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Hello Folks,

Traffic (speeding and Stop sign running) will continue to be issues in Southern Village forever, and so you will never stop hearing about it.

A "Speed Table" here and there is a very local solution. The downside is pavement stress on both sides of the hump, with cars braking and accelerating and hence wasting energy. Very few change behavior, i.e. reduce overall speed and take the hump in stride. Many here over-accelerate, then late-brake from Stop sign to Stop sign, then often drift without enough of a stop, and sometimes ignore the Stop sign altogether. I see it all the time when I'm walking the neighborhood.

In my opinion, because of narrow streets, parked cars, children and alleys, some blind exits, like at the pool! (It's only a matter of time before a kid on a bicycle gets killed there), the most realistic change in Southern Village would be to reduce the speed limit by 5MPH everywhere, and enforce it. The farthest distance between any two points in Southern Village is about a mile. Going from 25 to 20 MPH adds little more than 30 seconds to the longest trip.

Add consistent enforcement and the word will get out, "Don't speed or run Stop signs in Southern Village".

Regards,

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