



Dear Members of the Complete Streets Commission,

I am a resident of Los Altos and write to express my opposition to the Cuesta Drive Calming Project. "Complete Streets are streets for everyone." Unfortunately, the extreme speed tables and associated measures installed on Cuesta will and are resulting in taking away an important part of shared infrastructure from residents of Los Altos and others in our community who use this important connector route. For the reasons set forth below, please do not make this traffic solution permanent. Instead, please take this opportunity to find a more reasonable solution and ensure that all voices are heard.

1. The Data Offered Is Fatally Flawed and Should Not Be Relied Upon to Support Permanent Installation

The installation of the speed tables during the Covid lockdown, when people are working from home and not commuting, means that any data collected during Covid is simply inadequate to justify any conclusions about the impact or effectiveness of the speed tables and associated measures.

With the pandemic, normal commute patterns and volumes have been significantly reduced. Therefore, the traffic data report presented to you cannot possibly advise you on what the impact would be during a normal non-pandemic environment. While the report acknowledges this flaw, it nonetheless leaps to the conclusion that the goals are being achieved. However, when normal commuting resumes, the detrimental impact on commuters and spillover effect will be magnified in ways that this report does not address. Many commuters who may not even be aware of this project will no doubt raise this issue with the City once they discover the extremely negative impact these speed tables and other measures will have on them.

2. A Few Residents Should Not Be Allowed to Privatize An Important and Vital Connector Street between Los Altos and Mountain View

The only residents benefited by this extreme, so-called traffic-calming solution live in the immediate vicinity of Cuesta. All other residents of Los Altos that actually use that street are penalized with potential damage to their vehicles, a posted speed limit that is irrelevant and not achievable, and what has been described by a resident on NextDoor as a "jarring experience." Aside from the vocal advocacy of a few, it is not clear why this particular route would receive extreme traffic calming measures, like the speed tables, which busier streets in Los Altos do not.

In addition, the current speed tables are diverting traffic to other streets per comments made on NextDoor. Traffic is spilling over onto streets that were never intended to be a connector street like Cuesta. When normal commuting traffic volumes resume, will the solution be to add speed tables and other extreme

remains unclear, with the solution to be add speed tables and other extreme traffic-calming measures to those streets as well?

Please do not allow a few vocal residents to convert an important, shared connector street into a street that is so impassable that the only people who will want to use it are those who live on or nearby that street.

3. The speed humps are disproportionate and dangerous.

Here is how the speed tables on Cuesta are being described by residents on NextDoor: "ridiculous," "way out of normal proportions," "miserable solution," "absurdly high," "unnecessary," "disaster," "wondered what was going on with ridiculous high bumps in middle road...DANGEROUS!!!" etc.

The Federal Highway Administration's primer on traffic calming devices suggests that the speed tables are inappropriate particularly at the extra 4.25-inch height that was approved ex post facto after the planned 3.5 inch height was approved for Cuesta.

According to the primer, speed tables are "[g]enerally not appropriate for a primary emergency vehicle route or street that provides access to a hospital or emergency medical services ..." Cuesta is a direct route to El Camino Hospital so it is not appropriate to have speed tables on this connector street. [https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgmt/ePrimer\\_modules/module3pt2.cfm](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgmt/ePrimer_modules/module3pt2.cfm)

Also, contrary to what is being reported to you, residents are noting that one cannot drive at the posted speed limit. Here's one resident's comment: "I actually scraped my car with no modifications going 15 mph on those speed bumps! so much so, that it knocked a screw or clamp loose and my exhaust became loose. it dragged on the road and made sparks. went to a mechanic that charged me 180 to fix it."

