



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: October 16, 2012  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Time: 15 Minutes  
November 13, 2012;  
Second Reading  
December 4, 2012  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Speed Limits on Various Roads; First, Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a hearing for November 13, 2012 to consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23, Sections 23-15.2, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, 23-15.7, and 23-15.8, pertaining to speed limits on Barker Pass Road, Camino Viejo, Hot Springs Road and San Ysidro Road in the Montecito area, Edison Street in the Santa Ynez area, Apollo Way in the Vandenberg Village area, and Broadway and Clark Avenue in the Orcutt area (15 minutes);
- B. Set a hearing for December 4, 2012 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:
  - i.) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance, amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23 Sections 23-15.2, 23-15.5, 23-15.6, 23-15.7, and 23-15.8, pertaining to speed limits on the subject roads described herein, First, Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts;
  - ii.) Find that the proposed action is for the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15301; and
  - iii.) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

In accordance with the California Vehicle Code, the Public Works Department prepared Engineering and Traffic Surveys for Barker Pass Road, Camino Viejo, Hot Springs Road and San Ysidro Road in the Montecito area; Edison Street in the Santa Ynez area; Apollo Way in the Vandenberg Village area; and

Broadway and Clark Avenue in the Orcutt area. The Traffic Engineering Committee (TEC) reviewed the speed zones at their meeting on August 22, 2012; the following are their recommendations:

- a) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Barker Pass Road, between Sycamore Canyon Road and the city limits of the city of Santa Barbara (First District).
- b) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Camino Viejo, between Sycamore Canyon Road and the easterly city limits of the city of Santa Barbara (First District).
- c) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Hot Springs Road, from the Santa Barbara city limits to Olive Mill Road (First District).
- d) Maintain the existing speed limit of 40 mph on Hot Springs Road, from Olive Mill Road to State Route 192 (First District).
- e) Maintain the existing speed limit of 40 mph on Hot Springs Road, from State Route 192 to Riven Rock Road (First District).
- f) Lower the speed limit from 40 to 35 mph on Hot Springs Road, from Riven Rock Road to Mountain Drive (First District).
- g) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on San Ysidro Road, from Jameson Lane North to State Route 192 (First District).
- h) Maintain the existing speed limit of 30 mph on San Ysidro Road, from State route 192 to Bolero Drive (First District).
- i) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on San Ysidro Road, from Bolero Drive to Mountain Drive (First District).
- j) Maintain the existing speed limit of 25 mph on Edison Street, from State Route 246 to Tivola Street (Third District).
- k) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Edison Street, from Tivola Street to a point 200 feet north of Lindero Street (Third District).
- l) Maintain the existing speed limit of 45 mph on Edison Street, from a point 200 feet north of Lindero Street to Baseline Avenue (south) (Third District).
- m) Establish the speed limit of 35 mph on Apollo Way, from Constellation Road to State Route 1 northbound off-ramp (Third District).
- n) Maintain the existing speed limit of 30 mph on Broadway, from Rice Ranch Road to Clark Avenue (Fourth District).
- o) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Broadway, from Clark Avenue to California Boulevard (Fourth District).
- p) Maintain the existing speed limit of 40 mph on Clark Avenue, from State Route 1 to a point 350 feet west of Broadway (Fourth District).
- q) Maintain the existing speed limit of 30 mph on Clark Avenue, from a point 350 feet west of Broadway to Norris Street (Fourth District).
- r) Maintain the existing speed limit of 40 mph on Clark Avenue, from Norris Street to Bethany Lane (Fourth District).

- s) Maintain the existing speed limit of 50 mph on Clark Avenue, from Bethany Lane to El Portal Street (Fourth District).
- t) Maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Clark Avenue, from El Portal Street to Leon Street (Fourth District).
- u) Maintain the existing speed limit of 45 mph on Clark Avenue, from Leon Street to a point 920 feet east of U.S. 101 northbound off-ramp (Fourth District).

**Background:**

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) requires that non-statutory speed limits on roadways be established based on the findings of an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS), and shall include consideration of the prevailing (85<sup>th</sup>-percentile) speed, collision history, and conditions that are not readily apparent to the driver. Per California Assembly Bill 2767 (AB2767), local authorities may also consider residential density, pedestrian safety and bicycle safety.

California law prohibits the use of radar speed enforcement along such roadways where the speed limits have not been set in accordance with the findings of an E&TS within the last seven to ten years, or where significant changes in the roadway or traffic conditions have occurred. A detailed summary of the E&TS and the Traffic Engineering Committee (TEC) recommendations is attached for your information. Your Board’s approval of the TEC’s recommendations would allow the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to use radar enforcement, which is preferred as the more efficient and effective method.

**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 Gas Tax	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00

Narrative:

Approximately \$1,500 will be required for sign installation. These funds are available in Department 054, Program 2340, Org 0200, Account 7121.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a copy of the executed documents and minute order to:  
 Bert Johnson, Public Works Department, Engineering Section, 620 W. Foster Road, x8787

**Attachments:**

- Vicinity Maps (9)
- Ordinance
- Summary of Engineering and Traffic Survey
- Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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