

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution No. 2004-84

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### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY FOR RESIDENTIAL AND LOCAL COUNTY ROADS

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**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that many drivers ignore statutory and posted speed limits and drive at speeds exceeding posted speed limits,

**WHEREAS**, reducing excessive speeding on residential streets will ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, animals and vehicles and create a calmer and more livable environment,

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County, in response to these concerns has reviewed, established and/or revised general laws and ordinances pertaining to speed limits and other traffic control management items, and is in favor of implementing the use of traffic calming to control excessive speeding, and to use said traffic calming techniques to retrofit existing neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby adopts it's Traffic Calming resolution to be employed in areas investigated and determined to be in critical need of Traffic Calming installation by the Board of County Commissioners and in accordance with defined transportation engineering criteria.

1. The written request for the installation of Traffic Calming must originate from a property owner on a county maintained road (hereinafter roadway) and shall be sent to Public Works Department for preliminary evaluation.

2. Once a written request is received the Public Works Department shall conduct an investigation of alternatives to Traffic Calming devices. The installation of Traffic Calming devices should follow approved designs and should only be considered after all other alternative procedures to calm the traffic have been exhausted.

3. After verification of eligibility, the property owner shall provide a completed petition on a form provided by Public Works Department which demonstrated that 75% of the lot owners are in favor of the installation of Traffic Calming devices and accept all warning signs and restricted parking associated with the placement of the traffic calming devices. (Only one signature per residence will be counted).

4. The proposed road meets the requirements after preliminary evaluation and verification of the petition, The Public Works Department will proceed with a detailed evaluation of the project road to determine an engineering design and cost estimate.

5. Through the annual budgetary process, the Public Works Department shall request funding for the proposed road meeting the qualifying criteria for installation of traffic calming devices. The Board of County Commissioners shall, at a public meeting prior to February of each year, rank the road based upon a detailed evaluation of each road, which includes the requirements of a preliminary evaluation, a verified petition, a detailed design and a cost estimate of the requested Traffic Calming devices.

6. The County reserves the right to install, remove, or alter any Traffic Calming device for the health, welfare and safety of the public. The procedure for removal of the devices is the same as for the installation.

7. This resolution shall remain in effect until July 26, 2005 unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY \_\_\_\_\_, 2004 BY THE BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of SANTA FE COUNTY**

**Paul D. Campos, Chairman**

**Attest:**

**Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk**

**Approved as to form:**

**Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney**



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Rebecca Bustamante  
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe NM