4. The Commission Should Revisit Other Solutions

As a result of a Los Altos traffic study between October 2012 and January 2013 19 streets were recommended to have posted limits raised by 5 mph. By raising the speed limit to the speed at which most cars travel (i.e. 85th percentile), police could then use radar to ticket speeders on Cuesta. Perhaps this is a solution that would be a win-win for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Janet Corrigan



**From:** jeremw01@aol.com  
**Subject:** 4-28-21 Complete Streets Commission Mtg: comments on Cuesta Dr Traffic Calming  
**Date:** April 27, 2021 at 12:08 PM  
**To:** Transportation@losaltosca.gov, jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov

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Dear Complete Streets Commission and City Staff:

I am e-mailing regarding item #3, the Cuesta Drive Traffic Calming Project, for the Wednesday, April 28, 2021 meeting of the Complete Streets Commission.

I live on Cuesta Drive and participated in the community engagement meetings.

It has been great to see the project come to fruition and be completed.

As a resident of Cuesta Drive, the project has slowed the traffic and made Cuesta Drive safer. Vehicle speeds (as indicated in staff data) are now consistent with the posted 25 MPH speed limit, which is appropriate for a residential street. On a personal note, I can now exit my driveway onto Cuesta Drive with much less concern about being hit by a vehicle traveling significantly over the speed limit.

Cuesta Drive is also safer for the pedestrians walking on the side of the street due to the lower vehicle speeds.

I strongly urge the Complete Streets Commission to recommend permanent retention of the traffic calming project speed reduction elements to the Los Altos City Council.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Wright  
631 Cuesta Drive  
Los Altos, CA

From: dan cohen danhcohen@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: Regarding Los Altos Complete Streets Commission  
Date: April 27, 2021 at 10:33 AM  
To: Jaime Rodriguez jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov  
Cc: Jonathan Weinberg jweinberg@losaltosca.gov



Jaime,  
Here is the letter that I would like forwarded to the commission. Thanks again.

Best,  
Dan

Dear Complete Streets Commission,

I have been a home owner and taxpayer in Los Altos for over 20 years and my children attended the public schools here. As such, I understand the need to find solutions to speeding cars and distracted drivers. However, I'd like to share how the speed bumps on Cuesta have had a significantly negative impact on my life.

I have a sitting disability due to a nerve injury. While I can drive with some discomfort over normal sized speed bumps, the bumps on Cuesta are exceptionally high. The staff report states that during the construction phase a decision was made to make the speed bumps higher than what was originally planned in the full community discussions. However the traffic data in the report compiled by the staff shows that the % reduction in speed on Cuesta with the higher speed bumps was no better than what was achieved on Arboleda with smaller bumps.

But was there a downside to the larger bumps? The installed speed bumps are higher than any I have experienced and even driving very slowly at <10 mph worsened my injury. In fact, I'm flying Wednesday evening to Arizona to get treated by a nationally known specialist for this injury. Over the last few months I've had to avoid Cuesta; that requires me to spend more time in my car, which is painful for someone with a sitting disability. Cuesta is a main artery of Los Altos and if you live near it as I do, it's very difficult to get to downtown Los Altos or to one of the cross streets that take you to El Camino without traveling on Cuesta.

So what are some alternatives to the current speed bumps that would still achieve the objective of traffic calming? There are many, that in combination, I believe could achieve the same objective. These include: 1. Adding stop signs, for example at the corner of Arboleda and Cuesta. 2. Painting the bike lanes green on Cuesta as has been done in other cities, to provide more visibility to drivers. 3. Installing "15 mpg speed limit during school hours" signs as is done near schools and adding back the electronic signs that show each driver his or her speed. 4. Installing radar that automatically detects speed and gives tickets as is done in France and other countries. 5. Having police officers stationed on Cuesta during school hours. 6. Finally, while I would prefer no speed bumps, speed bumps of a similar size and shape as on Springer road near Rosita, which are the size used in school zones up and down the peninsula are less excruciating. I believe that a combination of some or all of these alternatives would be as effective or perhaps even more effective than the very large speed bumps on Cuesta.

