

## **Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Gamble Avenue**

**Date:** March 16, 2026

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

### **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 Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue. Staff's assessment indicates the criteria as set out in the Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on Gamble Avenue.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the installation traffic calming (ten speed humps) on Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, generally as shown in Attachments 2 and 3, Drawing Nos. TC-659 and TC-659-1, dated February 2026, from the Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost for installing ten speed humps on Gamble Avenue is \$40,000.00. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2026 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 Gamble Avenue. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Gamble Avenue.

### **Existing Conditions**

Gamble Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, 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 1,500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided on the street
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in the area consists of single-family residential dwellings. This subject section of Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, is not designated as a Community Safety Zone.

A map of the area and proposed locations of the speed humps is included in Attachment 2 and 3.

### **Study Results**

As part of the assessment of the warrant criteria, a vehicle speed and volume study was conducted on Gamble Avenue from April 30, 2024 to May 2, 2024.

The study results on Gamble Avenue disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume is approximately 1,500 vehicles
- The block length from Pape Avenue to Todmorden Lane is 286 metres and from Todmorden Lane to Donlands Avenue is 318 metres
- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 39 km/h
- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 44 km/h

Based on the study results, Gamble Avenue 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 9 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h.

The overall investigation concluded that the eligibility and warrant criteria as outlined in the Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, staff recommend the installation of speed humps on Gamble Avenue.

### **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 person cycling
- 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. Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, 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**

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.

Comments have not been received back at the time of writing this report from Toronto Fire Services. However, Toronto Paramedic Service and Toronto Police Service have provided their comments. Toronto Paramedic Services responded and advised of potential delays in emergency responses but expressed support for initiatives that enhance community safety. Toronto Police Service advised that installing speed humps would not significantly impact first responder operations. Copies of these responses are included in Attachments 4 and 5, respectively.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

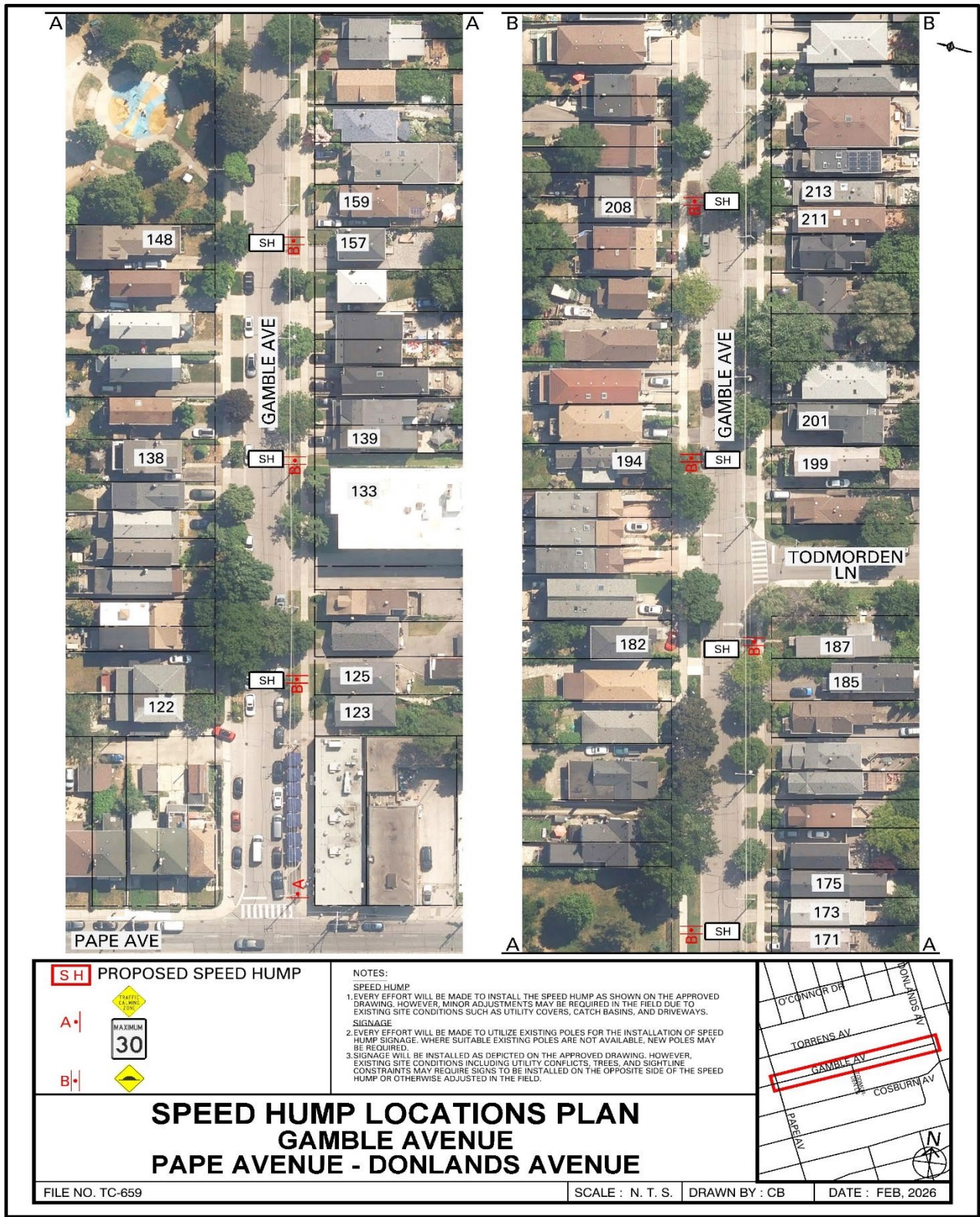
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- Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Gamble Avenue
- Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Gamble Avenue, Pape Avenue - Donlands Avenue (Matchline, see drawing TC-659-1)
- Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Gamble Avenue, Pape Avenue - Donlands Avenue
- Attachment 4: Letters from Toronto Paramedic Service, dated January 24, 2025
- Attachment 5: Letter from Toronto Police Service, dated February 3, 2025

