



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 5
SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT ZONE ESTABLISHMENT ON HERMOSA DRIVE – ORDINANCE

ISSUE:

Consideration of establishment of a 25 MPH speed limit zone on Hermosa Drive from Washington Street to Monroe Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance to establish a 25 MPH speed limit zone on Hermosa Drive from Washington Street to Monroe Street.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

On November 7, 2018, the Transportation Board reviewed this matter; six of eight members were present. The Board unanimously recommended establishment of a 25 MPH speed limit zone on Hermosa Drive from Washington Street to Monroe Street.

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:

Hermosa Drive between Washington Street and Monroe Street is an unpaved local roadway portions of which have an existing posted speed limit of 25 MPH; however, the street segment

does not meet the CVC definition of a residential district. Agricultural properties, commercial nurseries, and the Gage Canal are situated along sections of this segment of roadway. The street is also frequently utilized by equestrian users due to the close proximity of the roadway to the Riverside Rancheros, a popular equestrian facility located at 1198 Washington Street.

To establish an enforceable speed limit, the Public Works Department recently conducted a traffic and engineering survey on Hermosa Drive from Washington Street to Monroe Street which concluded the current 85th percentile speed to be 32 MPH. As a result of the survey findings and noted unusual conditions including lack of shoulder, unpaved dirt surface, and horseback riding activity, the Public Works Department is proposing to establish a 25 MPH speed limit zone.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of additional sign fabrication and installation is estimated to be \$1,170. 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 – November 7, 2018