



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: MAY 19, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: FULLERTON MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT
PERTAINING TO AMENDING STATE SPEED LIMITS
(CONTINUED FROM 3/17/2020)

SUMMARY

Consideration of Transportation and Circulation Commission (T&CC) recommendation to amend Section 8.56.020 of the Fullerton Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce Ordinance No. XXXX for first reading by title only and waive further reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 8.56.020 OF CHAPTER 8.56 OF TITLE 8 OF THE FULLERTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPEED ZONES

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal labor and material costs are associated with the removal and replacement of existing speed limit signs and the sandblasting of miscellaneous painted speed limit legends on the roadway. These costs will be absorbed within the current operating budget.

DISCUSSION

The Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey Report (Attachment 3) establishes prima facie speed limits on the City's arterial and collector street network. The City is required by the California Vehicle Code to conduct speed zone surveys every five years on those streets used by the Police Department for radar speed enforcement and to establish the appropriate speed limit as defined by law.

Per State guidelines, the posted speed limit shall be within five miles per hour of the eighty-fifth percentile speed. However, the Traffic Engineer may lower the posted speed limit beyond the five mile per hour increment when considering the following:

- Continuity of speed between jurisdictions, or
- Continuity of speed between segments, or
- Accident history, or
- Physical conditions not readily apparent to a driver; e.g. width, curvature of the road, grade and surface conditions, or
- Heavy pedestrian/bicycle activity, or
- Multiple driveways.

This item was originally presented at the March 17, 2020 City Council meeting. As a result of the complications created by the COVID-19 virus, City Council motioned to postpone hearing the item until a later date to allow the public sufficient opportunity to participate in discussion.

It should be noted that the initial report recommended an increase in the speed limit for 35 segments of roadway and 1 decrease in speed limit. Upon further deliberation of pertinent factors for all 157 segments of roadway studied within the report, the original 36 proposed changes have now been reduced to only 14 segments listed below, highlighted in Table 2 (Attachment 3). The recommended changes are also shown on the Location Map (Attachment 4) and include increasing the speed limit on 13 segments of roadway and 1 decrease in speed limit. All recommended changes were considered beyond the allowable limits as currently posted, unenforceable with the use of radar and should be increased or decreased as shown below to be compliant with new State guidelines.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Existing Speed Limit</u>	<u>Proposed Speed Limit</u>
Brookhurst Road:	Riverside (91) Frwy. to Orangethorpe Av.	35	40
Commonwealth Av.:	State College Blvd. to Chapman Av.	40	35
Commonwealth Av.:	Chapman Av. to Nutwood Av.	30	35
Fender Avenue:	State College Blvd. to Placentia Av.	25	35
Gilbert Street:	Malvern Av. to Rosecrans Av.	45	50
Gilbert Street:	Rosecrans Av. to Castlewood Dr.	45	50

Gilbert Street:	Castlewood Dr. to North City Limits	45	50
Placentia Avenue:	Rolling Hills Dr. to North City Limits	40	45
Puente Street:	300' S/O Hermosa Dr. to Las Palmas Dr.	25	30
Puente Street:	Las Palmas Dr. to Imperial Highway	25	30
State College Blvd.:	South City Limits to Valencia Dr.	40	45
State College Blvd.:	Valencia Dr. to Commonwealth Av.	40	45
State College Blvd.:	Commonwealth Av. to Chapman Av.	40	45
Walnut Avenue:	Raymond Av. to Acacia Av.	35	40

The Police Department reviewed the report and concurs with Staff's final recommendations. The proposed amendments were also included in the presentation to the T&CC on February 3, 2020. Following general discussion at said meeting, the T&CC voted unanimously to approve the prima facie speed limits on the above mentioned arterial and collector streets based on the speed surveys. Since that time further engineering review resulted in a reduction in the number of street segments that were proposed for modified speed limits, from 36 segments to 14 segments. The Staff Report to the T&CC (Attachment 5) is attached for City Council's reference.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment 2 - Draft Ordinance No. XXXX
- Attachment 3 - 2020 Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey Report
- Attachment 4 - Proposed Location Map
- Attachment 5 - T&CC Staff Report (without attachments)