



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

# R-17

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Request the 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 recommend by the City Traffic Engineer. (Districts 6, 9)

## 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 85 engineering and traffic surveys recently conducted and approved by the City Traffic Engineer, two street segments warrant a 5 mph decrease of their existing speed limits. The first location is on Obispo Avenue, between Harding Street and South Street, where the speed limit would decrease from the current posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) mph to thirty (30) mph. The second location is on Pine Avenue, between Willow Street and Pacific Coast Highway, where the speed limit would decrease from the current posted speed limit of thirty (30) mph to twenty-five (25) mph. These street segments are highlighted on the attached vicinity maps. The remaining 83 segments warranted no change in existing limits, but remain enforceable based upon their updated surveys previously administratively approved by the City Traffic Engineer.

Staff is requesting that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare an amendment to Section 10.12.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as listed below:

1. Subsection 29, referring to speed limits on Obispo Avenue, by adding paragraph "a" to read as follows:

"a. Harding Street to South Street, thirty (30) miles per hour,"

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Staff is requesting that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare an amendment to Section 10.12.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as listed below:

1. Subsection 40, referring to speed limits on Pine Avenue, by modifying paragraph "a" to read as follows:

"a. Willow Street to Pacific Coast Highway, twenty-five (25) miles per hour,"

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on October 13, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 22, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of materials and installation of the proposed speed limit signs is estimated at \$800. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund (SR 181) in the Public Works Department (PW) to support this activity. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ARA MALOYAN, PE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

