



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: September 11, 2012
Placement: Second Reading
September 18, 2012
Estimated Tme: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3005
SUBJECT: **Playground Speed Zone Ordinance, Second Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Consider the introduction of an Ordinance amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23, Sections 23-15.3, 23-15.4, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, 23-15.7, and 23-15.8, pertaining to the speed limit adjacent to a children's playground on Merida Drive in the Goleta area (15 minutes);
- B. Set hearing on the Administrative Agenda of September 18, 2012 to consider recommendations, as follows:
 - i.) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance, amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23 Sections 23-15.3, 23-15.4, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, 23-15.7, and 23-15.8, pertaining to speed limits adjacent to a children's playground on Merida Drive, Second Supervisorial District;
 - ii.) Find that the proposed action is for the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15301; and
 - iii.) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

In accordance with the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22357.1, the Public Works Department prepared an Ordinance to amend county code Chapter 23, Section 23-15.3 to permit a 25 mph speed limit adjacent to a children's playground on Merida Drive in the Second Supervisorial District.

Merida Drive parallels the San Jose Creek County Open Space which is frequented by children and families. The Open Space includes play structures and turf play areas.

Background:

Public Works received a request to install 25 mph speed limit signs on Merida Drive in the Second Supervisorial District. Public Works staff studied the request and made the following findings: Merida Drive is a residential street with homes fronting the street on the east side, and the San Jose Creek County Open Space on the west side. Merida Drive is designated as a collector street in the California Road System database and therefore the prima facie speed limit (CVC 22352) of 25 mph is not enforceable.

Public Works Department determined a speed limit of 25 mph would be consistent with similar roadways in the neighborhood and is an appropriate speed limit for Merida Drive. The California Vehicle Code does provide for streets adjacent to playgrounds to have a 25 mph speed limit with adoption of an ordinance and posting of signs giving notice of the speed limit. Your Board's approval of the attached ordinance and amendment to the County Code will designate Merida Drive a 25 mph playground zone.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
State Gas Tax	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00

Narrative:

Approximately \$1,000 will be required for sign installation. These funds are available in Department 054, Program 2340, Org 0200, Account 7121.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a copy of the executed documents and minute order to be sent interoffice mail to:
Bert Johnson; Public Works Department Engineering Section; 620 W. Foster Road x8787

Attachments:

Vicinity Map
Ordinance
Notice of Exemption

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