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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION DIVISION



SPEED LIMITS

Process

- Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) expires after 7 or 14 years
- New E&TS is performed
- Board amends County Code by ordinance to designate speed limit zone(s)
- Documentation is provided to the CHP and Courts for enforcement
- Appropriate signage and roadway markings are installed



- Speed of free flow traffic is recorded
- Sample size must be 50 or more, normally 100 vehicles
- Road conditions are recorded
- Daily traffic volume is recorded
- Collision data is collected
- Analyze speed data
 - 85th Percentile
 - Pace





PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS: DISTRICT 1

Santa Claus Lane

from Padaro Lane to 1363 feet southeast of Padaro Lane



LOWER EXISTING SPEED LIMIT FROM 55 max. to 30 MPH

**KEEP EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH
Business District**

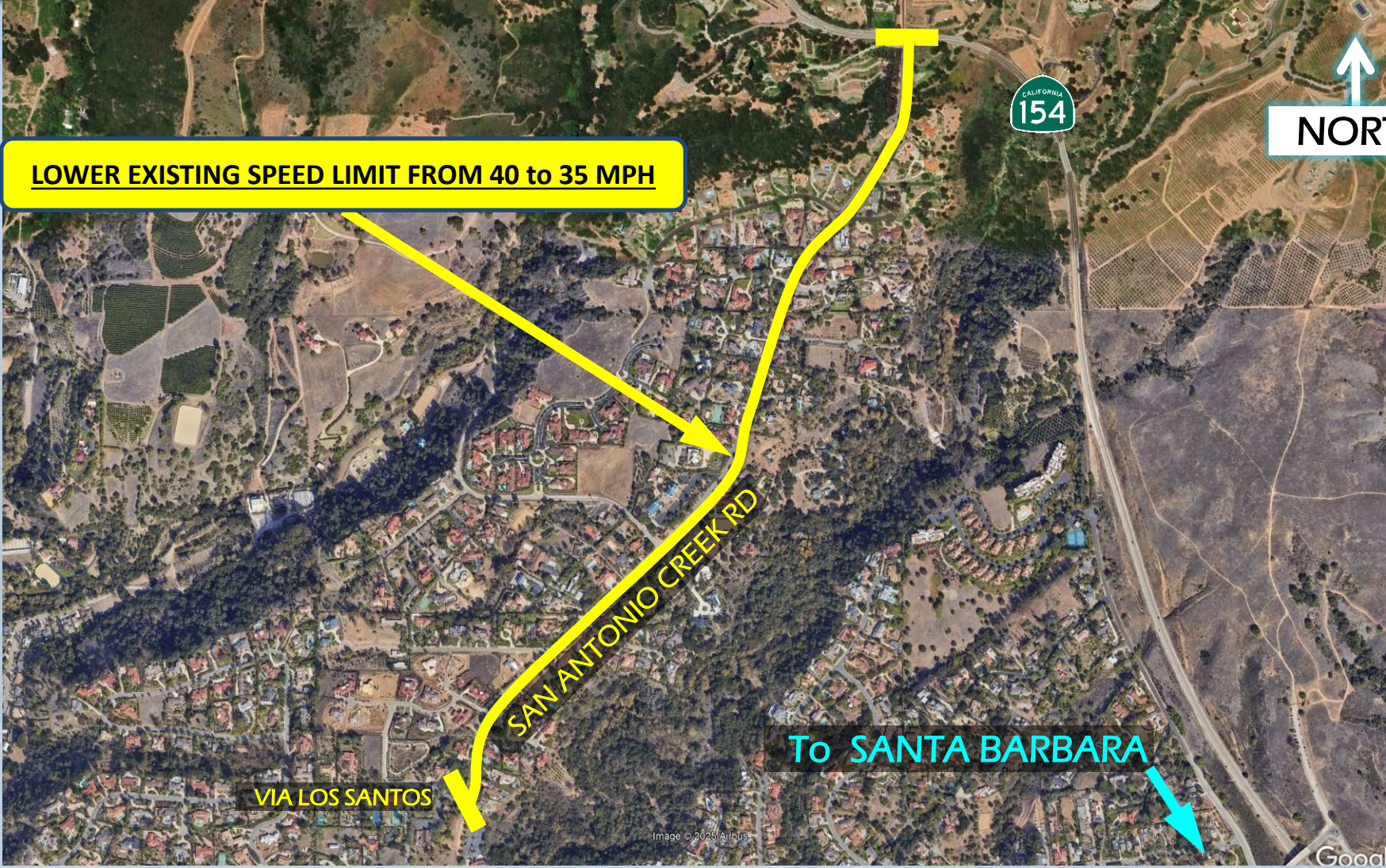
**To
CARPINTERIA**

**U.S. 101
Southbound
On-Ramp**

PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS: DISTRICT 1



San Antonio Creek Road
from Via Los Santos to State Route 154



PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS: DISTRICT 4



California Boulevard
from Broadway to the City of Santa Maria

NORTH →

REMOVE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH
Meets residence district criteria from Hartnell Rd
to the City of Santa Maria = 25 MPH





RECOMMENDATIONS

The County of Santa Barbara Department of Public Works recommends that your Board adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Santa Barbara County Code thereby establishing the following Speed Limit Zones:

SPEED ZONE	CURRENT SPEED LIMIT	PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT
Santa Claus Lane (Padaro Lane to 1363 feet southeast)	N/A	30
San Antonio Creek Road (Via Los Santos to S.R. 154)	40	35
California Boulevard (Broadway to Santa Maria City Limits)	30	25



Recommendations

- a. Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending County Code Sections 23-15.4, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, and 23-15.9, pertaining to speed limits on various roadways in the First and Fourth Districts; and
- b. Read the title of the Ordinance and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and
- c. Continue the item to the Administrative Agenda of May 12, 2026 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance amending speed limits on various roads, as follows:
 - i. Adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) amending County Code Sections 23-15.4, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, and 23-15.9, pertaining to speed limits on various roadways in the First and Fourth Districts; and
 - ii. Determine that amending County Code Sections 23-15.4, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, and 23-15.9, pertaining to speed limits, are for the operation and maintenance of an existing public facility, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, and are therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

A blue-tinted photograph of a road with a speed limit sign. The sign is white with black text and a black border, reading "SPEED LIMIT 40". The road has a double yellow line and a white edge line. In the background, there are hills and utility poles.

**THANK
YOU!**