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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

BILL (For introduction) - Amending the uncodified ordinance to adopt changes and additions to the official list of designated special speed zones for various streets within the City of Fresno pursuant to Section 14-1501 of the Fresno Municipal Code (Citywide)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the attached Special Speed Zone Ordinance be introduced at this time, prior to the final adoption at the next scheduled meeting of the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to introduce an amended Ordinance to update the official list of

designated special speed zones pursuant to Section 14-1501 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC). The update is to reflect speed changes and additions which have been made due to development, increased traffic volumes, annexations, locations not captured in previous ordinance updates and construction of new streets in various locations in the City of Fresno. Engineering and traffic surveys have been completed for each speed zone listed, in order to determine speed limits which are “reasonable and safe” as defined in accordance with the requirements of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

BACKGROUND

The CVC authorizes local authorities to determine and regulate speed limits on streets under local jurisdiction, subject to certain requirements. Pursuant to CVC Sections 22357 and 22358, speed limits may be adopted in five (5) miles per hour (mph) increments ranging from 25 mph to 65 mph, and must be justified on the basis of engineering and traffic surveys. At the local level, FMC Section 14-1501 provides for an Official List of Special Speed Zones to be kept in the form of an uncodified ordinance. For this reason, it is not necessary to amend the FMC itself each time speed zones are changed or added.

A comprehensive speed zone ordinance was adopted by Council on February 1, 1965, and minor updates were made on July 26, 2005, August 29, 2006, September 18, 2007, July 22, 2008, September 30, 2010, September 22, 2011, March 7, 2013, August 28, 2014, August 21, 2016, September 28, 2017 and September 27, 2018. This amendment (or regular update) is relatively minor in scope. The updated list includes posting 26 previously “unposted” and/or newly constructed segments of roadway, lowering the speed limit on 17 segments of roadway and listing three (3) segments omitted from previous Speed Ordinances. Engineering and traffic surveys in compliance with CVC requirements were completed for each zone listed.

The chart below summarizes the proposed speed limit changes and additions:

STREET	FROM	TO	PREVIOUS SPEED LIMIT	RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT
Barton	Ashlan	Hampton Way	NP	25 MPH
Colfax	Audubon	Shepherd	NP	25 MPH
College	Clinton	Weldon	NP	25 MPH
Commerce	East	700' East of East	NP	25 MPH
Del Mar	San Jose	Shaw	30 MPH	25 MPH
Floradora	First	Cedar	NP	25 MPH
Hampton Way	Cedar	Barton	NP	25 MPH
M Street	San Pablo	Stanislaus	30 MPH	25 MPH
McKenzie	Willow	Chestnut	NP	25 MPH
Millbrook	Bullard	Sierra	30 MPH	25 MPH
Minnewawa	Church	Pitt	NP	25 MPH
Sierra	First	Fresno	NP	25 MPH
Spruce	Harrison	Thorne	NP	25 MPH
Sunnyside	Belmont	McKenzie	NP	25 MPH

Sunnyside	Fancher Creek	Kings Canyon	NP	25 MPH
Tuolumne	Fulton	P Street	30 MPH	25 MPH
Weldon	College	Maroa	NP	25 MPH
Annadale	Cherry	East	NP	30 MPH
Broadway	East	Inyo	NP	30 MPH
California	East	Orange	35 MPH	30 MPH
East	Golden State	Jensen	NP	30 MPH
First	Hazelwood	Parallel	NP	30 MPH
Liberty Hill	Champlain	Perrin	35 MPH	30 MPH
Parkway	Brawley	1,000' south of Brawley	45 MPH	30 MPH
Pleasant	Vassar	Weldon	NP	30 MPH
Tulare	State Route 41	California	30 MPH ¹	30 MPH
Weldon	Pleasant	Woodson	***	30 MPH
Woodson	McKinley	Weldon	40 MPH ¹	30 MPH
Abby	Belmont	Divisadero	40 MPH	35 MPH
Gettysburg	Chestnut	Winery	40 MPH	35 MPH
Millbrook	Fort Washington	Liberty Hill	40 MPH	35 MPH
Armstrong	Burgan	Kings Canyon	NP	40 MPH
Butler	Armstrong	Temperance	40 MPH ¹	40 MPH
Dante	Butler	Polk	45 MPH	40 MPH
East	Annadale	North	45 MPH	40 MPH
Hughes	Kearney	Whitesbridge	45 MPH	40 MPH
Maple	Copper	Plymouth	45 MPH	40 MPH
North	Cherry	Elm	45 MPH	40 MPH
North	Cedar	Orange	45 MPH	40 MPH
Palm	Herndon	Nees	45 MPH	40 MPH
Armstrong	California	Church	NP	45 MPH
Bryan	Ashlan	Shaw	NP	45 MPH
Church	Armstrong	Fowler	NP	45 MPH
Locan	Ramona	Shields	NP	45 MPH
Belmont	Armstrong	Temperance	NP	50 MPH
Jensen	Clovis	Fowler	NP	60 MPH
NP = Speed limit "not posted" MPH = miles per hour ¹ = Not included in previous updates *** = newly constructed roadway segments				

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

This is not a "project" for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, as updating the Speed Zone Ordinance will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local preference does not apply because updating the Special Speed Zone Ordinance does not include a bid or an award of a construction or services contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact will occur as a result of updating the Special Speed Zone Ordinance. Maintenance and replacement of traffic signs is a regular budgeted expense which will not change as a result of this update.

Attachment:
Amended Ordinance