

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AGENDA BOARD LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery  
Director of Public Works

STAFF

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Traffic Section Manager

SUBJECT: **Speed Zones – Various Roads;  
First, Second, Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a public hearing for **February 27, 2001** to consider introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Article II, Sections 23-15.1 through 23-15.6 of the Code of Santa Barbara County, pertaining to speed limits on certain County Roads described herein.
- B. Conduct a second hearing on **March 6, 2001** and adopt the attached ordinance, amending Chapter 23, Article II, Sections 23-15.1 through 23-15.6 of the Code of Santa Barbara County, pertaining to speed limits on the subject roads.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendation is 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 recommended speed changes are as follows:

(Note: The provisions of AB 2767 were utilized in applicable speed zones, as indicated below.)

**Delete from 25 mph Designation:**

- **Padaro Lane, between the Southern Pacific grade crossing, Number E-379.1 and a point four thousand two hundred feet westerly thereof.**

**Add to 30 mph Designation:**

- **California Blvd., from Broadway to the Santa Maria city limits (AB 2767)**
- **Calzada Avenue, from Pine Street to Cimmaron Drive**
- **Romero Canyon Road, from East Valley Road (State Route 192) to Lilac Drive (AB 2767)**

**Delete from 35 mph Designation:**

- California Blvd., from its southerly terminus to the Santa Maria city limits
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from La Patera Lane to Camino Laguna Vista
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from La Patera Lane to a point one thousand feet east of Fairview Avenue
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from one thousand feet east of Fairview Avenue to three hundred feet east of Kellogg Avenue
- Edison Street, between Manzana Street and a point two hundred feet north of the centerline of Lindero Street
- Lillie Avenue, between Ortega Hill Road and Greenwell Avenue
- Ortega Hill Road, between Ortega Ridge Road and Lillie Avenue
- Romero Canyon Road, from East Valley Road (State Route 192) to Lilac Drive

**Add to 35 mph Designation:**

- Constellation Road, from State Route 1 southbound ramps to Sirius Avenue (AB 2767)
- Edison Street, from Tivola Street to two hundred feet north of Lindero Street

**Delete from 40 mph Designation:**

- Constellation Road, from State Route 1 southbound ramps to Sirius Avenue
- Padaro Lane, from four thousand feet east of U.S. 101 overcrossing to the twenty-five mile per hour speed limit posting

**Add to 40 mph Designation:**

- Cathedral Oaks Road, from Los Carneros Road to Turnpike Road (AB 2767)
- Via Real, from Toro Canyon Road to Sentar Road

**Delete from 45 mph Designation:**

- Calle Real, between Vega Drive and La Patera Lane
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from Camino Laguna Vista to a point seven hundred fifty feet west of Placer Drive
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from San Marcos Pass Road (State Route 154) to three hundred feet east of Kellogg Avenue
- Via Real, between Greenwell Avenue and the westerly city limits of the city of Carpinteria.

**Add to 45 mph Designation:**

- Calle Real, from Los Carneros Road to Vega Drive
- Calle Real, from San Marcos Road to Turnpike Road
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from Calle Real to Glen Annie Road
- Cathedral Oaks Road, from Turnpike Road to State Route 154
- Calzada Avenue, from Cimmaron Drive to Baseline Avenue
- Edison Street, from two hundred feet north of Lindero Street to Baseline Avenue
- Padaro Lane, from its westerly terminus at Via Real to forty eight hundred feet east of its westerly terminus at Via Real
- Via Real, from Greenwell Avenue to Toro Canyon Road
- Via Real, from Sentar Road to Carpinteria city limits

**Add to 50 mph Designation:**

- Cathedral Oaks Road, from Glen Annie Road to Los Carneros Road (AB 2767)

All recommended changes will be enforceable by radar, in compliance with State law, including AB 2767, which went into effect on January 1, 2001. AB 2767 allows for a further reduction in speed of 5 mph if certain conditions are present.

The implementation of the recommendations of the Speed Zone Committee were purposefully delayed until AB 2767 went into effect, in order to incorporate these changes. The Department proposes to postpone the Speed Zone Committee until its new "Livable Streets" program is unveiled in June. We believe that the goal of community education can be better achieved by reaching more citizens through the new program.

Most of the changes contained herein represent the unanimous consensus obtained from the Speed Zone Committees held in April and June of 2000, and of the Cathedral Oaks Task Force, the results of which the Board of Supervisors received and filed on August 15, 2000; the remaining changes refer to:

- California Blvd., from its southerly terminus to the Santa Maria city limits (lowered from 35 mph to 30 mph),
- Constellation Road, from U.S. Route 1 southbound ramps to Sirius Avenue (lowered from 40 mph to 35 mph),
- Cathedral Oaks Road from Calle Real to Glen Annie Road (lowered from a prima facie speed limit of 55 mph to 45 mph), and
- Cathedral Oaks Road from Glen Annie Road to Los Carneros Road (lowered from a prima facie speed limit of 55 mph to 50 mph).

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. Therefore, in accordance with the California Vehicle Code, the Public Works Department has developed a plan to update every speed zone in the County within the next year, with the exception of residential or business districts, which do not require an ETS to be radar-enforced.

**MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:**

No mandates or service levels are affected by this action.

**FACILITIES AND FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approximately \$5,000.00 will be required to post thirty-four signs. Funding is available in the County Public Works Department Budget No. 054, Fund 0015, Program 2200 and Account 7121.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please forward one copy of the minute order/executed document to the attention of Kathleen Dowd of the Public Works Department Traffic Section.

**CONCURRENCES:**

County Counsel

BAS\CME:kmd  
Attachment: Ordinance

c: PW Accounting  
File: C800.10 & C1700

Subject: Speed Zone Ordinance

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