



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 10/03/06
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 20 min
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works #3010
Contact Info: Scott D. McGolpin, Deputy Director #3064

SUBJECT: Speed Limits on Various Roads in Santa Ynez and Orcutt; 3rd & 4th Supervisorial Districts.

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form/legality: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

- A. Set a public hearing for October 17, 2006, to consider introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Sections 23-15 through 23-15.6, of the Code of Santa Barbara County, pertaining to speed limits on Baseline Avenue, Alamo Pintado Road and Clark Avenue in the Santa Ynez and Orcutt area.
- B. Conduct a second hearing on October 24, 2006 and adopt the attached ordinance, amending Chapter 23 Sections 23-15 through 23-15.6, of the Code of Santa Barbara County, pertaining to speed limits on the subject road described herein.

Summary:

In accordance with the California Vehicle Code, the Public Works Department has prepared Traffic and Engineering Surveys for Baseline Avenue, Alamo Pintado Road in the Santa Ynez area and Clark Avenue in the Orcutt area. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed the speed zones at their meetings on March 8, 2006 and July 12, 2006. The recommendations of the Traffic Engineering Committee are listed as follows:

- a) Establishing a 45 mph speed limit on Baseline Avenue from Refugio Road to Edison Street.
- b) Raising the speed limit on Alamo Pintado Road between Ballard and Solvang from 45 mph to 50 mph.
- c) lowering the speed limit on Clark Avenue through Old Orcutt from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Background:

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.

Baseline Avenue from Refugio Road to Edison Street does not have a speed limit posted, making 55 miles per hour the enforceable speed limit. The Traffic Section recommended performing an Engineering and Traffic Survey to determine if 55 miles per hour is appropriate. Our survey indicated a baseline speed limit of 50 miles per hour. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed our survey and recommended that the speed limit be lowered to 45 miles per hour by applying AB2767 based on several driveways not readily apparent, sight distance limitations due to vertical curves on the road, bicycle safety due to the narrow road width and lack of paved shoulders and pedestrian safety due to the lack of sidewalks.

Alamo Pintado Road from Baseline Avenue to the Solvang city limits is posted 45 miles per hour. The Engineering and Traffic Survey for this road was expired and needed to be updated. Our survey indicated a baseline speed limit of 50 miles per hour. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed our survey and recommended that the speed limit should be 50 miles per hour.

Clark Avenue through Old Orcutt is posted 35 miles per hour. This portion of Clark Avenue has changed from a four lane road with parallel parking to a two lane road with parallel and angle parking. This change is considered significant requiring a new Engineering and Traffic Survey to be performed. Our survey indicated a baseline speed limit of 35 miles per hour. The Traffic Engineering Committee reviewed our survey and recommended that the speed limit should be lowered to 30 miles per hour by AB2767 based on the close spacing of intersections and driveways, the presence of angle parking, bicycle safety and pedestrian safety.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approximately \$1,500.00 will be required and is available in Department 054/02/04, Account #7121 for installation of signs.

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: Road Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	!Undefined

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Narrative: N/A

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

None

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Special Instructions:

1. Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the ordinance in the Santa Barbara News Press 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 forward one copy of the minute order/executed document for pick up to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Traffic Section.

Attachments: (list all)

#1 Ordinance, #2 Vicinity Maps (3)

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cc: PW Accounting, File: C1500 & C1800

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