Speed Limit Pavement Markings

**DESCRIPTION:**
Speed limit pavement markings are numerals applied in the traffic lane to remind drivers of the regulatory speed limit. In addition, a “SLOW” word legend may be applied with the speed legend.

**APPLICATION:**
Where a problem of speeding traffic has been documented, speed limit pavement markings may be installed to remind drivers to check their speed.

On residential streets, the standard speed limit is 25 MPH (see discussion on the sheet for Speed Limit Signs). On these streets, speed limit pavement markings may be used alone without posting a regulatory speed limit sign. On streets where the speed limit is greater or less than 25 MPH, speed limit pavement markings must be placed in conjunction with regulatory signs, as the pavement markings alone are not enforceable under state traffic laws or City of Albuquerque ordinances.

**Advantages**
- Provides a clear indication of the speed limit to drivers who are watching the road.
- Do not become obscured by street-side vegetation growth, parked trucks, or other obstructions.
- Relatively easy and low cost to install.
- Do not slow emergency vehicles.

**Disadvantages**
- Used alone do not guarantee responsible driving behavior.
- Used alone have not been shown to significantly reduce traffic speeds.
- Require regular maintenance. Markings must be reapplied approximately every 6 years.

**Effectiveness Scorecard**

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**Quick Glance**

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Not Applicable