

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 632

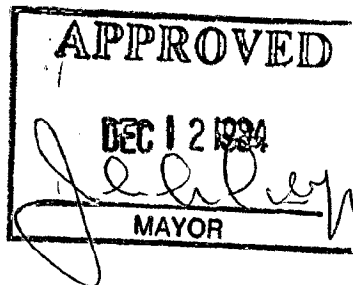
Approved December 12, 1984

RESOLVED, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the installation of "speed bumps" along both sides of Ridge Street and Tobey Street, near the Ridge Street Playground and the onramp to Route 10.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
DEC 6 1984

READ AND PASSED

*Luis R. Stravato* PRES.  
*Rose M. Mendonca* CLERK



Councilman Lombardi (By Request)

PETER P. GRANIERI, JR., P.E.  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
MAYOR

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

January 25, 1985

Ms. Rose Mendonca  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Resolution #632  
Approved: December 12, 1984

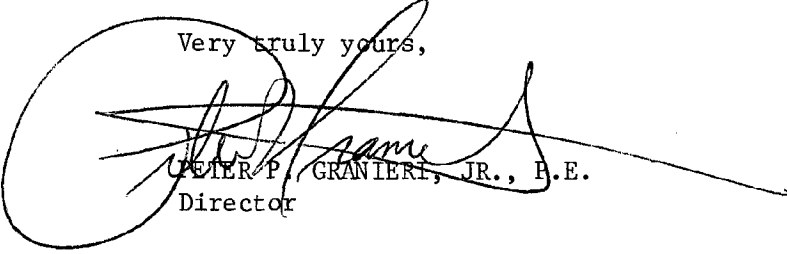
Dear Ms. Mendonca:

Enclosed please find copy of comments by Mr. Suzman, Traffic Engineer, in relation to the above request for speed bumps.

I agree with Mr. Suzman's findings in this case.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Suzman.

Very truly yours,

  
PETER P. GRANIERI, JR., P.E.  
Director

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Suzman, Traffic Engineer

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

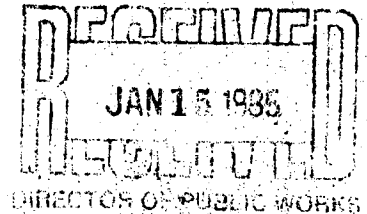
B. JAMES SUZMAN  
TRAFFIC ENGINEER



JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

M E M O R A N D U M



TO: Peter P. Granieri, Jr., P.E.  
FROM: B. James Suzman  
DATE: January 14, 1985  
RE: Speed bumps - Ridge Street and Tobey Street

Be advised that I do not favor the installation of "speed bumps". I feel that in terms of speeding vehicles, this is an enforcement problem. From a maintenance point of view, I would expect that snow plows would experience problems in addition to us properly maintaining proper warning signs.

Speed bumps are not illegal under the Rhode Island Statutes Title 31, Motor Vehicle Code Act. However, I would expect numerous similar requests if speed bumps were installed.

Attached is a copy of an article from the Institute of Transportation Engineers publication concerning speed bumps vs. speed humps. The article's conclusion should be noted. It says that 3" high by 12' long parabolic speed humps rather than bumps are ideally suited to control traffic at 25 MPH in residential areas, spaced at 300 foot intervals (if installed correctly).

You may also want to obtain a ruling from our Law Department regarding the City's liability against claims for damaged vehicles as a result of careless driving or inadequate warning signs.

Again, I would envision an opening of "Pandoras Box" on this subject if an installation is made. Please feel free to call me to further discuss this matter if you desire.