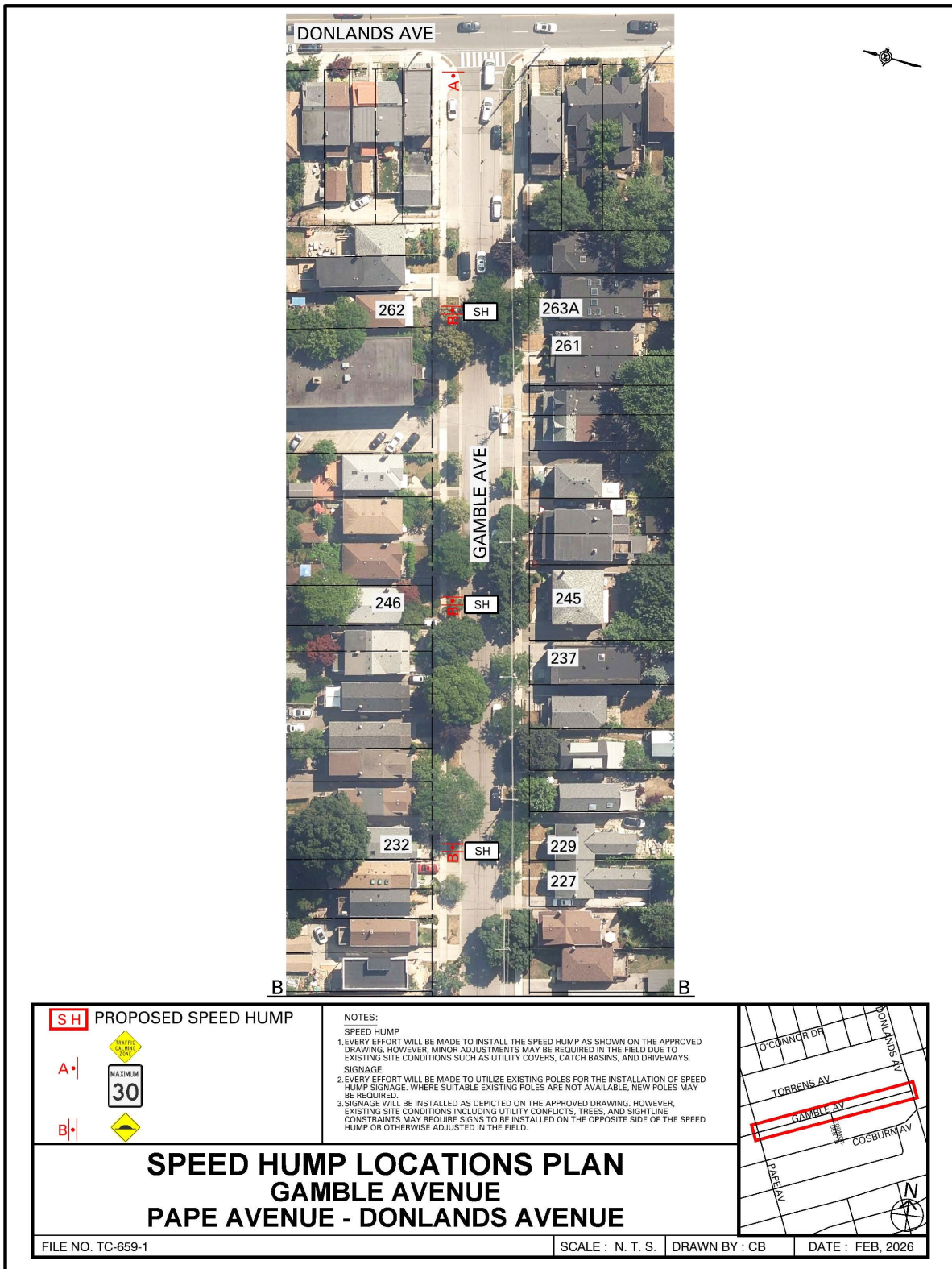
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Criteria		Requirement	Warrant Satisfied?
Community Support		A direct request from the Ward Councillor OR identified by Transportation Services in consultation with the Ward Councillor	Yes
Eligibility Criteria	Road Classification	Classified as a local 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	NA
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 (286 m and 318 m)
	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (9 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	No (14 km/h)

