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Hi Leilani,

This is now a Public Record that must be made available to the public because it relates to an agenda item.

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Good Afternoon Mayor, Councilmembers

Just wanted to give you a heads up that Traffic Engineering staff has completed the required Citywide street speed limit survey and we are planning on bringing an item to your January 14 meeting to adjust a couple of street speed limits. California Vehicle Code requires that the City review its speed limits every five, seven, or ten years depending on changes to roadway conditions and other factors. As part of this review, new speed data was collected on every non-residential street in the city. The collection of speed data, accident records, and roadway conditions constitute an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) that is then use to set speed limits. The California Vehicle Code specifies that the posted speed limit on any street, other than a local street or school zone, must be established by a current E&TS if a speed-measuring device (laser, radar) is used by the Police Department to enforce speed limits. Local jurisdictions are required to establish speed limits per State law, and do not have latitude to artificially raise or lower speed limits.

The last time we did such a Citywide review and adjustment action was back in January 2011,– where we needed to adjust 36 street segments with mostly all being increased. This was most likely due to a 2009 change in state law on how we need to measure and post speed limits. This year's citywide speed survey and E&TS is only requiring us to adjust six segments – two up by 5 mph, and 4 down by 5 mph.

Speed limits on the following two (2) street sections are recommended to be **increased** based on the latest E&TS survey:

- Camelback Street : 35 mph to 40 mph
- MacArthur Boulevard : Ford Road to San Joaquin Hills Road : 55 mph to 60 mph

Speed limits on the following four (4) street sections are recommended to be **decreased** based on the latest E&TS survey:

- 15th Street : Superior Avenue to Monrovia Avenue : 40 mph to 35 mph
- Newport Center Drive: Coast Highway to Newport Center Drive E/W. : 45 mph to 40 mph
- Ford Road : Newport Hills Drive to San Miguel Drive : 45 mph to 40 mph
- Newport Ridge Drive W. : San Joaquin Hills Rd. to Newport Ridge Drive E. : 45 mph to 40 mph

I don't anticipate we will have much in the way of comments/concerns voiced as we are only adjusting two street upward as these do not directly access residential areas and at least 85% of the traffic is driving at this proposed speed currently. Camelback Street does have a few private property access points including the Post Office and Temple Bat Yahm.

Please let me know if you need any further information regarding these proposed

speed limit changes or underlying support data.

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