# mesa-az Transportation Advisory Board Report

Date:	January 16, 2018
To:	Transportation Advisory Board
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Subject:	Efficacy of Various Traffic Calming Measures in Mesa

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present findings of several before and after studies of vehicle speeds on streets in Mesa that had speed mitigation features installed. The studies were performed on a variety of different street types (arterial, residential, etc.) and evaluate the efficacy of school zone flashers, driver speed feedback signs (DSFS), speed cushions, and speed humps.

#### Background

The need for speed mitigation was investigated based on citizens' concerns and substantiated by speed data collection. Before/after speed studies were conducted at locations where speed mitigation devices were installed in order to determine their respective effect on traffic speeds.

#### Discussion

See *Figure 1* for a description of all study locations as well as the respective speed mitigation feature implemented at each location.

The study results for each location are detailed below:

 Broadway Road and Alma School Road Adjacent to Guerrero Elementary School – Establishment of 35 mph school zone and installation of two school zone flashers, one for eastbound Broadway Road and one for northbound Alma School Road (40 mph posted speed limit for both Broadway and Alma School Roads).

Speed counts were collected at one location for each direction of travel (eastbound Broadway Road and northbound Alma School Road) for the before and after counts. The speed data shows some significant decrease in vehicle speeds even when the flashers are not active. Northbound traffic showed a greater decrease in vehicle speeds and a correlated better compliance to the posted speed limit which may be due to the clearer sign and flasher visibility. See *Figure 2* for a location map and the recorded speed data.

2. May from University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway – Installation of one DSFS per each direction of travel.

Speed counts were collected at two different locations on May, both north of Camino Street and at the ultimate location of the DSFS's as shown on *Figure 3*. Overall, both locations showed a negligible change in vehicle speeds and southbound speeds showed a noticeable increase downstream of the respective DSFS.

3. **McLellan Road from Harris Drive to Gilbert Road** (Candlelight Estates Neighborhood) – Installation of three sets of speed cushions.

Speed counts were collected at two locations along McLellan Road, one just east of Kachina and one west of Forest. The before and after counts were collected at nearly the same locations, minimally moved to ensure the after locations were set near the midpoint between features. See *Figure 4* for the count locations and the respective speed data. *Table 1* below shows the average speeds (weighted) taken from two locations before and after the installation of speed cushions on this segment of McLellan Road. The results show a decrease of 3.9 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of over 30% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. Additionally, there was an average decrease of 147 vehicles per day when comparing the before and after traffic volumes.

Weighted Average from 2 Locations on McLellan Road							
McLellan Road Between Harris Drive & Gilbert Road							
May-17 Nov-16 Oct-17 Average							
Installed	Before	After	Change				
Avg. Speed (mph)	29.7	25.9	-3.8				
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	34.8	30.9	-3.9				
% Veh > 25 mph	83.5%	52.7%	-30.7%				
% Veh > 35 mph	13.2%	3.7%	-9.5%				
% Veh > 45 mph	0.3%	0.2%	-0.1%				
% Veh > 55 mph	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Daily Volume (vpd)*	1193	1046	-147				
Before Data: 5-day weighted average November 17-18 & 21-23, 2016, at two locations After Data: 5-day weighted average October 18-20 & 23-24, 2017, at two locations							

 Table 1 – Speed Counts on McLellan Road Before & After Speed Cushions

4. 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Mesa Drive to Horne – Installation of three sets of speed cushions.

Speed counts were collected at one location on 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Mesa Drive and Horne. See *Figure 5* for the count location and the respective speed data. *Table 2* below shows the average speeds before and after the installation of speed cushions on this segment of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The results show a decrease of 4.4 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of over 20% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. Additionally, there was an average decrease of 109 vehicles per day when comparing the before and after traffic volumes.

Average from 1 Location on 8th Street							
8th Street Between Mesa Drive & Horne							
Aug-15 Mar-15 May-17 Average							
Installed	Before	After	Change				
Avg. Speed (mph)	27.3	24.2	-3.1				
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	33.9	29.5	-4.4				
% Veh > 25 mph	63.2%	42.6%	-20.7%				
% Veh > 35 mph	10.1%	1.9%	-8.2%				
% Veh > 45 mph	0.8%	0.1%	-0.7%				
% Veh > 55 mph	0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%				
Daily Volume (vpd)	1053	944	-109				
Before Data: 1-day count March 4, 2015, at one location After Data: 2-day average May 3-4, 2017, at one location							

Table 2 – Speed Counts on 8th Street Before & After Speed Cushions

5. **Sunnyvale from Broadway Road to Delta Avenue** (Lemon Tree Terrace Neighborhood) – Installation of three sets of speed cushions.

