

Dear Alpine Meadows Neighbors and Property Owners,

Over the past year several Alpine Meadows residents worked together with the Alpine Meadows POA and the town of Alpine to get traffic calming devices approved by the town for placement in our neighborhood. The traffic on Wintergreen to Oatgrass has become a major safety concern for our residents, especially the growing number of young children living and playing along this corridor. The route has become a preferred “shortcut” for heavy construction equipment, large trucks, and tourists who speed through our neighborhood, ignoring stop signs. We must do something to deter usage of our neighborhood for through-traffic.

On Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Alpine Town Council adopted Ordinance 2023-07 (<https://www.alpinewy.gov/ordinance/ordinance-2023-07-traffic-calming-devices>). In accordance with the ordinance and after consulting with Monica (Clerk – Town of Alpine) we are fulfilling our obligation to inform our neighbors about the proposed location for several strategically placed speed bumps throughout Alpine Meadows.

*About the speed bumps:*

The temporary speed bumps have been chosen by the Town of Alpine. They will be like other speed bumps deployed in Jackson and Star Valley. They will be installed between the months of May and November by the town. They will be highly visible to oncoming vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

*Speed bump location strategy:*

To maximize through-traffic deterrence with pedestrian safety we have chosen to target the bike path along the high-traffic route through our neighborhood (Wintergreen to Oatgrass). We will put one speed bump in both directions on Wintergreen (#1 and #2 on the map) to protect pedestrians along the bike path. As a reminder, Wintergreen is a boulevard at that location with a grass median between lanes. The other location will be a single speed bump at the bike path crossing on Oatgrass (#5 on the map) between Columbine and Arnica Trail. With this placement we must also consider additional bypass routes that traffic might try to use as an alternative. We feel Columbine is the next best option for drivers looking to cut through our streets to get to Old Alpine. Speed bumps #3 and #4 will aim to deter this route. The locations of these five speed bumps ensure that anyone looking for an efficient shortcut through our neighborhood will hit at least two speed bumps.

*What we need from you:*

Since many of the properties immediately adjacent to the proposed speed bump locations are currently empty lots, it is not as simple as knocking on a neighbor’s door to request a signature. We are asking any residents who will regularly encounter a speed bump to voice your concerns within one week. If you feel you must object, please consider providing context and a possible alternative solution. If you are in support, you can respond with your approval or simply do nothing; your receipt of this email is enough.

*Next Steps:*

We will await the final tally from residents of the streets where speed bumps are proposed. With majority approval, we will work with the town to get the speed bumps in place by May. Keep in mind these are temporary speed bumps and we can make location adjustments from year to year if necessary.

As a parent of two young, active boys in Alpine Meadows I want to thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this proposal. We live in an outdoor recreational paradise, and I want nothing more than to ensure that our slice of it remains a safe, family-friendly environment as our neighborhood continues to grow. If you would like to discuss any part of this plan, please feel free to call/text me: 858-583-1561 or stop by: 156 Arnica Trail.

Thank you,

Matthew Grant (Lot 123)