

# City installs speed humps on Florida Road

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IN RESPONSE to the national clarion call to reduce road carnage, eThekweni Municipality has made a decisive move to install speed humps as a traffic calming measure on Florida Road, one of the City's popular entertainment precincts.

According to the Municipality's records, between 2014 and 2016, there were 553 reported accidents with 87 injuries and one pedestrian fatality on Florida Road. Of the 533 reported accidents, 20 involved pedestrians, while 326 accidents occurred at non-intersections.

Carlos Esteves, Deputy Head of Road Systems Management Department



at EThekweni Transport Authority said the decision to install speed humps was taken after Urban Improvement Precincts requested for traffic calming devices to be installed on the long

stretch of road.

"After the request, we assessed Florida Road and we found that it meets the requirements for speed humps in terms of the City's Traffic Calming Policy.

Thereafter, the City committed R200 000 for the installation of 10 speed humps between Sandile Thusi Road and Innes Road which is 1.24 kilometers long," he said.

The installation began on 7 February 2016 and is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Since the start of the 2016/17 financial year, speed humps have been installed on 14

**The construction of 10 speed humps has begun on Florida Road with the aim of reducing the speed of vehicles which will result in accidents decreasing.**

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roads in eThekweni.

According to eThekweni's Traffic Calming Policy, traffic calming devices aim to reduce accidents, speed and eliminate traffic while improving the environmental quality of streets.

The policy also highlights that among other traffic calming measures, speed humps are the most cost effective. Furthermore, speed humps have been used extensively in eThekweni and the objective of decreasing speed has been achieved on roads with this traffic calming measure. Therefore, speed humps will continue to be used as the primary traffic calming measure in the Municipality.

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