Prior to speed cushions being installed, speed counts were collected at one location on Sunnyvale, north of Carol Avenue. After counts were collected at two locations, one north and one south of Carol Avenue, both set near the midpoint between two sets of the speed cushions. See *Figure 6* for the count locations and the respective speed data. *Table 3* below shows the average speeds (weighted) before and after the installation of speed cushions on this segment of Sunnyvale. The results show a weighted average decrease of 3.0 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of over 30% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. Additionally, there was an average increase of 274 vehicles per day when comparing the before and after traffic volumes.

Weighted Average from 2 Locations on Sunnyvale							
Sunnyvale Between Broadway Road & Delta Avenue							
Dec-16 Oct-15 Jan-17 Average							
Installed	Before	After	Change				
Avg. Speed (mph)	27.0	24.4	-2.6				
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	32.6	29.6	-3.0				
% Veh > 25 mph	70.4%	39.8%	-30.6%				
% Veh > 35 mph	4.1%	2.2%	-1.9%				
% Veh > 45 mph	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%				
% Veh > 55 mph	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%				
Daily Volume (vpd)         1165         1439         274							
Before Data: 1-day count October 13, 2015, at one location After Data: 2-day weighted average January 11-12, 2017, at two locations							

Table 3 – Speed Counts on Sunnyvale Before & After Speed Cushions

 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Southern Avenue to Sunnyvale – Installation of three sets of speed cushions. Speed counts were collected at one location on 54<sup>th</sup> Street between Southern Avenue and Sunnyvale. See *Figure 7* for the count location and the respective speed data. *Table 4* below shows the average speeds before and after the installation of speed cushions on this segment of 54<sup>th</sup> Street. The results show a decrease of 4.4 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of 34% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. Additionally, there was an average decrease of 74 vehicles per day when comparing the before and after traffic volumes.

Average from 1 Location on 54th Street						
54th Street Between Southern Ave & Sunnyvale						
Jul-13 Feb-13 Oct-17 Average						
Installed	Before	After	Change			
Avg. Speed (mph)	27.5	24.0	-3.5			
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	33.1	28.7	-4.4			
% Veh > 25 mph	71.0%	37.5%	-33.5%			
% Veh > 35 mph	6.2%	0.5%	-5.7%			
% Veh > 45 mph	0.3%	0.1%	-0.3%			
% Veh > 55 mph	0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%			
Daily Volume (vpd)	1792	1718	-74			
Before Data: 2-day average Febru						
After Data: 2-day average Octobe	r 18-19, 2017, at c	one location				

Table 4 – Speed Counts on 54<sup>th</sup> Street Before & After Speed Cushions

 96<sup>th</sup> Street from Baseline Road to Idaho Avenue – Installation of three sets of speed cushions.

Prior to speed cushions being installed, speed counts were collected at one location on 96<sup>th</sup> Street, between Jerome and Jan Avenues. After counts were collected at three locations set between Baseline Road and Jerome Avenue, Jerome and Jan Avenues, and Impala and Idaho Avenues, respectively. See *Figure 8* for the count locations and the respective speed data. *Table 5* below shows the average speeds (weighted) before and after the installation of speed cushions on this segment of 96<sup>th</sup> Street. The results show a weighted average decrease of 4.6 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of 28% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. Additionally, there was an average decrease of 396 vehicles per day when comparing the before and after traffic volumes.

Weighted Average from 3 Locations on 96th Street						
96th Street Between Baseline Rd & Idaho Ave						
Feb-15 May-14 Oct-17 Average						
Installed	Before	After	Change			
Avg. Speed (mph)	29.2	25.1	-4.1			
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	34.8	30.2	-4.6			
% Veh > 25 mph	76.9%	49.4%	-27.6%			
% Veh > 35 mph	13.7%	2.5%	-11.3%			
% Veh > 45 mph	0.7%	0.1%	-0.6%			
% Veh > 55 mph	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%			
Daily Volume (vpd)	2466	2070	-396			
Before Data: 1-day count May 20, 2014, at one location After Data: 2-day weighted average October 18-19, 2017, at three locations						

Table 5 - Speed Counts on 96th Street Before & After Speed Cushions

8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Alma School Road to Westwood – Installation of two speed humps.

