



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 5
SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT ZONE ESTABLISHMENT ON GRATTON STREET – ORDINANCE

ISSUE:

Establishment of a 35 MPH speed limit zone on Gratton Street from Victoria Avenue to Hermosa Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance to establish a 35 MPH speed limit zone on Gratton Street from Victoria Avenue to Hermosa Drive.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The proposal to establish a 35 MPH speed limit zone on Gratton Street from Victoria Avenue to Hermosa Drive was scheduled to be considered by the Transportation Board (Board) on August 7, 2019, however, the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. As a result, this proposal is being taken directly to City Council for consideration to avoid delays in processing.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department performs speed surveys to establish appropriate speed limits on City street segments including those classified as collector or arterial roadways and local roadways which do not meet the California Vehicle Code (CVC) definition of a “Residence District”. These surveys include consideration of prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements, accident data, unusual conditions not readily apparent to motorists, residential density, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety. These surveys are performed in accordance with the CVC and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and enable both establishment and enforcement of the posted speed limit on many of our City streets.

DISCUSSION:

Gratton Street between Victoria Avenue and Hermosa Drive is two-lane local roadway which currently has no posted speed limit and does not meet the California Vehicle Code (CVC) definition

of a residential district. Agricultural properties, commercial nurseries, single family residential properties, an equestrian facility, and the Gage Canal are situated along portions of this segment of roadway.

To establish an appropriate and enforceable speed limit, the Public Works Department recently conducted a Traffic and Engineering Survey on Gratton Street from Victoria Avenue to Hermosa Drive which concluded the current 85th percentile speed to be 40 MPH. As a result of the survey findings and noted unusual conditions, including the presence of an equestrian facility and activity, lack of sidewalk improvements, segment with dirt shoulders, and segment with drainage culverts adjacent to roadway, the Public Works Department is proposing to establish a 35 MPH speed limit zone on Gratton Street between Victoria Avenue and Hermosa Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of sign fabrication and installation is estimated to be \$878. Funding is available in the existing Public Works Department budget, Signing Supplies account number 4110100-424143, to cover this cost.

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Attachments:

1. Ordinance
2. Site Map
3. Transportation Board Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2019