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Gamble Avenue, Pape Avenue - Donlands Avenue (Matchline, see drawing TC-659-1)



Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Gamble Avenue, Pape Avenue - Donlands Avenue



## Attachment 4: Letters from Toronto Paramedic Service, dated January 24, 2025

### Arshad Nazir

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**From:** EMS Planning  
**Sent:** January 24, 2025 8:39 AM  
**To:** Arshad Nazir  
**Cc:** Jennifer Chung; Atif Sharif; EMS Planning  
**Subject:** Gamble Avenue - Traffic Calming

*We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, with the following comments:*

*The installation of speed humps on Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, will impact response and transport times for residents that reside on the roadway speed humps are installed. Impacts may extend to community members if Gamble Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue, 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.*



Attachment 5: Letter from Toronto Police Service, dated February 3, 2025

**Arshad Nazir**

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**From:** Paul Qureshi <Paul.Qureshi@tps.ca>  
**Sent:** February 3, 2025 9:45 AM  
**To:** Arshad Nazir; Atif Sharif; Carmine Vaccaro  
**Cc:** Hadi Khavarian; Murray Campbell; Marcus Georgeff; Brian Spade  
**Subject:** [External Sender] RE: Gamble Avenue - Traffic Calming

Good morning Arshad,

We had our Construction Liaison Officers assess the proposal for speed hump and the area. It is their opinion that the proposed speed mitigation on the roadway should not impact the first responders in a significant way.

I have included Constable Georgeff and Constable Spade on this email response in case you have any additional questions.

Regards,  
Paul Q

**Paul Qureshi | Acting Inspector #99877**

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