Speed counts were collected at two locations along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, one east and one west of Beverly. The before and after counts were collected at nearly the same locations, minimally moved to ensure the after locations were set at the midpoint between the speed humps. See *Figure 9* for the count locations and the respective speed data. *Table 6* below shows the average speeds taken from two locations (weighted) before and after the installation of speed humps on this segment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The results show a drastic decrease of 18 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of 71% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. Additionally, there was an average increase of 20 vehicles per day when comparing the before and after traffic volumes.

Weighted Average from 2 Locations on 2nd Street							
2nd Street Between Alma School Rd & Westwood							
Apr-16 Oct-14 Oct-17 Average							
Installed	Before	After	Change				
Avg. Speed (mph)	31.9	18.5	-13.4				
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	42.3	24.3	-18.0				
% Veh > 25 mph	76.8%	5.4%	-71.3%				
% Veh > 35 mph	39.7%	0.3%	-39.5%				
% Veh > 45 mph	6.3%	0.1%	-6.2%				
% Veh > 55 mph	1.0%	0.0%	-1.0%				
Daily Volume (vpd)*         349         369         20							
	Before Data: 2-day weighted average October 1-2, 2014, at two locations After Data: 2-day weighted average October 25-26, 2017, at two locations						

*Table 6* – Speed Counts on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Before & After Speed Humps

9. 1<sup>st</sup> Place from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Lazona Drive – Installation of one speed hump.

Speed counts were collected at one location on 1<sup>st</sup> Place between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Lazona Drive. See *Figure 10* for the count location and the respective speed

data. **Table 7** below shows the average speeds before and after the speed hump installation on this segment of 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The results show a decrease of 12.9 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of 36% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. There was a negligible decrease of 17 vehicles per day when comparing before and after traffic volumes.

Average from 1 Location on 1 <sup>st</sup> Place							
1st Place between 1st Street & Lazona Drive							
May-16 May-15 Mar-17 Average							
Installed	Before	After	Change				
Avg. Speed (mph)	25.0	16.6	-8.4				
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	35.7	22.8	-12.9				
% Veh > 25 mph	40.7%	5.0%	-35.7%				
% Veh > 35 mph	16.1%	0.0%	-16.1%				
% Veh > 45 mph	1.7%	0.0%	-1.7%				
% Veh > 55 mph	0.8%	0.0%	-0.8%				
Daily Volume (vpd)	101	-17					
Before Data: 1-day count May 13, After Data: 2-day average March 2							

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#### 10. Hoover Avenue from Pima to Pasadena – Installation of one speed hump.

Speed counts were collected at one location on Hoover Avenue between Pima and Pasadena. See *Figure 11* for the count location and the respective speed data. *Table 8* below shows the average speeds before and after the speed hump installation on this segment of Hoover Avenue. The results show a decrease of 7.7 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds and a drop of 17% for the percentage of vehicles travelling over 25 mph. There was a negligible increase of 9 vehicles per day when comparing before and after traffic volumes.

Table 8 – Speed Counts on Hoover Avenue Before & After Speed Hump

Average from 1 Location on Hoover Avenue							
Hoover Avenue Between Pima & Pasadena							
Oct-17 Aug-16 Dec-17 Average							
Installed	Before	After	Change				
Avg. Speed (mph)	23.7	19.9	-3.8				
85th%-tile Speed (mph)	33.0	25.3	-7.7				
% Veh > 25 mph	31.4%	14.8%	-16.7%				
% Veh > 35 mph	11.3%	0.5%	-10.8%				
% Veh > 45 mph	3.6%	0.0%	-3.6%				
% Veh > 55 mph	0.5%	0.0%	-0.5%				
Daily Volume (vpd)	Daily Volume (vpd)         194         203         9						
	Before Data: 2-day average August 17-18, 2016, at one location After Data: 2-day average December 6-7, 2017, at one location						

*Table 9* below summarizes the before and after speed count data for all the above referenced street segments that received speed cushions and humps. The

data shows an overall average decrease of 4.1 mph and 12.9 mph in observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds for the streets where speed cushions and speed humps were installed, respectively.

