

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AGENDA BOARD LETTER**



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Department: Public Works  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery  
Director of Public Works

**STAFF CONTACT:** Bret Stewart, #568-3232  
Traffic Section Manager

**SUBJECT:** Speed Zones: Bradley Road; Fourth Supervisorial District and Refugio Road; Third Supervisorial District.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Review and file the attached Traffic Engineering Committee Summary of Proceedings related to speeds.
- B. Set a public hearing for **November 25, 2003** to consider introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Sections 23-15.2 through 23-15.5, of the Code of Santa Barbara County, pertaining to speed limits on certain County Roads described herein.
- C. Conduct a second hearing on **December 2, 2003** and adopt the attached ordinance, amending Chapter 23, Sections 23-15.2 through 23-15.5, of the Code of Santa Barbara County, pertaining to speed limits on the subject roads described herein.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with the following Goals: #2) Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure, and #5) Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & DISCUSSION**

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 ten years.

In accordance with the California Vehicle Code, the Public Works Department has prepared Traffic and Engineering Surveys for Refugio Road in the Santa Ynez area and Bradley Road in the Orcutt area. These surveys were presented to the Traffic Engineering Committee on September 3, 2003 for their recommendation. Please refer to items 1 and 2 of the attached County of Santa Barbara Traffic Engineering Committee Summary of Proceedings.

The Traffic Section has reviewed the recommendations from the Traffic Engineering Committee. The following is the Traffic Sections proposed speed limits on Refugio Road and Bradley Road:

**REFUGIO ROAD**

<u>Boundary</u>	<u>Existing Speed</u>	<u>Critical Speed</u>	<u>Proposed Speed</u>
8500' south of Hwy 246 – Redondo Ct.	none	55	none
Redondo Ct. – Hwy 246	none	43	35*
Highway 246 – Deertrail Ln. (south)35		42	35*
Deertrail Ln. (south) – Country Rd.	45	49	45
Country Rd. – Baseline Av.	none	51	none
Baseline Av. – Roblar Av.	none	55	none

\* Indicates that AB2767 was considered to lower the proposed speed limit

**BRADLEY ROAD**

<u>Boundary</u>	<u>Existing Speed</u>	<u>Critical Speed</u>	<u>Proposed Speed</u>
Santa Maria Wy. – 150' north of Amethyst Dr.	45	48	45
150' north of Amethyst Dr. – Basque Dr.	45	40	35*
Basque Dr. – Clark Av.	35	33	35
Clark Av. – Via Mavis	40	33	35
Via Mavis – Rice Ranch Rd.	40	41	40
Rice Ranch Rd. – Stubblefield Rd.	35	30	30

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All recommended changes will be enforceable by radar, in compliance with State law

**MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS**

No mandates or service levels are affected by these actions.

**FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT**

Approximately \$800.00 will be required to post signs and paint legends. Funding is available in the County Public Works Department Budget No. 054, Fund 0015, Program 2200, and Account No. 7121.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Please contact Kathleen Dowd at #3232 of the Public Works Department Traffic Section to pick up the minute order and copy of executed document.

**CONCURRENCES:**

County Counsel

- Attachments:
- 1) Ordinance
  - 2) Two Vicinity Maps
  - 3) TEC Summary for 9/03/03

c: PW Accounting, File: C800.10 & C1700