The website of the Complete Streets Commission states that, "Complete Streets are Streets for Everyone". For everyone. Shouldn't that include those of us with sitting disabilities? I believe that if we're creative and collaborative, together we can find a way to make Cuesta safe AND a street for everyone. Thank you.

Dan Cohen

On Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:49:08 PM PDT, Jaime Rodriguez <jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

No problem Dan. Below is the meeting information, please be sure to be online by phone or video conference and we'll accommodate you at 5:40pm. Thanks

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Phone Call Only:  
(623) 404-9000  
Meeting ID: 753 150 2130

Video Conference via Ring Central:  
<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/7531502130>

Thanks.

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On Apr 26, 2021, at 5:29 PM, dan cohen <[danhcohen@yahoo.com](mailto:danhcohen@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Jaime,  
I appreciate allowing me an accommodation to speak. My plane boards at 6pm so 5:40pm will work great. I will separately send you an email to forward to the commissioners.

Best,  
Dan

On Friday, April 23, 2021, 6:01:38 PM PDT, Jaime Rodriguez <[jaime@trafficpatterns.net](mailto:jaime@trafficpatterns.net)> wrote:

Thanks for the email copy. Dan and I correspondence back and forth several times over the past couple of days. It wasn't clear in those discussions that there was a time flight issue impacting Mr. Cohen's ability to provide verbal comments at the commission meeting. The meeting starts at 5:30pm and I'm sure the Chair and rest of the commission would be happy to accommodate letting Mr. Cohen speak on this item during Public Forum at the start of the meeting to accommodate his flight.

@Dan, please confirm you can be available around 5:40pm, shortly after the start of the meeting. and I'll make sure we let the Chair know we are making an accommodation.

Regarding correspondences to the Commission, please send me any email comments and I'll can package it up with other emails on this item, I usually send the Commission an email consolidating public email by topic and send that out the Tuesday before. I've already received a few emails on the Cuesta Dr topic, including an initial email from Mr. Cohen from yesterday. I'd be happy to include any additional email from Mr. Cohen as previously mentioned to him.

Thanks.

Jaime Rodriguez  
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On Apr 23, 2021, at 3:53 PM, Jonathan Weinberg <[jweinberg@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jweinberg@losaltosca.gov)> wrote:

Dan,

Thank you very much for your eMail. I am cc'ing Jaime on my response. As you know, Jaime is the staff liaison to the commission. He will forward a copy of your eMail on to the individual commission members. In the future, you may send your eMails on any subject to the commission to Jaime and he will forward it to all the commissioners. Your eMails will also be made part of the public record.

I am very sorry to hear about your condition. The commission is independent from the Council, but it is important for the commissioners to understand the burden the speed tables have placed upon your mobility.

Thank you again for your eMail. If I think of alternatives I will suggest them to you. I wish you safe travels on Wednesday. Hopefully the commission will be able to hear your comments before you have to board your plane.

Truly yours,

- Jonathan

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**From:** [dan cohen](#)

**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 2:55 PM

**To:** [Jonathan Weinberg](#)

**Subject:** Regarding Los Altos Complete Streets Commission

Jonathan,

I'm writing you as the city council representative to the Complete Streets Commission. I would also like to write the members of the commission, but their contact information is not provided on the website and I wonder if you can tell me how I can get in touch with them as well.

This coming Wednesday the Cuesta speed bumps are on the agenda. The website of the Complete Streets Commission states that, "Complete Streets are Streets for Everyone". Unfortunately, that is not the case for me anymore, even though I am a long-time Los Altos resident and taxpayer. I have a sitting disability due a nerve injury and the very large speed bumps have made it impossible for me to drive on Cuesta due to the pain it creates for me. Since Cuesta is a main artery of Los Alto, it is very difficult for me to get to downtown or to El Camino without driving on Cuesta.