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FEATURE	STREET	BEFORE	AFTER	DELTA	BEFORE	AFTER	DELTA
	MCLELLAN RD	29.7	25.9	-3.8	34.8	30.9	-3.9
00550	8TH ST	27.3	24.2	-3.1	33.9	29.5	-4.4
SPEED CUSHIONS	SUNNYVALE	27.0	24.4	-2.6	32.6	29.6	-3.0
	54TH ST	27.5	24.0	-3.5	33.1	28.7	-4.4
	96TH ST	29.2	25.1	-4.1	34.8	30.2	-4.6
AV	AVERAGE		24.7	-3.4	33.8	29.8	-4.1
00550	2ND ST	31.9	18.5	-13.4	42.3	24.3	-18.0
SPEED HUMPS	1ST PL	25.0	16.6	-8.4	35.7	22.8	-12.9
	HOOVER AVE	23.7	19.9	-3.8	33.0	25.3	-7.7
AV	ERAGE	26.9	18.3	-8.5	37.0	24.1	-12.9

**Table 9** – Speed Count Summary Before & After Speed Cushions & Humps

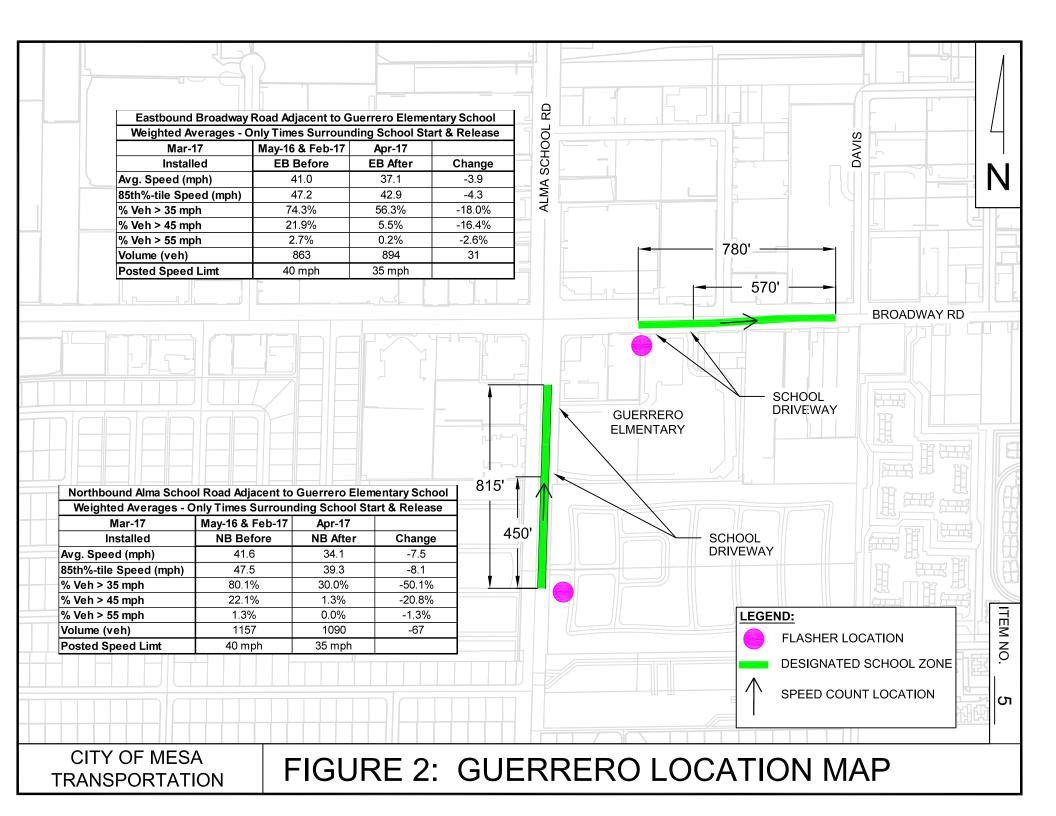
Similar Mesa studies have been done in the past to examine the effectiveness of speed cushions (2011) and speed humps (2001). The studies showed varied results for the different street segments where the speed cushions and humps were installed, but all commonly showed a decrease in the observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds. The decrease in 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds varied from a 1.7 mph reduction to a 7.5 mph reduction and an average 6.7 mph reduction in 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds for the eight street segments included in the speed cushions study. Results of the speed hump study showed that on average, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds decreased by 6.0 mph following the installation of speed humps.

