

Not so fast - Speed Limit Study

A speed study involves:

- **Bringing key community members together**; such as residents, highway officials, police, and school district reps to discuss the issue
- **Conducting a site visit & gathering data**; including traffic speeds and counts plus crash info
- **Meeting to discuss the findings**; share concerns and brainstorm solutions
- **Creating a plan**; such as community education, enforcement, structural changes, or speed limit changes
- **Keeping an open mind**; if the first solution doesn't work be flexible, this is a process that takes time & patience. Lowering the speed is just one possible outcome

Some possible outcomes:

- Changing the speed limit to match both driver expectations and the surrounding community
 - Note the lowest speed limit outside a school zone is 25 mph
- Suggesting other measures such as traffic calming, more enforcement, or an overall local roads safety plan may be a better fit than changing the speed limit.

How long does a speed study take?

- NYSDOT will need to collect data and visit the site to review conditions. Depending on the time of year, this can take several months. This is not a quick fix, please be patient.

