



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 6, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 10.60 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Revising Section 10.60.015 and Establishing Prima Facie Speed Limits on Certain Portions of Anacapa Street, De La Vina Street, La Colina Road, Loma Alta Drive, Verano Drive, and Yanonali Street.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends changes to Santa Barbara Municipal Code section 10.60.015 – Schedule of Speed Limits.

California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 40802 prohibits the enforcement of speed limits on non-local streets using radar unless the speed limit is justified by a current Engineering and Traffic Survey (ETS). Therefore, any non-local street in California must have an ETS in order to establish a radar enforceable speed limit. Local streets and non-local streets are illustrated in the California Road Functional Classification System Map (see **Attachment 1**).

The City currently has 77 established speed zones supported by an ETS. Each ETS must be updated every seven years. Based on the prevailing speeds measured as part of an ETS, existing speed limits must be periodically updated in order to reflect current driving conditions. The resulting speed limit is entered into the Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC) in order for it to be legally enforceable by radar. Generally, ETS's are updated and no change in speed limits is required.

In the spring of 2016, 12 ETS's were updated, and due to the results of those surveys, six speed zones within the City will be changed, which necessitates Council action.

In addition to these six updates, staff recommends the removal of Verano Drive from SBMC section 10.60.015. Verano Drive is classified as a local street, so the speed limit is 25mph under the California Vehicle Code. Therefore, continuing to perform future speed surveys on Verano Drive is not necessary.

Attachment 2 specifically lists each street segment studied, and provides the basis for each modification to SBMC Section 10.60.015. Five of the modifications will result in a decrease in speed limits. The sixth, on Anacapa Street, requires a change in the street segment definition. Removing the section of Anacapa below Haley eliminates the need to do future speed surveys at this location.

- De La Vina Street: Mission Street to Haley Street. Reduce from 30mph to 25mph.
- La Colina Road: La Cumbre Road to Verano Drive. Reduce from 35mph to 30mph.
- Loma Alta Drive: Cliff Drive to Shoreline Drive. Reduce from 35mph to 30mph.
- Yanonali Street: Garden Street to State Street. Reduce from 30mph to 25mph.
- Yanonali Street: Calle Cesar Chavez to Garden Street. Reduce from 35mph to 30mph.
- Anacapa Street: Arrellaga Street to Haley Street (instead of US Highway 101). 25mph speed limit (no change).

ATTACHMENTS: 1. California Road Functional Classification System Map
2. Speed Survey Table

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California Road Classification System Map

All roads shown in color (non-grey) are considered non-local and require an Engineering and Traffic Survey to establish a speed limit.



City of Santa Barbara Speed Survey List (2016)

Street Name	Limits		Previous Posted Speed Limit	New Posted Speed Limit	Changes	Justification For Lower Speed Limit
Alamar Ave	Foothill Rd	State St	35	35	-	n/a
Anacapa St	Arrellaga St	Haley St	25	25	Change southern limit from US Highway 101 to Haley Street.	n/a
De La Vina St	Haley St	Mission St	30	25	Decrease in Posted Speed/Change in Limits	Collision History ¹ (8.70 & 6.55 acc/mvm) & Residential Density ²
De La Vina St	Mission St	State St	30	30	Change in Limits	n/a
La Colina Rd	La Cumbre Rd	Verano Dr	35	30	Decrease in Posted Speed	Residential Density ²
Loma Alta Dr	Cliff Dr	Shoreline Dr	35	30	Decrease in Posted Speed	Pedestrian Safety
Micheltoarena St	San Andres St	California St	25	25	-	n/a
Miramonte Dr	Carrillo St	Via Del Cielo	30	30	-	n/a
Mission St	Robbins St	Laguna St	25	25	-	n/a
Verano Dr	Primavera Rd	Southerly City Limits	-	-	Remove from Muni Code (residential street)	n/a
Yanonali St	Garden St	State St	30	25	Decrease in Posted Speed	Pedestrian Safety
Yanonali St	Calle Cesar Chavez	Garden St	35	30	Decrease in Posted Speed	85th Percentile Speed

1. Compared to State Average (1.42 acc/mvm) & District Wide (1.59 acc/mvm) Collision Rates

2. Defined by the California MUTCD as 16 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures in 0.25 miles