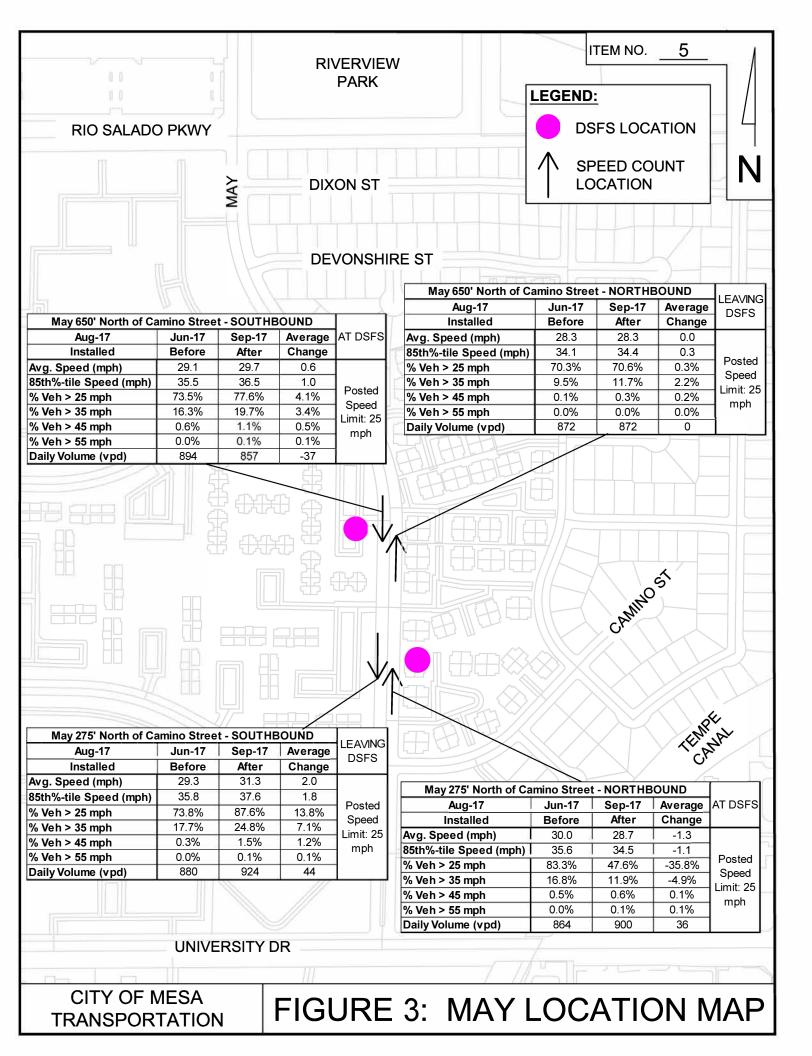
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