

**TO: James L. App, City Manager**  
**FROM: Doug Monn, Director of Public Works**  
**SUBJECT: Remove Traffic Calming Devices, Rolling Hills Road**  
**DATE: November 20, 2007**

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider the removal of Bots dots on Rolling Hills Road.

- FACTS:**
1. In January, 2007, a petition was received from residents in the immediate area of Rolling Hills Road stating that traffic loads and speeds on Rolling Hills Road have a significant negative impact on their quality of life.
  2. At their meeting of July 13, 2007, the Streets and Utilities Committee recommended that the Council authorize a traffic calming study for Rolling Hills Road and that Bureau of Transportation raised pavement markers (Bots dots) be placed as an interim measure.
  3. At their meeting of August 21, 2007, the City Council added the Rolling Hills traffic calming study request to the list of road improvement projects for consideration in future budgets, and as an interim measure, directed the installation of Bots dots on Rolling Hills Road.
  4. The City has recently received a letter and petition requesting the removal of the Bots dots. The petition states that the dots have been ineffective in calming traffic and have created unacceptable levels of noise.
  5. At their meeting of November 9, 2007, the Streets and Utilities Committee adopted a recommendation to the City Council to remove the Bots dots.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Rolling Hills Road functions as a collector street. It is a key connection between Union Road and Creston Road. To effectively address traffic calming on Rolling Hills Road, a more comprehensive road design effort is needed; similar to the on-going efforts in progress on Union Road, River Road and Vine Street.

The Council directed the installation of Bots dots as an interim measure to alert drivers of speed limits. Residents of the area now request their removal.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** Traffic Calming Program.

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** The estimated cost of removing Bots dots is minimal.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Direct the City Streets Superintendent to remove the Bots dots on Rolling Hills Road.
  - b. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

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Attachments (2):

- 1) Letter from Bob and Lenore Spielman
- 2) Neighborhood petition

**John Falkenstien**

**From:** Bob Spielman [mavspiel@charter.net]  
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**Cc:** Deborah Robinson  
**Subject:** Request to Remove DOTS/BOTTS from Rolling Hills Road  
**Attachments:** Page 1.jpg; Page 2.jpg; Page 3.jpg

**Request:**

In accordance with the City of Paso Robles procedures for traffic calming and direction from Council and Staff, the attached list of neighbors hereby request that the City Streets and Utilities Committee, City Council and City Staff direct Public Works to remove the recently installed traffic warning devices called DOTS/BOTTS as soon as possible from the 3 locations along Rolling Hills Road (RHR).

Also, while awaiting completion of the queued traffic engineering study for RHR, please consider all other interim low cost effective options for traffic calming on RHR that have been implemented successfully elsewhere in the city. For example, on Nickerson Drive stop signs and speed "humps" have been effectively deployed to slow traffic and eliminate it's use as a high speed shortcut through a residential neighborhood. Another example includes Vine Street, where the drainage swales and stop signs control speeds effectively to 35 mph.

**Problem:**

While residents appreciate the Council and Staff recent efforts and attempt at traffic calming on RHR, the temporary solution that was recently implemented has done little if any to slow traffic. Contrarily the action has greatly increased the noise to unacceptable levels in the neighborhood. This factor is especially impactful for residents living directly adjacent to the DOTS/BOTTS. Residents near these 3 locations have lost the peace and harmony of their own homes including many nights of lost sleep because of the loud and irritating noises from the vehicle impact on the DOTS/BOTTS. Also traffic has been observed actually speeding up to clear the DOTS/BOTTS, thus further exacerbating the problem.

**Solution:**

If the City lacks the manpower, time or funding to remove the DOTS/BOTTS in a timely manner, neighbors will gladly supply the necessary construction equipment to accomplish this task in an efficient, safe and cost neutral manner (of course under the direction of Public Works).

Please let us know when action will be taken. The current situation is intolerable for residents.

Respectfully,

Bob Spielman

Dennis Camp

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# Citizen Petition: Rolling Hills Road

Date 10/07/07

In accordance with the City of Paso Robles procedures for traffic calming, the undersigned hereby request that the City Streets and Utilities Committee, City Council and City staff remove the recently installed traffic warning devices called DOTS/BOTTS as soon as practicable from the 3 locations along Rolling Hills Road (RHR).

While residents appreciate the Councils and Staffs efforts and attempt at traffic calming, the temporary solution that was implemented has done little if any to slow traffic and has greatly increased the noise to unacceptable levels in the neighborhood, especially for residents living near the DOTS/BOTTS.

Please consider other interim low cost effective options such as stop signs, increased patrols and/or speed bumps to reduce traffic speeding, volume and noise until the traffic engineering study completed.

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