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## Speed Limits

- **State law sets maximum speed limits**
  - **Criteria for speed zones are established by the California Vehicle Code (CVC)**
- **Local agencies can set speed limit zones by Engineering and Traffic Surveys (ETS)**
  - **The CVC approved methodology for ETSs is established by Caltrans**
- **ETS's are valid for up to 10 years**
- **Enforcement on County roads is performed by the CHP**
- **Establishing a speed zone by ETS enables CHP enforcement with tools such as radar**



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## Process

- ETS is performed
- ETS results presented the County Traffic Engineering Committee (TEC)
- TEC recommendations are presented to the Board of Supervisors
- Board amends County Code by ordinance to designate speed limit zone(s)
- Appropriate signage and roadway markings are installed
- Documentation is provided to the CHP for enforcement



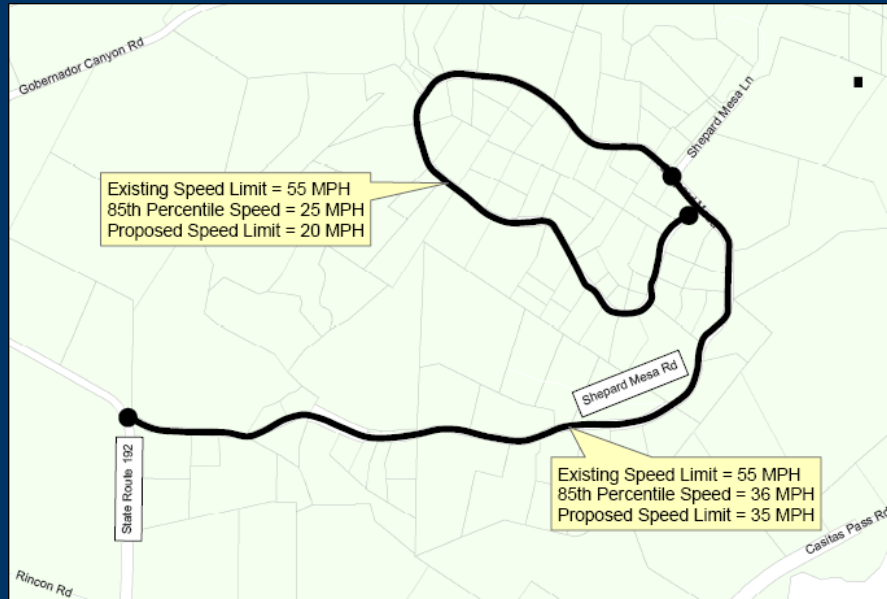
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## Establish Speed Limit



Shepard Mesa Road	
From	State Route 192
To	Shepard Mesa Lane
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	36 MPH
Base Speed	35 MPH
Recommended Speed Limit	35 MPH

Shepard Mesa Road (Loop)	
From	Shepard Mesa Lane
To	NW to Intersection with Shepard Mesa Rd
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	25 MPH
Base Speed	25 MPH
Recommended Speed Limit	20 MPH



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## Reevaluation of Speed Limit



### Santa Maria Way

From	U.S. 101	
To	Santa Maria City Limits	
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	52.5 MPH	
Base Speed	50 MPH	
Recommended Speed Limit	50 MPH	



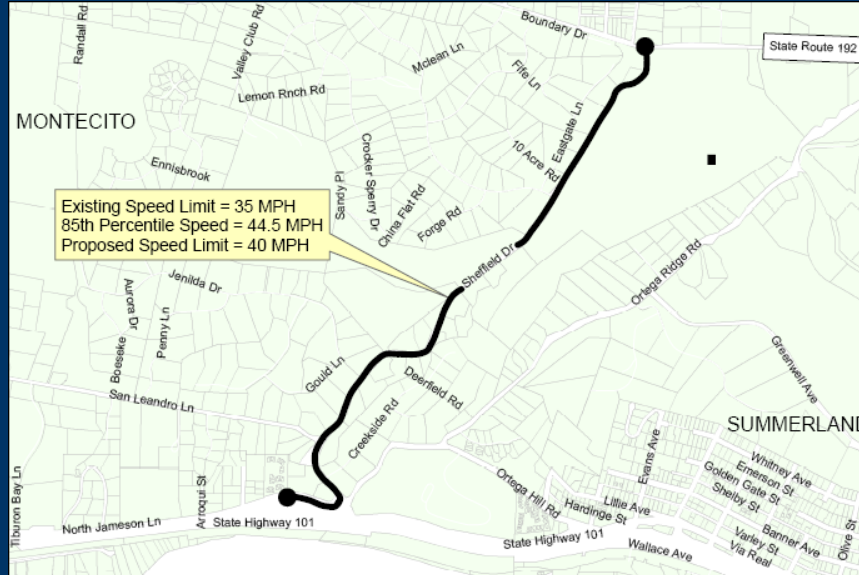
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## Reevaluation of Speed Limit



### Sheffield Drive

From	North Jameson Lane	
To	State Route 192	
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	44.5 MPH	
Base Speed	45 MPH	
Recommended Speed Limit	40 MPH	



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## Reevaluation of Speed Limit



### California Boulevard

From	Broadway
To	Santa Maria City Limits
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	39 MPH
Base Speed	40 MPH
Recommended Speed Limit	35 MPH



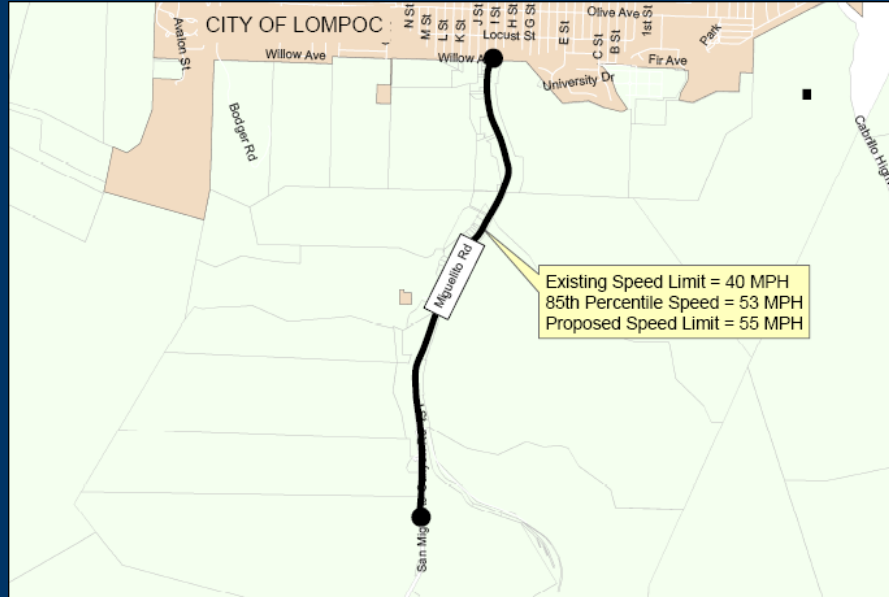
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## Enforce Basic Speed Law



### Miguelito Road

From	Lompoc City Limits
To	8,230 Ft South of Lompoc City Limits
Existing Speed Limit	40 MPH
Base Speed	55 MPH
Enforce Basic Speed Law – CVC 22349 & 22350	





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## 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 Zones	
Shepard Mesa Road	35 MPH
Shepard Mesa Road	20 MPH
Sheffield Drive	40 MPH
California Boulevard	35 MPH
Santa Maria Way	50 MPH
Miguelito Road	55 MPH



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# Thank You!



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