

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 16, 2003

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.48.010 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF LAGUNA ROAD FROM COLLECTOR STREET TO LOCAL STREET.

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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BACKGROUND:

City Council directed preparation of this ordinance at its regular meeting of April 21, 2003. At that meeting staff advised the Council that on the Federal Aid Urban System Map the portion of Laguna Road between La Loma Road and Arroyo Boulevard is designated "Collector Street," for which the posted speed limit is 30 MPH. However, studies have determined that the operating speed of motorists along Laguna Road is approximately 38/39 MPH.

To lower the posted speed limit on Laguna Road while still maintaining its designation as a Collector Street would require an "Engineering and Traffic Study." The only roadways exempted from the study are residential streets that primarily provide access to abutting residential property and that meet the definition of "local" road in the Vehicle Code, and roadways that are listed as a "Local Road" on the Federal Aid Urban System Map. Staff has determined that characteristics of Laguna Road qualify the street to be designated as a "Local Road" with a prima facie speed limit of 25 MPH, as established by Caltrans criteria.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The proposed ordinance will modify the Municipal Code to remove Laguna Road from the list of streets whose speed limits are determined based on an "Engineering and Traffic Survey," allowing Laguna Road to be reclassified as a Local Street and having a lower posted speed limit.

MEETING OF 06/16/2003

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.2.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The Pasadena Municipal Code may only be amended by ordinance.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Department of Transportation and the Police Department will be primarily affected by the proposed ordinance as they enforce this section of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

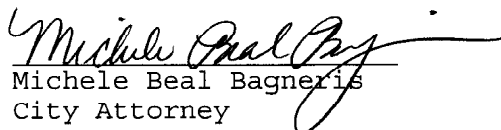
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the General Rule that CEQA applies only to activities which may have a significant effect on the environment (Section 15061(b)(3)).


FISCAL and SERVICE IMPLICATIONS:

The City receives STP Funds based on the total mileage of streets designated as Principal Arterial, Minor Arterial and Collector on the Federal Aid Urban System Maps. Removing this portion of Laguna Street from these Maps will reduce the City's total reported mileage by about 0.58 mile. It is estimated that the total STP funds received by the City per year would be reduced by approximately \$1,709.

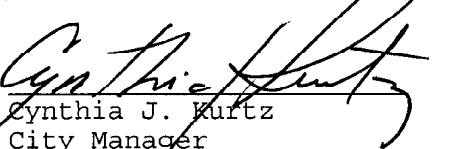
Respectfully submitted,


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Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

Concurrence:


Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Manager

Introduced by Councilmember

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The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 10.48.010 of Chapter 10.48 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is amended by deleting the following language from the listing of streets:

"Laguna Road from La Loma Road to San Rafael Bridge 30 mph."

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Signed and approved this _____ day of _____,
2003.

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held the ____ day of _____, 2003, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

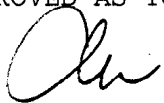
Absent:

Abstain:

Published:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



6/3/03

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney