



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code, Sections 10.12.010 and 10.12.020 relating to Speed Limits on City Streets as recommended by the City Traffic Engineer. (Districts 4,5)

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DISCUSSION

Under the provisions of Section 40802 of the California Vehicle Code, engineering and traffic surveys are a necessary prerequisite to radar enforcement of speed limits. Any posted limit, other than the maximum limit of 65 miles per hour (mph) or the prima facie 25 mph limit on local streets in a business or residential district must be justified by such a survey in order to employ radar enforcement. The City updates the engineering and traffic surveys for each speed zone every five years to validate speed limits and to facilitate enforcement within the City.

Based upon the results of 103 engineering and traffic surveys recently conducted and approved by the City Traffic Engineer, two street segments warrant a 5 mph decrease, and one street segment warrants a 5 mph increase of their existing speed limits. In addition, an establishment of new speed limit zones is recommended on three street segments within the newly developed Douglas Park area. The remaining 97 segments warranted no change in existing limits, but remain enforceable based upon their updated surveys previously administratively approved by the City Traffic Engineer. The following street segments, as highlighted on the attached vicinity maps, are recommended for change in speed limit:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>		<u>Speed Limit Change</u>	
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Stearns Street	Clark Avenue	Marwick Avenue	35	30
Termino Avenue	Anaheim Street	Hathaway Avenue	30	25
Lakewood Boulevard	Carson Street	710' S. of Cona	40	45

The establishment of new speed limit zone on three street segments within the Douglas Park development are recommended as follows:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>		<u>Speed Limit</u>
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	

Conant Street	Heinemann	Lakewood B	35
Cover Street	West City Li	Lakewood B	30
Worsham Avenue	Carson Stre	Conant Stre	30

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on August 27, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 26, 2013.

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

The cost of materials and installation of the proposed "Speed Limit" signs is estimated at \$1,800. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund (SR181) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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CITY MANAGER