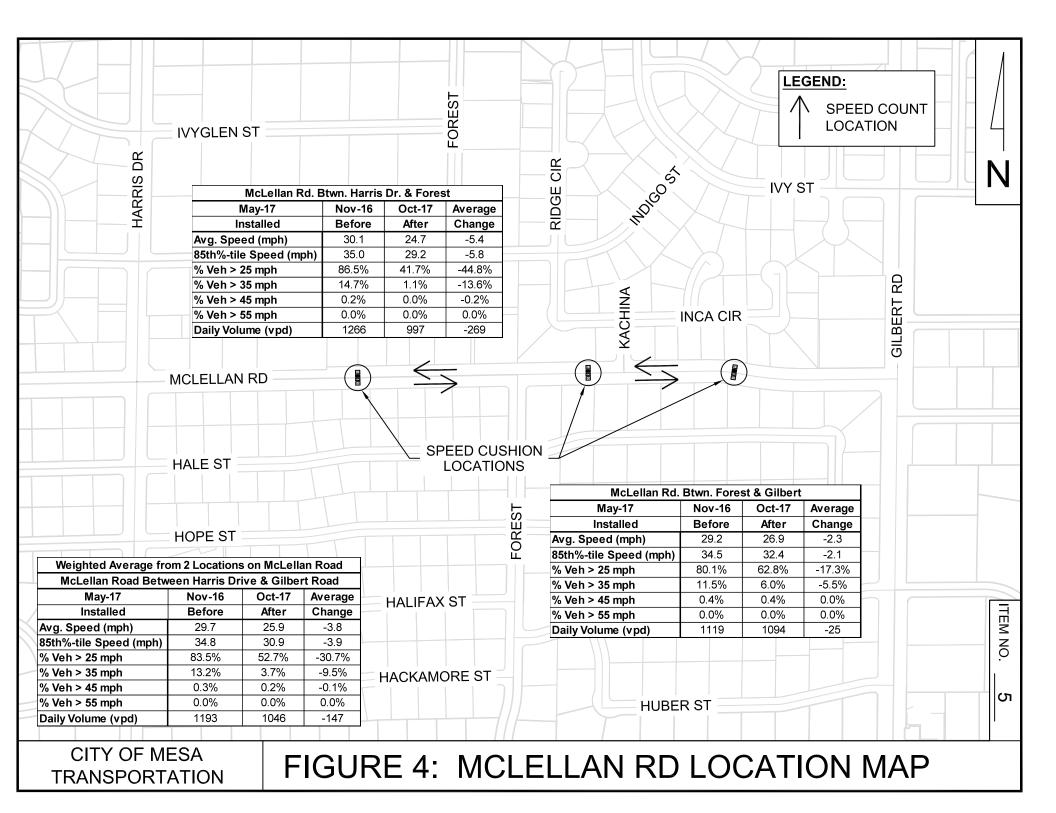
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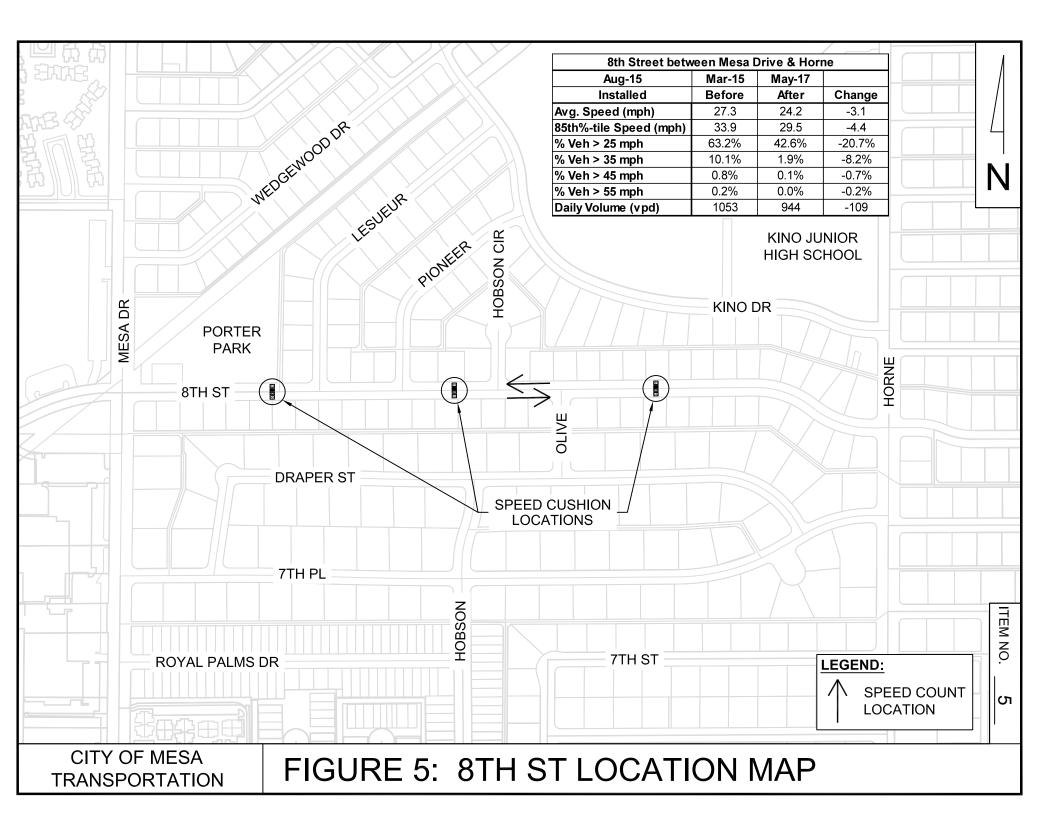
