

Howard Street Speed Reduction Pilot Project

This fall, the Melrose Department of Public Works will be installing a temporary speed table on Howard Street between Hesseltine Avenue and Nelson Road/Ruggles Street. The bend on Howard Street located to the west of Hesseltine Avenue has been the site of chronic vehicular crashes in which automobiles have driven off the road and, in many instances, have struck the granite curb, signage, trees, boulders, and private property. In response, the City has taken numerous measures to try to mitigate crashes in this location such as the addition of improved signage, roadway paint, reflectors, curb extensions, and trees. While these measures have decreased the frequency of crashes, this location still experiences crashes that put other drivers, pedestrians, and the community at risk.

The temporary speed table pilot project will be completed between now and early winter. The City will then evaluate the efficacy and viability of a long-term installation of a speed table in this neighborhood. Feedback will be solicited from the neighborhood and from the community at large prior to implementing any permanent speed reduction measures. If you have questions about the project, please contact the Melrose Department of Public Works at 781-665-0142.

