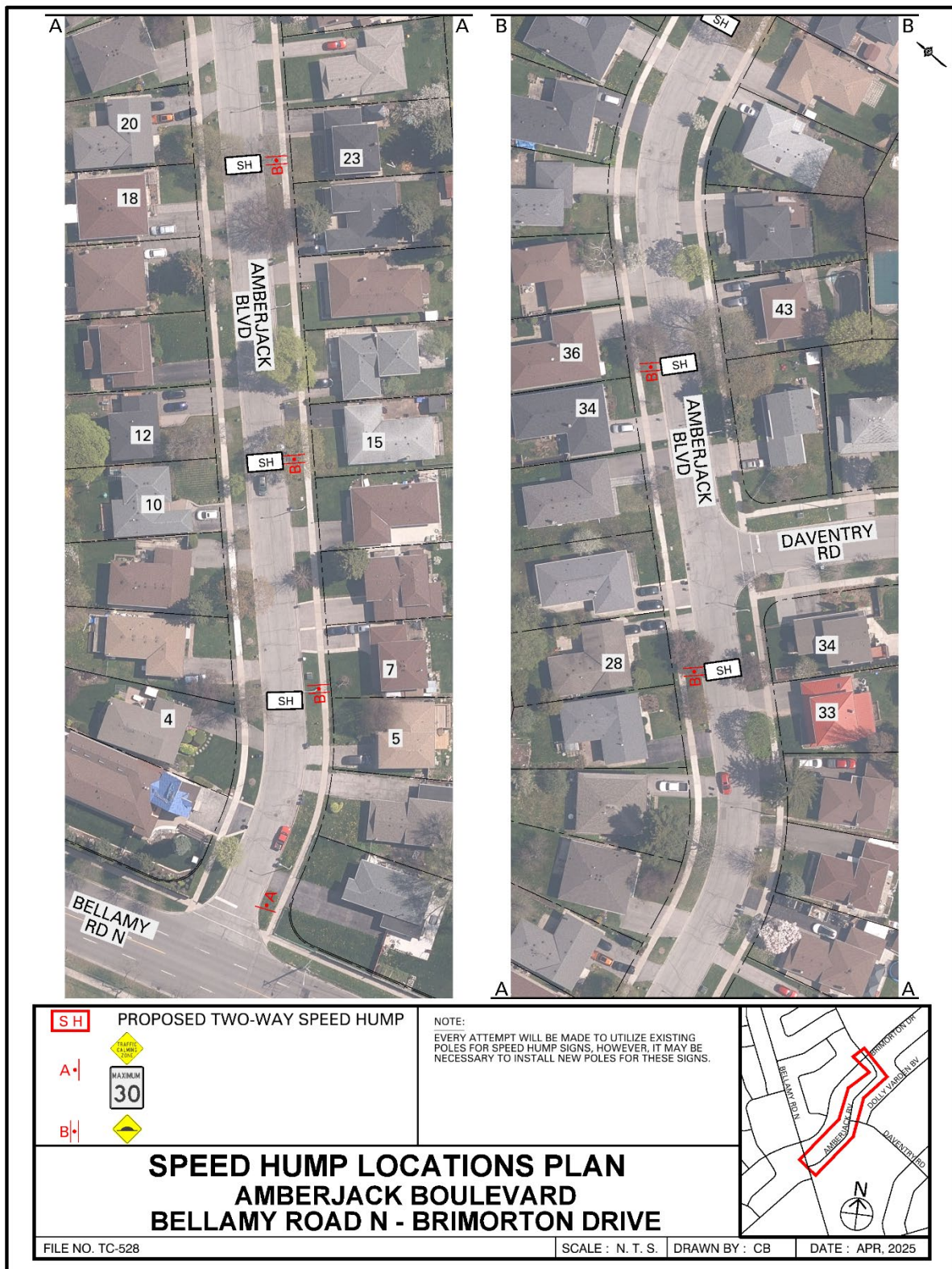
Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Amberjack Boulevard, Bellamy Road North - Brimorton Drive

Attachment 4: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated April 30, 2025