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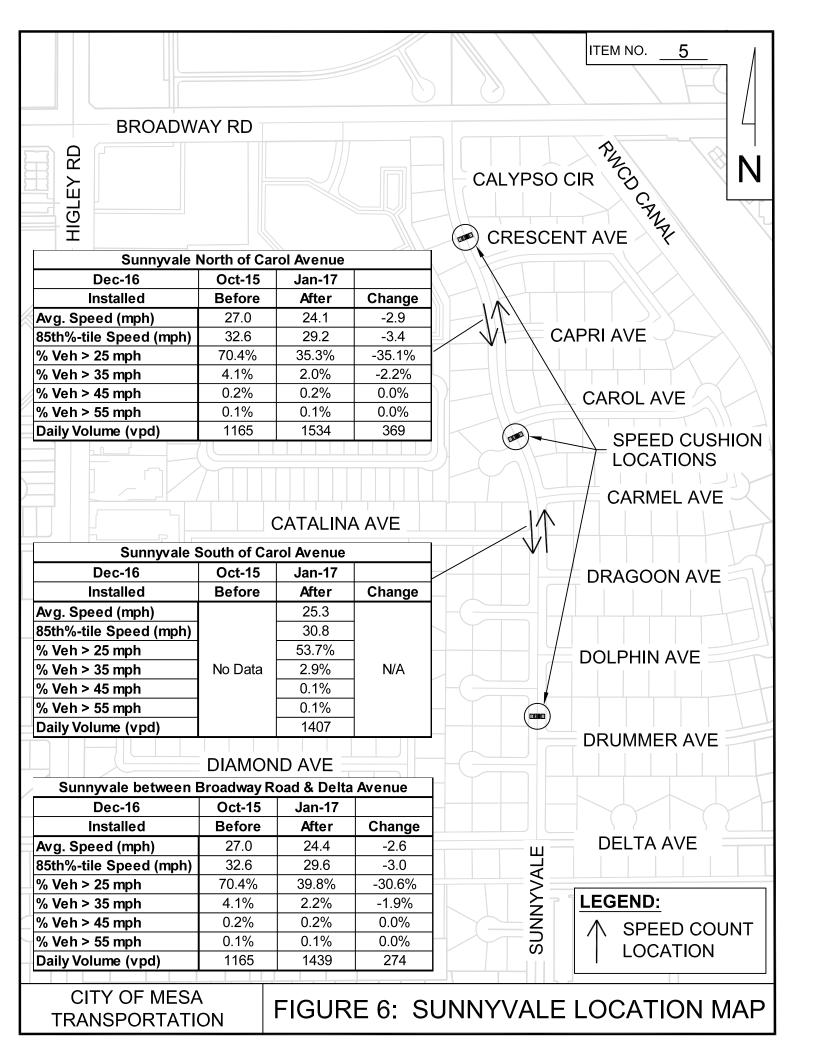