I understand the need to make Cuesta safe for children, but there are many other alternatives that can achieve this goal without making it impossible for some residents to get around Los Altos. These solutions include: adding more stop signs, putting in smaller speed bumps that are similar to school zones up and down the peninsula, putting in 15 miles/hour speed limits during school hours, and

zones up and down the peninsula, putting in 15 miles/hour speed limits during school hours, and posting police officers during school hours.

I was hoping to speak at the meeting on Wednesday, however I need to fly to Arizona that evening to get specialist treatment for my condition and Jaime told me he cannot assure me that I can speak before I need to board my plane. I would really like to see the commission be creative and find a way to both make Cuesta safe AND also make it a "Street for Everyone." Please let me know if you have other suggestions. Thanks very much for your help.

Best,  
Dan Cohen



**From:** David Roode droode@netwiz.net  
**Subject:** Cuesta Drive project work  
**Date:** April 26, 2021 at 11:04 PM  
**To:** Transportation@losaltosca.gov

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DR

I want to congratulate the city on the work done to Cuesta Drive. I appreciate the improved pathway between Campbell and S. Clark. I hear some griping about the speed bumps but it's hard to understand this. I ride along Cuesta on a bike and I have done so in my car too. What's striking about the speed humps is how few of them there are for such a long stretch. They are quite gradually sloped and this has to minimize the jarring felt in the car. On a bike I can avoid them on Cuesta but on Arboleda not. Those on Arboleda aren't quite as tall as on Cuesta, but they feel more jarring on a bike. Still I'm not complaining. I like the whole project. Cuesta is a speedway for commuters and anything that can make them realize people live on the road is a good thing.

Thank you!

(I live off El Monte at the other end of South Clark, but Cuesta is sometimes on my route.)

**From:** McNulty, Pat Pat.McNulty@cbnorcal.com  
**Subject:** Cuesta speed bumps  
**Date:** April 26, 2021 at 9:03 PM  
**To:** Transportation@losaltosca.gov

PM

Dear Committee Members,

I am strongly opposed to the existing speed bumps on Cuesta. I travel the road often and these bumps are not only unnecessarily high for speed control, they're hazardous to bike riders and frequently cause damage to smaller cars. They also, during high traffic hours, will tend to divert traffic onto smaller residential streets not designed to carry the high traffic of Cuesta Dr.

Cuesta Drive is designed to move traffic at 25 mph. These bumps, in addition to the stop signs, slow traffic to an approximate constant speed of 15 mph and as such are inefficient at moving traffic (in fact, I drive an SUV and even with my big wheels, I have to practically stop to traverse the bump). Once school starts up again (post COVID lockdowns) the traffic backups will be exacerbated.

Cuesta Drive has been a thoroughfare extending from north Los Altos to the far edge of Mountain View for MANY years. Residents should expect reasonably heavy traffic on a 4-lane street. Excessive speed is unacceptable, of course, but smaller, "normal" speed bumps would do the job of maintain traffic speed at 25 mph without tearing up car bumpers. **Please reduce the size of the bumps!**

Sincerely,  
Joan McNulty  
460 Lassen St, Los Altos.

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**From:** Linda Rodriguez lindrig@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Cuesta/Arboleda Traffic Calming Project  
**Date:** April 26, 2021 at 6:10 PM  
**To:** transportation@losaltosca.gov

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Hi,

We are residents of Arboleda Drive and we want to commend the work of the City of Los Altos in this project. The City did a great job listening to the needs of the residents of the area. The modifications to the streets couldn't have been made at a better time since walking has become a popular activity to do while practicing social distancing. Traffic has slow down dramatically. We feel safer walking around the neighborhood. To give an example, while driving, merging from Arboleda onto Cuesta was a frustrating experience. Cars drove too fast on Cuesta to be able to merge safely. But now, the traffic has been slowed down so that cars can merge safely.

Thanks for all your great work and increasing the safety of walkers and cyclists that use these streets! Kudos!

