Radar Speed Trailer

DESCRIPTION:
Radar speed trailers are mobile units placed on the side of the road that use radar to sense an oncoming vehicle's speed and display that speed back to the approaching driver. This is intended to give the driver an external visual indication of their speed, which if excessive, may remind them to slow down. The radar speed trailers have no cameras and do not take any photos of offending drivers for enforcement purposes.

APPLICATION:
The Albuquerque Police Department (APD) maintains a fleet of radar speed trailers, distributed among the several area commands. The Metro Traffic Division also maintains radar speed trailers.

On neighborhood streets where speeding has been documented, the City of Albuquerque, Traffic Engineering Division may respond by submitting a request to APD for deployment of a radar speed trailer(s) at the specified locations. Because these APD resources are limited, the number and duration of the trailer deployment may be limited.

Radar speed trailers must be deployed on the side of the road where they will be safe from traffic, not block sidewalks or bicycle lanes, and not obstruct sight distance at intersections and driveways. The radar speed trailers must also be positioned so that they are not blocked by parked vehicles.

Advantages

- Have been shown to be effective in prompting some speeding drivers to slow down.
- Can be deployed on short notice and easily moved.
- Results are immediate.
- Deployment is low cost.
- Does not slow emergency vehicles.
- Alerts violators without affecting normal traffic.

Disadvantages

- Effectiveness may be temporary once removed.
- Limited to APD availability.
- Requires enough space to set up, and may reduce available parking.
- Units are subject to vandalism.
- Some drivers may try to register a high speed.

Effectiveness Scorecard

	Category	Rating
SPEED LIMIT 25	Speed	Good
	Volume	Poor
	Cut-through	Poor
	Crashes	N/A
	Emergency Vehicle	Very Good
	Pedestrian	Very Good
	Bicycle	Very Good
	Noise	N/A
$	Cost	$$

Very Good Good Fair Poor N/A Not Applicable

Quick Glance

SPEED LIMIT 25