



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 2/05/08  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 20 Min. Total  
Continued Item: (Staff 10 Minutes)  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, #568-3010  
Director  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, #568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Speed Limits on Various Roads; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts.

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form N/A:

**Recommended Actions:**

A. Set a public hearing for February 19, 2008, to consider the attached ordinance amending Chapter 23, Sections 23-14., 23-15., 23-15.1., 23-15.2., 23-15.3., 23-15.4., 23-15.5., 23-15.6., & 23-15.7., of the Santa Barbara County Code, pertaining to speed limits and the changing of speed limits on Anita Lane in the Goleta area, Pinal Avenue in the Orcutt area, Alston Road in the Montecito area, Marina Drive in the Hope Ranch area and San Antonio Creek Road in the Goleta area.

B. Conduct a second hearing on February 26, 2008 to adopt the attached ordinance, amending Chapter 23 Sections 23-14., 23-15., 23-15.1., 23-15.2., 23-15.3., 23-15.4., 23-15.5., and 23-15.6. & 23-15.7., of the Santa Barbara County Code, pertaining to speed limits and the changing of speed limits on the subject roads described herein.

**Summary Text:**

In accordance with the California Vehicle Code as amended by Assembly Bill No. 321, the Public Works Department has determined and declared prima facie speed limits near schools as follows:

- a) Establish a 15 mph speed limit on Anita Lane from a point 355 feet west of San Marcos Road to Inwood Drive.
- b) Establish a 15 mph speed limit on Pinal Avenue from a point 100 feet west of Gray Street to Oak Street.

Also, in accordance with the California Vehicle Code, the Public Works Department has prepared Engineering and Traffic Surveys for Alston Road in the Montecito area, Marina Drive in the Hope Ranch area and San Antonio Creek Road in the Goleta area. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed the speed zones at their meeting on August 15, 2007.

The recommendations of the Traffic Engineering Committee are listed as follows:

- a) Establish a 35 mph speed limit on Alston Road from the Santa Barbara City Limits to Hot Springs Road.
- b) Raise the speed limit on Marina Drive between Roble Drive to Cliff Drive from 35 mph to 40 mph.
- c) Remove a 20 mph speed limit on San Antonio Creek Road between Cathedral Oaks Road and a point 1,056 feet north of Cathedral Oaks Road.

**Background:**

State Assembly Bill No. 321 was signed into law by the Governor on October 10, 2007. This bill allows a local authority to establish by ordinance a 15 mile per hour prima facie limit in a residence district, on a highway with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or slower, when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, a school building or the grounds of a school building, contiguous to a highway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during the noon recess period. Since this bill was passed, several residents and schools have requested this 15 mile per hour speed limit. The Department performed an initial review of all the schools in the County and determined that two elementary schools meet all of the legal criteria. The Department will continue to review the setting and roadway characteristics adjacent to schools in the County to determine if more roadways qualify for the new 15 mph speed limit. Roadways in the vicinity of May Grisham Elementary School in the Orcutt area, and Hollister School in the Goleta area meet the criteria.

The streets contiguous to May Grisham Elementary School in the Orcutt area were analyzed for the required criteria and it was determined that Pinal Avenue qualified for the 15 mile per hour limit within 500 feet of the school boundary.

The streets contiguous to Hollister Elementary School in the Goleta area were analyzed for the required criteria and it was determined that Anita Lane qualified for the 15 mile per hour limit within 500 feet of the school boundary.

Engineering and Traffic Surveys for Alston Road, Marina Drive, and San Antonio Creek Road were conducted as a result of requests made by both constituents and the California Highway Patrol. The California Vehicle Code requires that speed limits on roadways be established based on the findings of an Engineering and Traffic Survey. California law prohibits the use of radar speed enforcement along such roadways where the speed limit has not been set in accordance with the findings of this type of study within the last seven to ten years or where significant changes in the roadway or traffic conditions have occurred.

Alston Road travels through both the City and County of Santa Barbara jurisdictions. The segment that lies in the City of Santa Barbara is currently posted at 35 miles per hour. The segment that lies in the County of Santa Barbara does not have a speed limit posted, making 55 miles per hour the enforceable maximum speed limit. The Traffic Section recommended performing an Engineering and Traffic Survey to determine if 55 miles per hour is appropriate. The completed survey indicated a baseline speed limit of 35 miles per hour. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed the completed survey and recommended that the speed limit be 35 miles per hour.

Marina Drive from Roble Drive to Cliff Drive is posted 35 miles per hour. The Engineering and Traffic Survey for this road has expired and therefore needed to be updated. The updated survey indicated a baseline speed limit of 45 miles per hour. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed the updated survey and recommended that the speed limit be lowered to 40 miles per hour by considering close driveway spacing, driveways not readily apparent to the driver, unmarked and uncontrolled horse

crossings and applying State Assembly Bill No. 2767 which allows us to consider pedestrian and bicycle safety. There are no bike lanes or sidewalk on either side of Marina Drive.

San Antonio Creek Road between Cathedral Oaks Road and a point 1,056 feet north of Cathedral Oaks Road was taken out of the County maintained road system many years ago when Tuckers Grove Park was established. This portion of San Antonio Creek Road was incorporated into the park and is now maintained by the Parks Department. The speed limit will be removed from the amended ordinance.

**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                  |                         |                                  |                                    |
| Federal                |                         |                                  |                                    |
| Fees                   |                         |                                  |                                    |
| Other: Measure D       | 3,000                   |                                  | 3,000                              |
| Total                  | \$3,000                 |                                  | \$3,000                            |
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**Narrative:**

Approximately \$3,000 will be required and is available in Department 054/02/04, Account #7121 for installation of signs and legends.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

1. Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the ordinance in the Santa Barbara News Press and the Santa Maria Times 10 days prior to the hearing.
2. Clerk of the Board shall publish a summary once within 15 days after the adoption of the ordinance.
3. Please provide one copy of the certified stamped minute order/executed document for pickup to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section.

**Attachments:**

- #1 Ordinance
- #2 Vicinity Maps (5)

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**c:** PW Accounting, Files: C1500 & C1800