Zaid and Linda Rodríguez

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**From:** Abhambly abhambly@aol.com  
**Subject:** Cuesta speed bumps  
**Date:** April 26, 2021 at 4:03 PM  
**To:** transportation@losaltosca.gov

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I have written about this before and I will write again. These humps are excessively big. I live near downtown. I often go to the hospital area and used Cuesta to get there. I no longer go that way. Instead I am cutting through other neighborhoods to avoid the bumps and the wear and tear on my car. There probably is less traffic on Cuesta now, but it has just been moved to other streets in other neighborhoods! I think the older humps and bumps which are lower, down farther on Cuesta and on other streets are good at slowing the traffic. I suggest that the city lower these new humps.

Anne Hambly

From: Kurt Ayers kurtayers@gmail.com  
Subject: Cuesta Speed Humps  
Date: April 26, 2021 at 3:51 PM  
To: jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov

KA

There have been several people on NextDoor complaining about speed humps newly installed on Cuesta. I, for one, am appreciative and glad the speed humps exist. They do exactly what they are intended to do, slow down speeders and improve public safety. The humps are fully signed. A little extra white paint on the humps may help but, overall, they are a success.

Key factors:

- They work 24 hours a day.
- They improve neighborhood, elementary school student, pedestrian and bicycle safety
- The speed humps are fully and blatantly signed

What do the naysayers offer?

- They complain they can't speed over the speed humps.
- They have NO viable alternatives. None. Zero.

Mountain View has very effective speed bumps on Sladky, running directly parallel to Cuesta. Drivers don't speed on Sladky. Barbara, another street paralleling Cuesta has "dips" that act just like inverted speed humps. They have been there for decades. People don't speed on Barbara.

There is no statement in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) or the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) that states that a driver must be able to drive the speed limit at all times.

Those whining about not being able to drive at their former typical speed are simply seeking a podium or forum to voice their perspective that they can no longer speed on Cuesta. As for a viable alternative to speed humps... they have none. Instead of complaining about having to drive slower they could just leave 20 seconds earlier.

Thank you for your efforts to improve public safety.

Regards,

Kurt Ayers

Former Chair, Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Task Force  
Former Traffic Commissioner, City of Los Altos  
[Kurtayers@gmail.com](mailto:kurtayers@gmail.com)

**From:** Connie Miller cmiller1119@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Feedback on Cuesta Dr. Calming project  
**Date:** April 26, 2021 at 3:36 PM  
**To:** jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov

CM

Hello Mr. Rodriguez:

I am writing this feedback on the Cuesta Drive Calming Project in lieu of participating in the Wed. 4/28 Complete Streets meeting I was mailed about.

The notice letter did not indicate where to mail written comments to, so I hope you can share this with the committee.

I live very close to the El Monte/Cuesta intersection and often frequent Cuesta and Arboleda as both a pedestrian and as a driver.

I have to admit that the first time I drove over those bumps, their size took me by surprise, but I have grown to love them.

They do the job.

Countless times I have been walking on Arboleda between the Rosita Park pedestrian exit and that bend and almost been hit by a speeding car.

Countless times I have seen speeding cars perilously close to pedestrians on Cuesta.

The traffic increases measurably during commute times which tells me a lot of the traffic is from non-residents.

We need to care for our own first and these bumps calm things.

I drive slower than I do over the El Monte bumps but I feel the sections where the Cuesta/Arboleda ones are have more foot traffic.

If you keep a slow, calm speed in the car, you can roll right over them without having to speed up and slow down each bump. They are a good reminder not to go so fast all the time in life.

I say keep them unchanged.