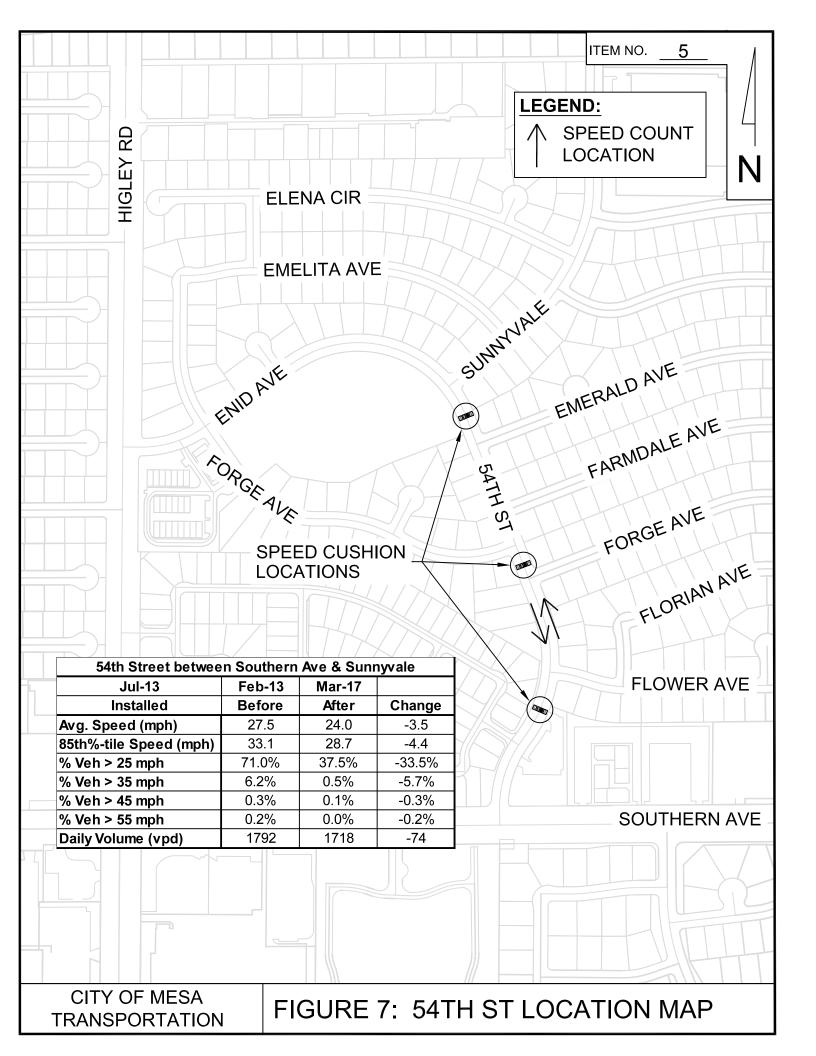


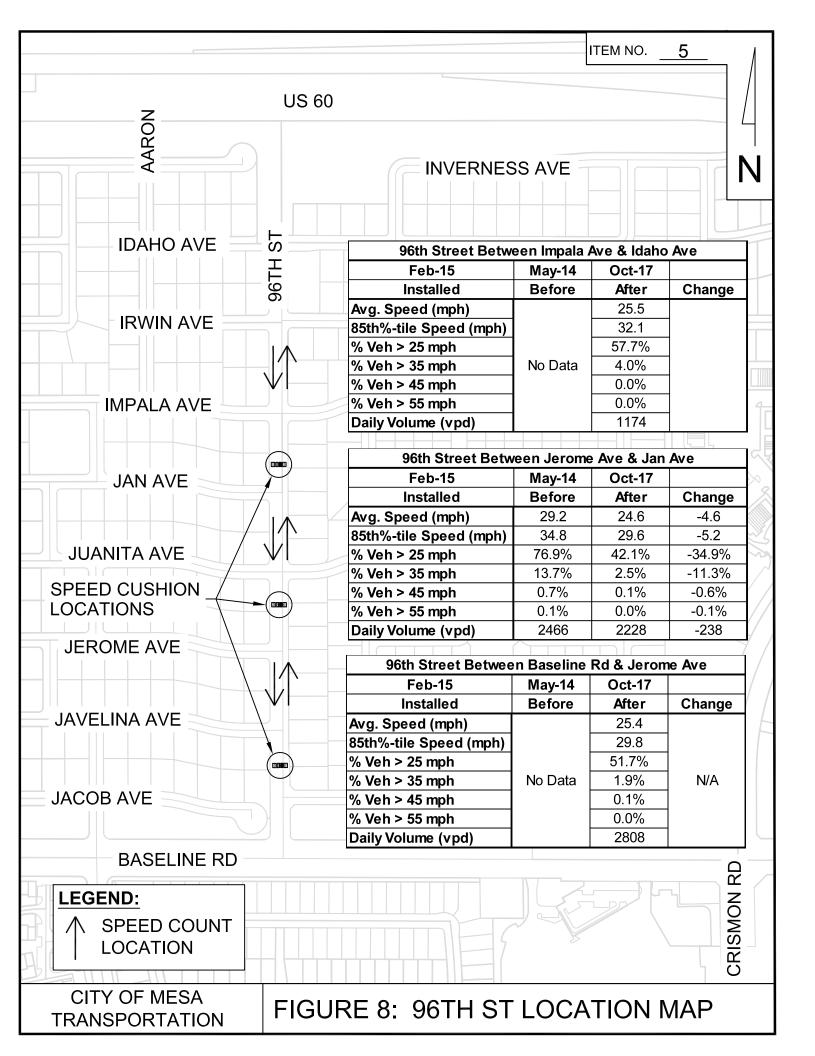












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## FIGURE 9: 2ND ST LOCATION MAP