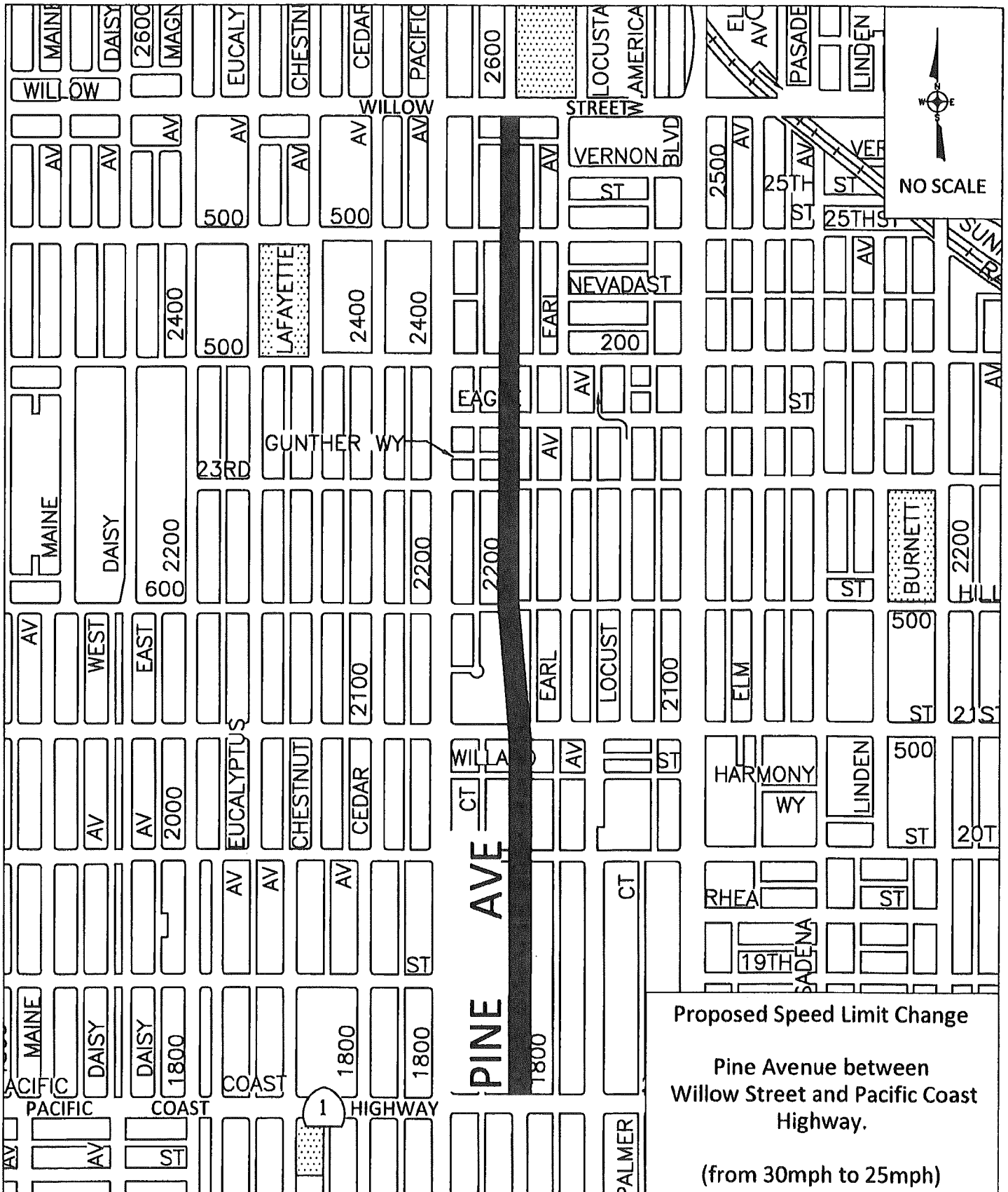
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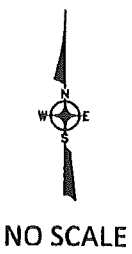
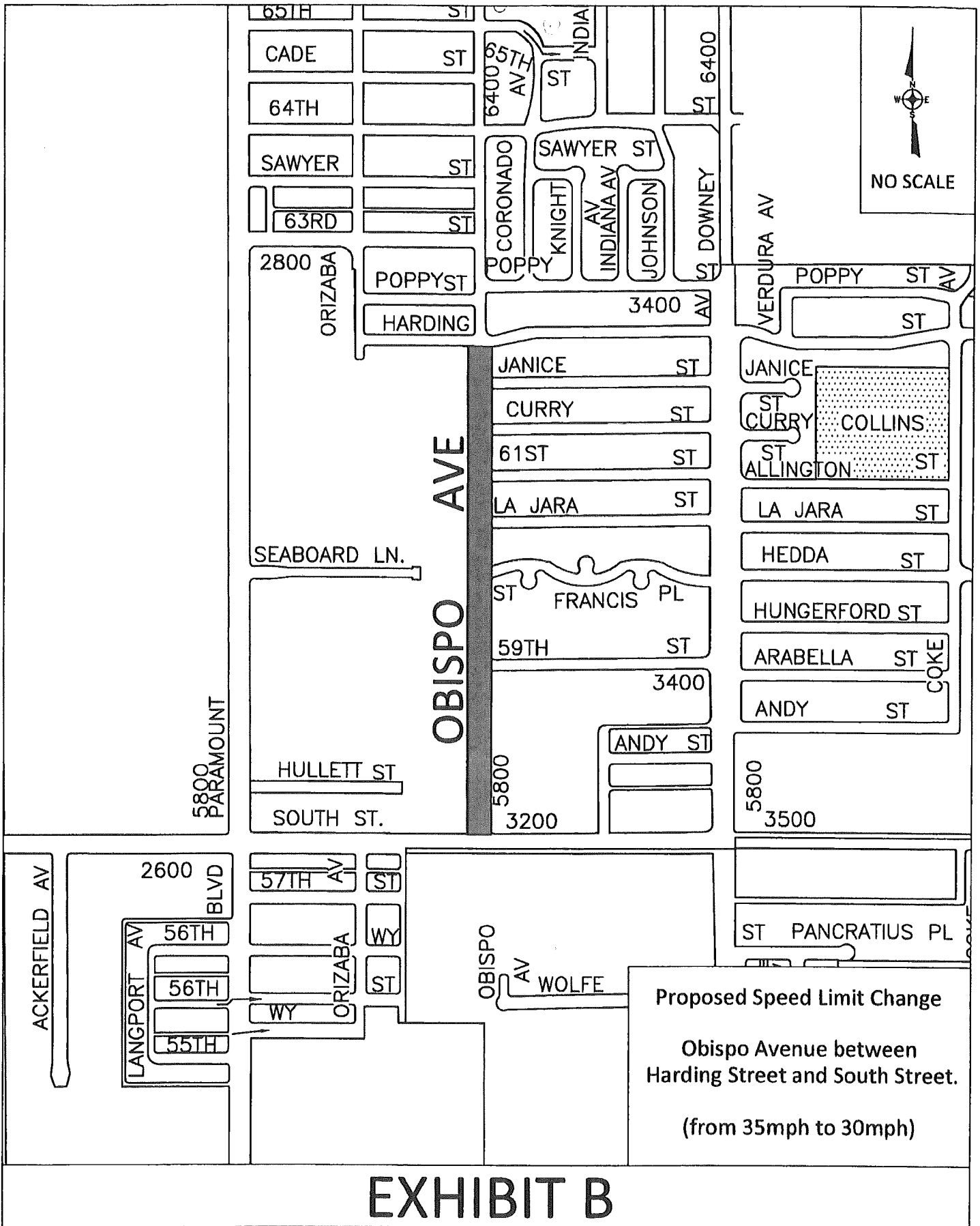
- Exhibit A, Pine Ave
- Exhibit B, Obispo Ave

APPROVED:

  
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER



# EXHIBIT A



Proposed Speed Limit Change  
 Obispo Avenue between  
 Harding Street and South Street.  
 (from 35mph to 30mph)

# EXHIBIT B