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Rep. Petersen comments on Anchorage traffic calming efforts

I'll keep working until Northeast Anchorage communities get the traffic safety upgrades they asked for

Representative [Pete Petersen](#) (D- Anchorage) released the following statement today in anticipation of Mayor Sullivan's announcement about traffic calming:

“I am pleased the mayor plans to address traffic safety in Anchorage neighborhoods, and I hope this means he’s changed his administration's position and will give the communities what they want—speed humps. East Anchorage community councils asked for speed humps, Senator Wielechowski and I helped secure the money for them, and I hope the mayor will put these humps in before snow falls. I will keep working until Northeast Anchorage communities get the traffic safety upgrades they asked for.”

Previously the municipality had a city wide program for putting speed humps on neighborhood streets, but this program was cut last year because of budget concerns. Petersen and Sen. Bill Wielechowski (D-Anchorage) worked to secure the state grant as an alternative funding source for speed humps in Northeast Anchorage.

The grant [language](#) states that “*Improvements are expected to include lighting, chokers, speed humps, and sidewalks. This request will fund traffic calming throughout Northeast Anchorage. Priority projects will be designed and constructed based upon the recommendations of the local community councils.*”

On July 1 the Anchorage Daily News [reported](#) that municipal budget director Cheryl Frasca confirmed that all municipal traffic calming projects were cancelled, but on Monday the mayor's office announced that a traffic calming plan would be released at a press conference today.

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