



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**      **DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2017**  
**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**      **WARD: 3**  
**SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT ZONE ESTABLISHMENT ON EL HIJO STREET – ORDINANCE**

## **ISSUE:**

Establish a 25 MPH speed limit zone on El Hijo Street from Arlington Avenue to Magnolia Avenue.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance to establish a 25 MPH speed limit zone on El Hijo Street from Arlington Avenue to Magnolia Avenue.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

On December 7, 2016, the Transportation Board (Board) reviewed this matter; seven of seven members were present. The Board unanimously recommended establishment of the proposed 25 MPH speed limit zone on El Hijo Street from Arlington Avenue to Magnolia Avenue.

## **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 roadway designated with a prima facie speed limit. 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 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and enable both establishment and enforcement of the posted speed limit on many of our City streets.

## **DISCUSSION:**

El Hijo Street between Arlington Avenue and Magnolia Avenue is a two-lane local roadway with no existing posted speed limit. Single family and multi-unit residential properties and a commercial

property are situated along the roadway. As the street segment does not meet the CVC definition of a residential district, to establish an enforceable speed limit the Public Works Department conducted a Traffic and Engineering Survey on El Hijo Street from Arlington Avenue to Magnolia Avenue to determine the appropriate speed limit. The survey concluded the current 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed to be 26 MPH. As a result of the survey findings, the Public Works Department is proposing establishment of a 25 MPH speed limit.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of sign installation is estimated at \$213. 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 – December 7, 2016