



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2018**
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARD: 6**
SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT ZONE ESTABLISHMENT ON CREST AVENUE – ORDINANCE

ISSUE:

Establish a 30 MPH speed limit zone on Crest Avenue from Wells Avenue to Flagstone Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance to establish a 30 MPH speed limit zone on Crest Avenue from Wells Avenue to Flagstone Avenue.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

On December 6, 2017, the Transportation Board (Board) reviewed this matter; six of eight members were present. The Board voted unanimously to recommend the proposed establishment of a 30 MPH speed limit zone on Crest Avenue from Wells Avenue to Flagstone 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:

Crest Avenue between Wells Avenue and Flagstone Avenue is a two-lane local roadway with a combination of single family residential properties, a vacant lot, and Wells Middle School situated along the street. As the street segment does not meet the California Vehicle Code (CVC) definition

of a residential district, to establish an enforceable speed limit the Public Works Department conducted a Traffic and Engineering Survey on Crest Avenue from Wells Avenue to Flagstone Avenue to determine the appropriate speed limit. The survey concluded the current 85th percentile speed to be 36 MPH. As a result of the survey findings and noted unusual conditions including segment without sidewalk improvement and with dirt shoulder, residential in nature, and presence of school zone, the Public Works Department is proposing establishment of a 30 MPH speed limit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of sign fabrication, removal, and installation was estimated to be \$253. 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 6, 2017