

Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL

Date: December 14, 1998

From: City Manager

Subject: Speed Limit on South Marengo Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council certify the Engineering and Traffic Survey for Marengo Avenue between Del Mar Boulevard and Los Robles Avenue recommending a 5 mile per hour reduction in the posted speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour and direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Chapter 10.48 of the Municipal Code to reflect this change.

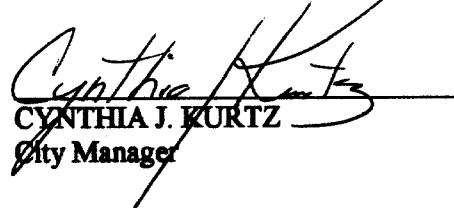
BACKGROUND:

Marengo Avenue south of Del Mar Boulevard is designated as a "de-emphasis" street in the Mobility Element of the General Plan. This segment of Marengo Avenue also lies within the Southwest Traffic Plan area. As part of the de-emphasis process and the Southwest Traffic Plan implementation, the striping on Marengo Avenue south of Glenarm Street was modified to include diagonal parking as well as the installation of additional stop controls. The striping on Marengo Avenue between Del Mar Boulevard and Glenarm Street was modified to reduce the number of travel lanes from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction. This change also included the installation of a continuous two-way left turn lane and bike lanes on both sides of the street.

In view of these changes on Marengo Avenue between Del Mar Boulevard and Los Robles Avenue and at the request of the Southwest Traffic Monitoring Committee, an engineering and traffic survey was conducted to determine whether the existing 35 miles per hour speed limit was still appropriate. The results of the survey indicate that a 5 miles per hour reduction in the speed limit is appropriate at this time based on the existing conditions.

This proposed speed limit change on this section of Marengo Avenue will require an amendment to the ordinance establishing speed zones in the City. After the amendment is completed, City forces will change the speed limit signs on this portion of Marengo Avenue.

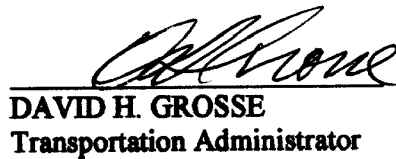
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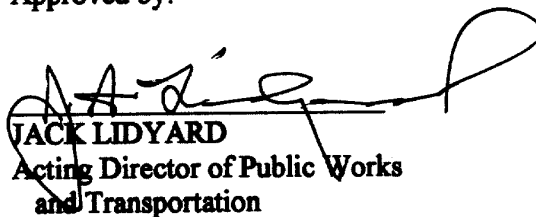
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