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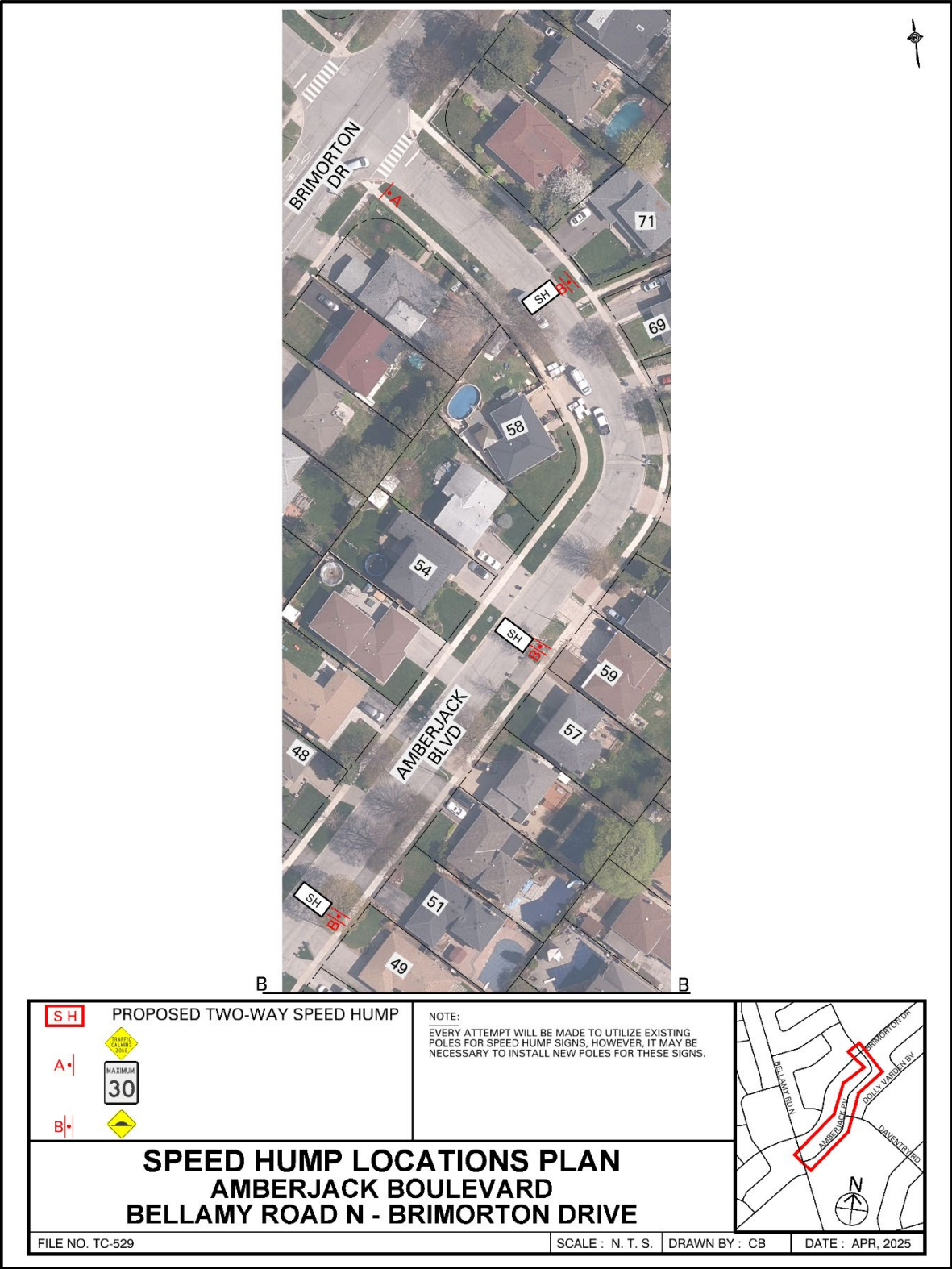
| Criteria             |                       | Requirement  | Warrant Satisfied? |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|
| Community Support    |                       | A direct request from the Ward Councillor OR identified by Transportation Services in consultation 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                                | Yes                |
|                      | 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 (600 m)        |
|                      | 85th percentile speed | Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR  | Yes (13 km/h)      |
|                      | 95th percentile speed | Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit  | Yes (18 km/h)      |

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Amberjack Boulevard, Bellamy Road North - Brimorton Drive (Matchline, see drawing [TC-529](#))





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## Attachment 4: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated April 30, 2025

**From:** [EMS Planning](#)  
**To:** [Omar Omar](#)  
**Cc:** [Atif Sharif](#); [Jennifer Chung](#); [EMS Planning](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Speed Humps - Amberjack Boulevard between Bellamy Road North and Brimorton Drive  
**Date:** April 30, 2025 2:12:44 PM

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*We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North and Brimorton Drive, with the following comments:*

*The installation of speed humps on Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North and Brimorton 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 Amberjack Boulevard, between Bellamy Road North and Brimorton 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.*