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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

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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 left off of previous ordinance and construction of new streets and 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, September 27, 2018, and September 26, 2019. This amendment (or regular update) is relatively minor in scope. The updated list includes posting 20 previously “unposted” and/or newly constructed segments of roadway, lowering the speed limit on 26 segments of roadway and listing one (1) segment 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
Fulton	Ventura	Inyo	30 MPH	25 MPH
Fulton	Inyo	Tuolumne	NP	25 MPH
Hamilton	Chestnut	Winery	NP	25 MPH
R Street	Fresno	Tulare	30 MPH	25 MPH
San Pablo	Nees	El Paso	30 MPH	25 MPH
Sierra	Cedar	Maple	NP	25 MPH
Van Ness	Tulare	Fresno	30 MPH	25 MPH
Warner	First	Herndon S. Frontage Road	NP	25 MPH
Winery	Hamilton	Butler	NP	25 MPH
Beechwood	Brawley	Valentine	NP	30 MPH
Brawley	Herndon	Locust	NP	30 MPH
California	Walnut	Fruit	35 MPH	30 MPH

Eastshore	Westshore	Lakeshore	35 MPH	30 MPH
Fancher Creek	Fowler	Armstrong	***	30 MPH
Maple	Copper	Copper River	35 MPH	30 MPH
Saddleback	Dakota	Shields	NP	30 MPH
San Pablo	Olive	Belmont	35 MPH	30 MPH
Spruce	Van Ness	Marks	35 MPH	30 MPH
Thorne	Nielsen	Belmont	35 MPH	30 MPH
Westshore	Lakeshore	Eastshore	35 MPH	30 MPH
Ashlan	Maroa	Fresno	40 MPH	35 MPH
Blackstone	Herndon	Friant	40 MPH	35 MPH
First	Olive	McKinley	40 MPH	35 MPH
Forkner	Shaw	Warner	40 MPH	35 MPH
Friant	Fresno	Blackstone	40 MPH	35 MPH
Peach	Butler	Kings Canyon	40 MPH	35 MPH
Shields	Cedar	Maple	40 MPH	35 MPH
Van Ness	Alluvial	River Bottom	40 MPH	35 MPH
Ashlan	Blythe	Polk	45 MPH	40 MPH
Blackstone	Bullard	Herndon	45 MPH	40 MPH
Gettysburg	Hayes	Bryan	***	40 MPH
Maple	Perrin	Plymouth	NP	40 MPH
Maple	Shepherd	Perrin	45 MPH	40 MPH
Orange	SR 99	Railroad	45 MPH	40 MPH
Perrin	Willow	Sommerville	45 MPH	40 MPH
Ashlan	Polk	Grantland	50 MPH	45 MPH
Ashlan	SR 168	Chestnut	50 MPH	45 MPH
Armstrong	Olive	Clinton	NP	45 MPH
Blackstone	Eaton Trail	Madera County Line	NP	45 MPH
Brawley	Clinton	McKinley	45 MPH ¹	45 MPH
Dakota	Peach	Lind	NP	45 MPH
Temperance	Kings Canyon	California	NP	45 MPH
West	Jensen	California	NP	45 MPH
Temperance	Church	California	NP	50 MPH
Walnut	Annadale	North	NP	50 MPH
California	Hughes	Marks	NP	55 MPH
West	Jensen	North	NP	55 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
Proposed Speed Limit Changes & Additions - 2020