1. We don't have a surplus budget to modify them in front of other areas that also have a need.
2. They work.

Thanks,  
Connie Miller  
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Los Altos, CA 94022

**From:** roger heyder mrheyderus@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Item 3 of Complete Streets meeting of 4/28/21  
**Date:** April 26, 2021 at 3:07 PM  
**To:** Transportation@losaltosca.gov, City Council council@losaltosca.gov

RH

**Hello Commissioners and Council members,**

**The speed control ‘bumps’ on Cuesta are a disaster, and need to be removed.**

**These bumps penalize EVERYONE driving down the street, every hour of every day, a majority of which are law abiding residents that should be able to drive the street at the legal limit. I am referring to 25 mph, and not the 15 MPH sign installed because of problems with the awful speed bump solution. That was merely public recognition of a failed project.**

**These speed bumps effectively discourage Los Altos residents from driving on Cuesta, which has long been a primary feeder street into Mountain View and Sunnyvale. This diverts the Cuesta traffic onto other streets, which is not fair to the residents on these streets. Most Cuesta residents bought their houses knowing Cuesta was a feeder street - these other residents bought houses on streets they knew were not feeder streets. The diversion may please Cuesta residents as a ‘success’, but Los Altos needs to strive for solutions that benefit a majority of residents, not a solution that benefits residents local to the solution to the penalty of all other residents.**

**Los Altos needs to be competent enough to recognize a failure. Like the flashing stop light fiasco, the Cuesta speed bumps are also a failed effort.**

**A solution that penalizes violators of the law, while not negatively impacting law abiding residents, would be optimal. Police enforcement would fall into this category. Speed bumps that limit speed to 10mph on a 25 mph street, and still potentially causes car damage, is absurd and unacceptable.**

**Just remove the Cuesta speed bumps, and stop ‘imagining’ and implementing solutions that negatively impact the community as a whole. If you cannot come up with a workable, functional, competent solution, then it isn't a solution that you should proceed with. All Los Altos residents that need to drive on Cuesta should be able to do so at reasonable, legal speed without tearing out the bottom of their vehicle.**

**thanks -- Roger Heyder**

**From:** Roberta Phillips robertaphillips1@gmail.com

**Subject:** Email to complete streets commission

**Date:** April 24, 2021 at 1:47 PM

**To:** Jim Sandoval jsandoval@losaltosca.gov, jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov, Stacy Bruzek Banerjee stacybbanerjee@gmail.com

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RP

Hi

I sent this email to the Complete Streets commission at the email address sent to me by Jim Sandoval

I sent it to

[CompleteStreetsCommission@losaltosca.gov](mailto:CompleteStreetsCommission@losaltosca.gov).

It bounced back and was undeliverable

Please share this with the Commission

Dear Commissioners

I would like you to consider some modifications to the speed tables on Cuesta.

I recently drove to my hairdresser and knew the speed tables were there and was anticipating a 15 mph speed.. I had a lot of difficulty navigating them. Some were fine, but somehow I missed one and my car went flying in the air. I could hear the stiff in the trunk smash down with a big thud. I was driving a 3 year old SUV.

I would like to suggest

1. The white arrows on the street be painted yellow, Also additional verbiage printed on the street like " Speed Table Ahead " be added. The speed tables themselves might be painted yellow or with reflective paint.

2. Car wheel electric batteries on the undercarriage are bottoming out . It is dangerous to have a battery hit the road. Some of the speed tables are too high and need to be shaved down.

I do support traffic calming methods and want to make that clear. However, we cannot have the cure be worse than the disease. It seems like the Complete Streets Commission, staff and the consultant are going too far and not finding moderate solutions that work, are acceptable to residents who live in the area, and drivers who live in town and want to drive safely.

It has been suggested to me that I drive with my front wheels turned to an angle when going over the speed tables, or drive to the side where the speed tables are lower. Neither suggestion seems safe.

I believe there is an engineering solution, with better signage that can help fix the problems.

Also , I thought I would mention the broken crosswalk lights on San Antonio Rd need to be fixed..

