



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

August 23, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment of Section 10.12.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as listed below: (Districts 2, 3, 9)

- A. Subsection 71, referring to speed limits on Granada Avenue, by adding a new paragraph ("a") to read as follows:

"a. Ocean Boulevard to The Toledo, twenty-five (25) miles per hour,"

Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment of Section 10.12.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as listed below:

- A. Subsection 25, referring to speed limits on Loynes Drive, by modifying paragraph "a" to read as follows:

"a. Bellflower Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway, thirty-five (35) miles per hour,"

- B. Subsection 36, referring to speed limits on Paramount Boulevard, by modifying paragraph "b" to read as follows:

"b. Artesia Boulevard to the city limits near Fifty-Fourth Street, forty (40) miles per hour,"

- C. Subsection 67, referring to speed limits on Seaside Way, by adding a new paragraph ("a") to read as follows:

"a. Pine Avenue to Linden Avenue, twenty-five (25) miles per hour,"

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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 52 engineering and traffic surveys recently conducted and approved by the City Traffic Engineer, two street segments warrant a 5 mph increase of their existing speed limits and the establishment of new speed zones is recommended on two other street segments. The remaining 48 segments warranted no change in existing limits, but remain enforceable based upon their updated surveys. The following street segments, as highlighted on the attached vicinity maps, are recommended for change or establishment of new speed limits:

| Street | Limits | | Speed Limit Change | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|----|
| | From | To | From | To |
| Granada Avenue | Ocean Boulevard | The Toledo | - | 25 |
| Loynes Drive | Bellflower Boulevard | Pacific Coast Highway | 30 | 35 |
| Paramount Boulevard | Artesia Boulevard | City limit near 54 th Street | 35 | 40 |
| Seaside Way | Pine Avenue | Linden Avenue | - | 25 |

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on July 28, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 12, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

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 \$1,500. Sufficient funds are budgeted in Capital Improvement Project No. PW5110 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP 201) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

APPROVED:



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