



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Jeff Smith, Assistant City Manager
Date: October 08, 2026
Re: Speed Calming Devices

At the September meeting of the City Council, staff was asked to gather information on speed calming projects undertaken by local governments in the general area to determine design and construction costs and to give council an idea of the magnitude of such projects.

During the review, staff found several projects in Gwinnett, DeKalb, and Walton; however, costs varied widely based on project type and scope.

City of Decatur

The City of Decatur engaged an engineering firm to complete a speed study in the city and provide recommendations for speed calming measures. The cost of the study was \$165,000.

City of Lawrenceville

The City of Lawrenceville recently bid out design and construction of raised tabletop intersections in their downtown square area (02/11/2026). Two intersections on the square were selected for the project. Engineering costs were \$131,300 (for both). Construction bid for both intersections was \$1,670,000.

City of Monroe

The City of Monroe completed a study/plan to address traffic and speed on side streets. They identified five areas for speed calming:

1. N Highland – Speed Humps
2. N Midland Ave – Street Narrowing, On-Street Parking
3. E Church St – Chicanes
4. Davis St – Speed Humps

5. S Madison – Speed Humps

Design and construction on these five projects totaled \$958,641.53.

City of Sugar Hill

The city of Sugar Hill recently constructed a raised crosswalk to calm traffic.
Construction cost \$28,206

City of Tucker

The City of Tucker completed a speed calming plan in 2022 for portions of
Brocket Road. The plans included center medians, chicanes, striping, and signage.
Total construction cost was approximately \$1,300,000.

Estimated Speed Table Design and Construction

An engineering firm gave staff rough estimates on design and construction costs
for speed tables along Covington Street. Engineering estimates are in the \$120,000
range with construction costs of \$15,000 per speed table. Again, these are rough
estimates.