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips

650-941-6940



**From:** Brad Kilger [bkilger@losaltosca.gov](mailto:bkilger@losaltosca.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Speed bumps , esp. height and number on Cuesta  
**Date:** March 30, 2021 at 6:16 PM  
**To:** Jim Sandoval [jsandoval@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jsandoval@losaltosca.gov), Jaime Rodriguez [jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov)

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Second question

-----Original Message-----

From: Carolyn Boak <[carolynboak@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynboak@yahoo.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:00 PM  
To: City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
Subject: Speed bumps , esp. height and number on Cuesta

Why did the city council approve so many bumps (5 when Almond with 2 schools has two low ones and Covington, an alternate route has none? Plus the height of these bumps is dangerous for car suspension unless one is driving well below 10 mph? Alternate roads ( I drive from Los Altos where I live with my daughter to work at El Camino Hospital) will now bear the brunt of this unfair decision (Covington, Almond, Alvarado, San Luis, Clark, Paco). Please reply with an email to tell me when and where I can speak with council members on the phone. Carolyn Boak

Sent from my iPad

**From:** JANE STEFANI insight2js@aol.com  
**Subject:** Calming Project  
**Date:** April 23, 2021 at 7:44 AM  
**To:** jrodriguez@losaltosca.gov

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Mr. Rodriguez,

I cannot attend the Cuesta Drive Calming Project meeting on April 28, but would like to send in a comment. I have driven down Cuesta a few times recently, and find that the speed humps are much too severe. Compared to the other speed humps on Cuesta near Safeway, these can pose a hazard to a person's car. Calming is fine, but let's have safer humps.

Thanks,

Jane Stefani  
Los Altos

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Chet Douglas <[chetdouglas@hotmail.com](mailto:chetdouglas@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 3:38 PM

**To:** Jim Sandoval <[jsandoval@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jsandoval@losaltosca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Greetings from Chet Douglas / Los Altos.....pal of Alvin

Jim, hope things are going well and your back in action here? Some restrictions have been lifted but I think most company exec's are still out. I did read the piece in the Los Altos Town Crier that came out recently. Seems like other residents share concerns on the long delayed intersection project. I sure hope SC County completes it all soon, seems like it's been very idle and need a grand re-opening!

On another Los Altos topic.....Cuesta Drive Calming Project.....I wont be able to attend the Ring Central call on Wed nite and wanted to offer a few thoughts.

The speed "Humps" placed on Arboleda and Cuesta Drives....are more like mini-mountains and seem way to big! Has the city or engineering staff noticed the huge road scraps just after each BUMP and is the city liable for the damage to car front-ends? I grew up in Palo Alto ( but in Los Altos now for 25+ years) and it seems reminiscent of the bumps placed all over residential streets there in 70's-80's.....too many, and because Palo Alto tends to have a few vocal residents the city placed and then removed many since they over-served the purpose.

Anyway, people need to slow down here and don't need BIG reminders, and I can imagine the horns, cat-calls or swearing in the cars! It's strange but due to the Foothill Expwy issues and Cuesta and Arboleda Drives so difficult to drive down.....we don't. I know how much small businesses want our business downtown but many south Los Altos families now go to Sunnyvale or Mtn. View and try to avoid those intersections.....it takes too long, too screwed-up and frankly the "calming" the city did really does calm our interest in going down there. I can see a few BUMPS but sooooo many exist in those areas that it's very impactful. Again, pass this along....sorry for dumping on you, and not sure how vocal residents here got but many, many of us feel the city kind of overstepped on the calming activity in that area.

Happy to talk.....and hope all else is well, your out riding again and Foothill Expwy can go back to normal soon...

Chet

**Chet M. Douglas**  
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**From:** jim jolly jimjlosaltos@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Speed control actions  
**Date:** April 22, 2021 at 4:02 PM  
**To:** CompleteStreetsCommission@losaltosca.gov

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I know there are several types of these things with specific definitions - humps, bumps, tables etc. and each have different levels of "severity" on a vehicle. It seems that tables have severe impacts on the vehicle, so perhaps drivers should be warned before they cross such devices. Suggestion would be painting, in luminous paint, the word Danger - Slow Down several feet before hitting the obstacle.

Sent from my iPhone