



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: November 10, 2015

Title: Limberlost Road Speed Limit Ordinance

Introduction/Background:

The Tanque Verde Unified School District Superintendent requested a speed study along Limberlost Road due to concerns with vehicle speeds in front of Aqua Caliente Elementary School where they have a school crosswalk and the speed limit changes to 35 mph approaching the school from the west.

Discussion:

A study was performed by the Traffic Engineering Division which indicated 85th percentile speeds in the school's zone to be consistent with the 35 mph limit. Tanque Verde Unified School District and the Traffic Engineering Division staff are concerned that the 25 mph to 35 mph switch encourages vehicles to speed up as they approach the school crosswalk. The 25 mph speed limit will provide a smaller differential between the travel speed and the school crosswalk speed of 15 mph during children's arrival or release while being manned by a crossing guard.

Conclusion:

Due to the increase in the speed limit approaching the school from the west, and approach speeds from the study, Traffic Engineering Division staff recommend that the speed limit change from 25 mph to 35 mph be moved east of the school's boundary. The 25 mph speed limit is also consistent with that of a local road in a residential area.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the change in the prima facie speed limit of 25 mph be moved from the current position of 1,065 feet west of Homestead Avenue to 300 feet east of Homestead Avenue. To facilitate this change, it is also recommended that Ordinance No. 2000-43, stating the speed limit on Limberlost Road, be repealed.

Fiscal Impact:

Minimal.

Board of Supervisor District:

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Department: Traffic Engineering Division, Robert Lane, P.E. Telephone: 520-724-2601

Department Director Signature/Date: *[Signature]* 10/9/15

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: *[Signature]* 10/13/15

County Administrator Signature/Date: *[Signature]* 10/13/15

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING PRIMA FACIE REASONABLE SPEED LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON PORTIONS OF LIMBERLOST ROAD IN PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, has the authority under Title 28 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, more specifically Sections 28-627, 28-701 and 28-703, as amended, to fix prima facie reasonable speed limits on through highways, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, has determined the prima facie reasonable speed limits for motor vehicles on portions of Limberlost Road,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, that:

SECTION 1. The reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit for motor vehicles on Limberlost Road shall be established as follows:

<u>SPEED LIMIT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
35 mph	Soldier Trail	300 feet east of Homestead Avenue

SECTION 2. Ordinance 2000-43 is repealed and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are superseded to the extent of such conflicts.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect when and to the extent that signs are posted on the highways herein listed giving notice of the prima facie reasonable speed limits.

SECTION 4. Violators of this ordinance shall be subject to civil or criminal sanctions as provided by law.

SECTION 5. The various county officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair

ATTEST:

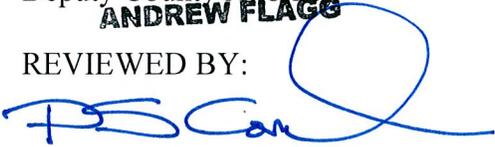
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney
ANDREW FLAGG

REVIEWED BY:



Director of Transportation