

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS

DATE: December 8, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the establishment of the proposed speed limits on street segments as detailed in the Background Section of this report;
2. Direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Chapter 10.48 of the Pasadena Municipal Code in order to reflect the proposed revisions and administrative revisions to be presented to the City Council for first reading within 90 days;
3. Acknowledge that the proposed revisions to existing speed limits is categorically exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the CEQA guidelines, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefore with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On January 29, 2008, a special meeting of TAC was held to discuss the proposed speed limit revisions and obtain additional public comment. At this meeting, TAC unanimously supported establishing speed limits on roadway segments where the proposed speed limit would either remain the same as existing posted limits or would be decreased.

BACKGROUND

In order for speed to be enforceable through the use of radar or lidar, State law requires speed limits to be set according to the methodology detailed in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The latest Engineering and Traffic Surveys have resulted in findings that the speed limits on five streets segments are required to be established in the City of Pasadena's Municipal Code so that the Police Department can continue an enforcement program which the courts will support. It is recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance with changes to establish speed limits on the following street segments.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Lida Street	Knollwood Drive to Parkview Avenue	25	25
Raymond Ave.	Corson St. to Del Mar Blvd.	25	25
Raymond Ave.	Del Mar Blvd. to Glenarm St.	35	35
Rosemont Ave.	Seco St. to Orange Grove Blvd.	25	25
West Dr.	Washington Blvd. to Seco St.	40	35

Revisions to PMC sections 10.48.010 are needed to enact the proposed speed limits identified above. These sections deal with establishing speed limits on City streets that are different than what would otherwise be allowed as default by State law.

The following attachments are provided for reference:

- Proposed speed limit map (Attachment A)
- Background of procedures used to establish speed limits (Attachment B)
- Discussion of specific speed limits (Attachment C)

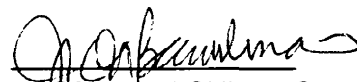
FISCAL IMPACT

There are minor fiscal impacts to the Department of Transportation's budget due to the systematic replacement of speed limit signs along the roadway sections as described.

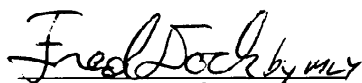
Respectfully submitted,


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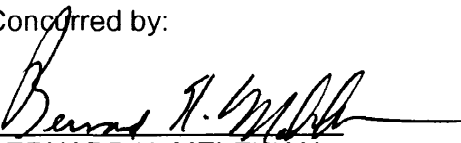
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Attachment A Map of Proposed Speed Limits
 Attachment B Background of Procedures used to Establish Speed Limits
 Attachment C Discussion of Specific Speed Limits